

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

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*We're delighted to welcome everyone to worship and fellowship today.  
Please greet your neighbor as you leave today.*

## *7<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany*

*February 23, 2025*

*11:00 AM*

### *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*"Divine Spirit, open my ears to hear your Word, my heart to receive it  
and my mouth to respond in praise. Amen."*

### *Welcome*

*\* Hymn of Praise #310 - "Pass Me Not"*

*\* Call to Worship: (in unison)*

**ALMIGHTY GOD, WE GATHER TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE YOUR NAME. WE  
COME ALSO TO ASK YOU TO CREATE IN US A CLEAN HEART AND RENEW A  
RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN US, THAT AMID THE CONFUSION OF THIS NOISY WORLD,  
WE MAY ALWAYS CHOOSE THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY. TODAY WE WILL MAKE  
A THOUSAND CHOICES, BIG AND SMALL, CONSEQUENTIAL AND TRIVIAL. IN  
THE MIDST OF ALL THESE DECISIONS, HELP US TO CHOOSE THE ONE THING  
NEEDED FOR A RICHER, MORE VITAL LIFE IN YOU. WITH OUR GRATITUDE WE  
GIVE YOU OUR HEARTS IN THIS TIME OF WORSHIP AND REFLECTION. MAY THE  
PRAYERS WE LIFT KNOW THE PROMISE OF YOUR HEARING THROUGH CHRIST  
WE PRAY. AMEN.**

*\* Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

*\* Confession of Faith - Apostles' Creed (#622 in hymnal), page 5 on this PDF*

## *Call to Confession*

GOD OF ALL WORLDS, GOD OF ALL WEATHERS, GOD OF ALL SEASONS, WE  
CONFESS THAT WE OFTEN LOOK AND LISTEN FOR YOU IN THE WRONG PLACE  
OR WITH THE WRONG ATTITUDE. WE ARE TOO EASILY MOVED BY THE MANY  
VOICES OF DENIAL RATHER THAN BY THE LONELY VOICES OF TRUTH, TOO  
READILY AWED BY THE CATASTROPHIC AND NOT BY THE QUIET GROWTH OF  
THE LIVING, TOO DRAWN TO THE FIRE OF ENTHUSIASMS, TOO REPELLED BY  
THE SOLITARY DUTY YOU SOMETIMES EXPECT. FORGIVE THE CASUAL WAY  
WE THROW IN THE TOWEL WHEN THE OPPOSITION GROWS TOO STRONG.  
PARDON THE PRIDE, THE FEAR OF FAILURE, AND THE FEAR OF SACRIFICE THAT  
PREVENT OUR FULL LOYALTY TO THE COVENANT YOU HAVE MADE WITH US  
IN JESUS CHIST. AMEN

## *Announcements*

\* *Hymn of Preparation #561 - "Since Jesus Came into My Heart"*

*Epiphany Theme: "Epiphany Reveals God in Christ Jesus"*

*Scripture: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 11, 39-40)*

*Luke 6:27-38 (vv. 27-29, 30-32, 33-35, 36-38)*

*Sermon- "Epiphany Reveals God in Christ Jesus: By Loving Our  
Enemies, Blessing Those Who Curse Us, and Praying for Those  
Who Abuse Us!"*

## *Lord's Prayer*

\* *Doxology (#39)*

\* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

\* *Prayer*

\* *Closing Hymn #381 - "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"*

\* *Choral Benediction: "Shalom to You" (congregation)*

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

\* *Benediction (Pastor)*

\* Please stand if able

## *Church of the Master Ministries*

<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)
<b>Monday</b>	5:00-9:00 PM	Bushiken Karate
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 PM	<b>Online Bible study:</b> Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	5:00-9:00PM	Bushiken Karate
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 PM	Women's Alcoholic Anonymous
<b>Friday</b>	7:00 PM	<b>"Hour of Prayer Power"</b> virtual meeting The conference call-in number is 605-475-4860, code - 371231#
<b>Saturday</b>	12:00 noon	<b>Online Bible study:</b> Contact Ron Rivera for info on joining
	9:30AM-1:00PM	Bushiken Karate

## MINISTRY OF PRAYER

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer”

### The Prayer List

Our prayers reflect a wonderful and whole-hearted commitment to intercessory prayer by this congregation. Each name will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Those with Special Needs:

Diane \* Elena Caldera \* Anne Dowling \* Jerry Kemps \* Jane Maze \* Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Janet (friend of Mahn family) \* Bevely Morrison \* Jack McCarrick \* Megan McAuley \* Robert Solimando \* Cynthia \* Karen \* Ms. Cherry \* Isaiah \* Arthur \* Bill Fraser \* John T \* Novella Thomas \* Tia Blake \* Michael Campinello \* Michele \* Jeff \* Michael \* Devell \* Anthony \* Adam-Troy \* Patti Zeig & John \* Stephanie \* Rev. Singletary \* Connie \* Pat Lynam \* Carole Mahon \* Loretta Byrd & Wendy \* Diante \* Ellen McCullough \* Damon George Hayden \* Allen Ford \* Alice & Alex Rivera \* Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers \* Rosa Stewart

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Washington family \* Cheryl & family \* Jay Escobar & family \* Close friends of the Bungerts \* Sharon Alexander \* Damon & Alex and family \* Wintress \* Byrd family \* Kiera & Avery & Martz family \* Tyler, Nicole & Jackson \* All caregivers \* everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction/Needing God's Presence in Their Lives:

Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa \* Devell \* Zachariah Bungert \* Diante Stinson \* Corey Streeter \* young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Prayers for World Concerns:

An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the Middle East conflict \* An end to all the violence \* Peace and healing in our community and the nation \* COVID patients, families & all healthcare workers \* All first responders \* Our country's safety \* The future of our churches \* The President and his administration \* Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan \* Worldwide conflicts \* Sean Buckley & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

Prayers for the families & friends of those who have died:

Vivial Washington

**PRAYERS FOR THE GROWTH OF CHURCH OF THE MASTER:**

**Lord, please send people through our doors with whom we can share the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

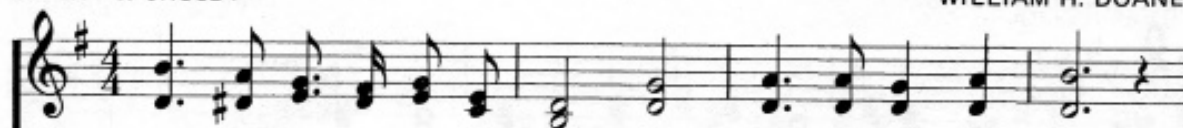
### **CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT**

*We are a Christ-centered community church united in prayer and loving Christian fellowship, Bible teaching and preaching Christ crucified, risen and coming again.*

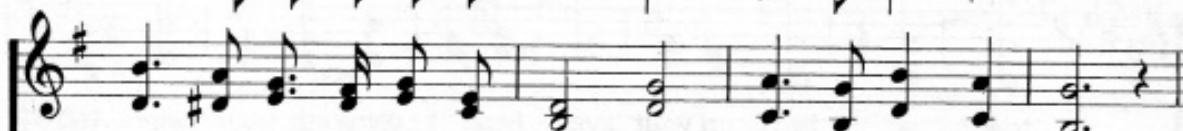
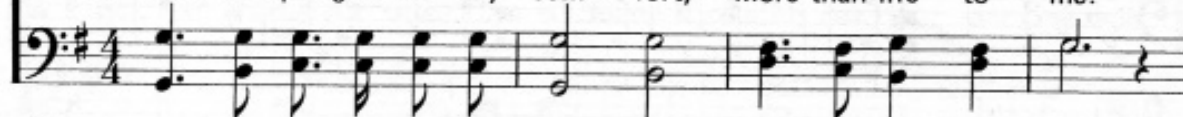
# 310 — Pass Me Not

FANNY J. CROSBY

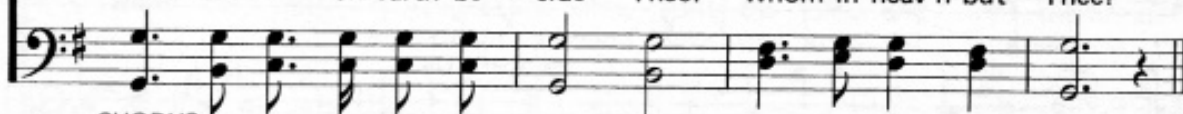
WILLIAM H. DOANE



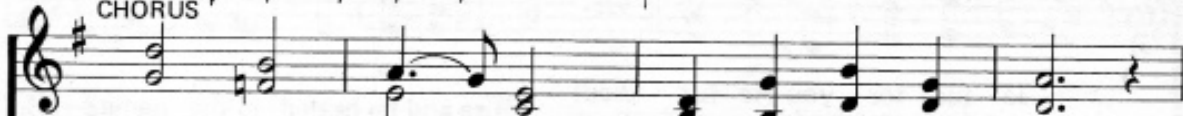
1. Pass me not, O gen-tle Sav - ior— Hear my hum - ble cry!
2. Let me at a throne of mer - cy Find a sweet re - lief;
3. Trust - ing on - ly in Thy mer - it, Would I seek Thy face;
4. Thou the spring of all my com - fort, More than life to me!



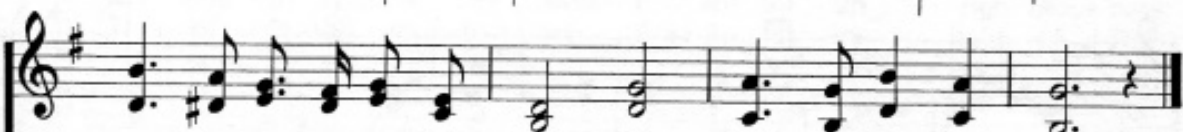
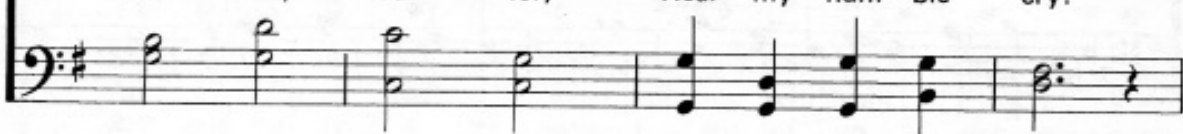
While on oth - ers Thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.  
 Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion— Help my un - be - lief.  
 Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, Save me by Thy grace.  
 Whom have I on earth be - side Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee?



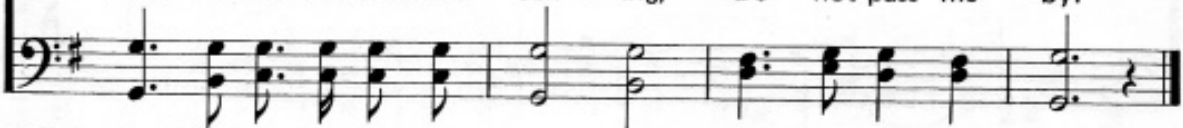
## CHORUS



Sav - ior, Sav - ior, Hear my hum - ble cry!



While on oth - ers Thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.



# The Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

# Since Jesus Came into My Heart — 561

RUFUS H. McDANIEL

CHARLES H. GABRIEL

1. What a won-der-ful change in my life has been wrought Since Je - sus came  
 2. I have ceased from my wan-d'ring and go - ing a - stray, Since Je - sus came  
 3. I shall go there to dwell in that Cit - y, I know, Since Je - sus came

in - to my heart! I have light in my soul for which long I have sought,  
 in - to my heart! And my sins, which were man-y, are all washed a - way,  
 in - to my heart! And I'm hap - py, so hap - py, as on - ward I go,

CHORUS

Since Je - sus came in - to my heart! Since Je - sus came in - to my

heart, Since Je - sus came in - to my heart, Floods of joy o'er my

soul like the sea bil - lows roll, Since Je - sus came in - to my heart.

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WITNESS AND TESTIMONY

## **Psalm 37: 1-11, 39-40 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 11, 39-40)**

### **Luke 6:27-38 (vv. 27-29, 30-32, 33-35 and 36-38)**

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

<sup>2</sup> for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

<sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

<sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

<sup>6</sup> He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

<sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

<sup>9</sup> For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

<sup>10</sup> Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

<sup>11</sup> But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

<sup>39</sup> The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD; he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

<sup>40</sup> The LORD helps them and rescues them; he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

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<sup>27</sup> “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

<sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you. <sup>32</sup> “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

<sup>33</sup> If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. <sup>36</sup> Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

<sup>36</sup> Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup> “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup> give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

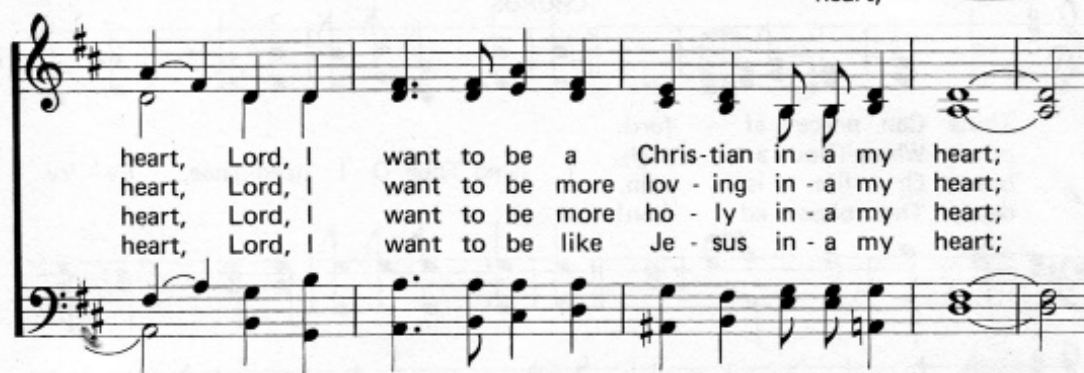
# Lord, I Want to Be a Christian — 381

Traditional

Traditional Spiritual



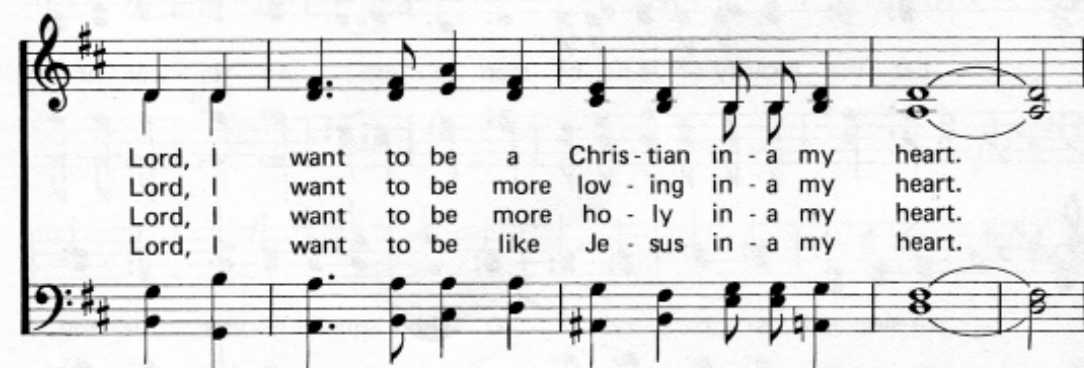
1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
 heart,



heart, Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in-a my heart;  
 heart, Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in-a my heart;  
 heart, Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in-a my heart;  
 heart, Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in-a my heart;



In-a my heart, In-a my heart, In-a my heart, In-a my heart,



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in-a my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in-a my heart.  
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in-a my heart.  
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ASPIRATION