

# *THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER*

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*A warm welcome to all as we gather for worship, Christian education and fellowship. Please greet one another with the Lord's peace.*

## *2nd Sunday in Lent*

*February 25, 2024*

*11:00 AM*

### *Silent Preparation for Worship*

*I pause in my busyness and move outside my own concerns to worship you and receive whatever you have for me, dear Lord.*

#### *Welcome*

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

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

**THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION; WHOM SHALL I FEAR? THE LORD IS THE STRONGHOLD OF MY LIFE; OF WHOM SHALL I BE AFRAID? ONE THING WE ASK OF THE LORD, THIS WE WILL SEE: TO LIVE IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD, TO SEEK THE BEAUTY OF GOD, TO SEEK THE TRUTH OF GOD.**

**DURING THIS SEASON OF LENT, MAY THIS BE OUR TRUE WORSHIP AND DEVOTION AS WE PRAY TO UNDERSTAND THE WAY OF THE CROSS. AMEN.**

*\* Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

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

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

GRACIOUS GOD, YOUR SON JESUS CHRIST WEPT OVER JERUSALEM AND LONGS TO GATHER YOUR CHILDREN UNDER THE WINGS OF YOUR LOVE. WE CONFESS THAT OFTEN OUR THOUGHTS, WORDS AND ACTIONS HAVE BETRAYED THE GOODNESS YOU HAVE SHOWN TO US. WE HAVE SPURNED YOUR WORD AND GRIEVED YOUR HEART. FORGIVE US, LOVING GOD. THOUGH WE HAVE WANDERED FAR FROM HOME, HELP US TO KNOW THAT WE ARE NEVER OUT OF THE REACH OF YOUR LOVE. GIVE US GRACE TO HEAR YOUR CALL SO THAT WE MIGHT RETURN TO YOU. LEAD US AGAIN TO EMBRACE THE TRUTH OF YOUR WORD AND TO TRUST YOUR NEVER-FAILING LOVE. GOOD SHEPHERD, YOU COME TO SEEK US AND WHEN YOU FIND US, MAY YOUR LOVE LIFT US TO YOUR SHOULDERS AS YOU CARRY US HOME.  
AMEN

### Announcements

\* *Hymn of Preparation #35 - "Come, Thou Fount"*

*Lent Theme: "Unbounded Love!"*

*Scripture: Psalm 51:1-17 (vv.1-3,4-6,7-9,10-12,13-15,17)*

*Matthew 6:1-6,16-21 (vv. 1-3,4-6,16-18,19-21)*

*Sermon: "Unbounded Love That Leads Us to: Repentance, Generosity, and Prayer and Fasting!"*

### Lord's Prayer

\* *Doxology (#39)*

\* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

\* *Prayer*

\* *Closing Hymn #306 - "Just As I Am"*

\* *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

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| <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<br>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 \* Anne Dowling \* Jerry Kemps \* Jane Maze \* Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Naomi Shapiro \* Barbara \* Skip Adams \* Deanna \* Loretta Byrd & Wendy \* Terry Mahon \* Leon Stinson \* Aunt Betty \* Diante \* Stephanie Leeder \* Virginia & Joe Smith \* John Almodovar \* Ellen McCullough \* Peter Koys \* Ethan \* Carole Mahon \* Olga Caldera \* Damon George Hayden \* Allen Ford \* Alice & Alex Rivera \* Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers \* Rosa Stewart \* LouEllen Crowley \*  
People with COVID

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Jessica and Julian \* Shapiro family \* Dorothy \* Sharon Alexander \* Damon & Alex and family \* Jay & family \* Delgado family \* Wintress \* Domina \* Denise Waldron \* Byrd family \* Kiera & Avery & Martz family \* Tyler, Nicole & Jackson \* Ed Reidy & family \* All caregivers \* everyone battling addictions

Prayers For Those Seeking Direction:

Zechariah \* Diante Stinson \* Corey Streeter \* young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Nick \* Alex Ingram \* Terry Mahon

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 \* Our President and his administration \* Pastor Sohail Latif and his congregation in Pakistan \* Worldwide conflicts \* Sean Reidy & Katie Mahon and all active duty members & their families

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

**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

**Easter Flower order forms** are on the table in the narthex. The flower order forms are due by March 10th

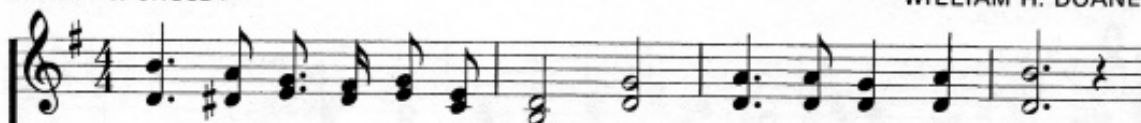
### CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

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

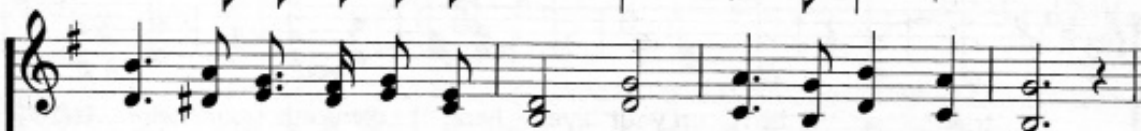
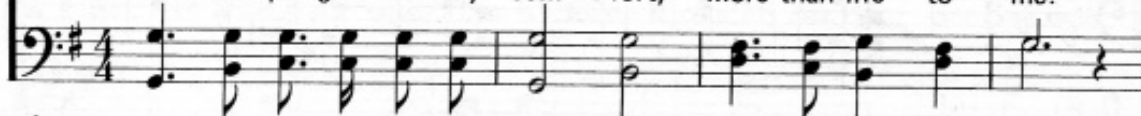
# 310 — Pass Me Not

FANNY J. CROSBY

WILLIAM H. DOANE



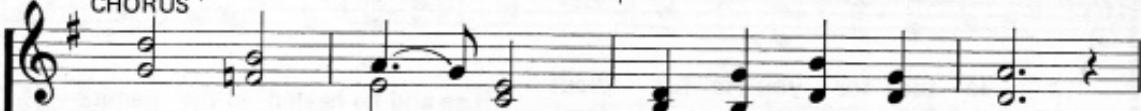
1. Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior— Hear my hum - ble cry!
2. Let me at a throne of mer - cy Find a sweet re - lief;
3. Trust - ing on - ly in Thy mer - it, Would I seek Thy face;
4. Thou the spring of all my com - fort, More than life to me!



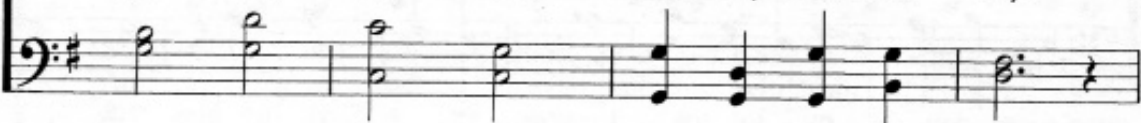
While on oth - ers Thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.  
Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion— Help my un - be - lief.  
Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, Save me by Thy grace.  
Whom have I on earth be - side Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee?



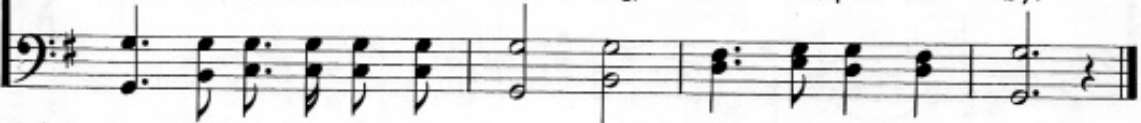
## CHORUS



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.**

# 35 — Come, Thou Fount

ROBERT ROBINSON—alt.

JOHN WYETH

1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
2. Here I raise to Thee an al - tar—Hith - er by Thy help I'm come;  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.  
And I hope by Thy good pleas - ure Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
Let Thy good - ness like a fet - ter Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er Wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it— Prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount—I'm fixed up - on it— Mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.  
He to res - cue me from dan - ger In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart—O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.\*

Tune: NETTLETON

WORSHIP

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**Psalms 51:1-17 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 17)**  
**Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (vv. 1-3, 4-6, 16-18, and 19-21)**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup> You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

<sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right<sup>[b]</sup> spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing<sup>[c]</sup> spirit.

<sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

<sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

<sup>16</sup> For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifice acceptable to God<sup>[d]</sup> is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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“Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> “So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup> But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

<sup>4</sup> so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>5</sup> “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>16</sup> “And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.<sup>[f]</sup>

<sup>19</sup> “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust<sup>[g]</sup> consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust<sup>[h]</sup> consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

# 306 — Just As I Am

CHARLOTTE ELLIOTT

WILLIAM B. BRADBURY

1. Just as I am, with-out one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
-3. Just as I am, tho tossed a - bout With man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,  
4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind—Sight, rich-es, heal-ing of the mind,  
5. Just as I am, Thou wilt re-ceive, Wilt wel-come, par - don, cleanse, re-lieve;

And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!  
- Fight - ings and fears with - in, with-out, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find— O Lamb of God, I come! I come!  
Be - cause Thy prom - ise I be-lieve, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!