

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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*Brothers and sisters, warm greetings to you in the name of our
Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. Welcome!*

3rd Sunday After Pentecost

June 29 2025

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

*Jesus, for this time of worship, and with your gentle help,
I lay the ups and downs of this week at your feet.
When I depart, remind me to let you carry them.*

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Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #452 - "Where He Leads Me"*

** Call to Worship: (responsively)*

Come and enjoy the love of God. Be still and know that God is God.

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE.

In the midst of confusion, uncertainty, change and fear, God is with us to support and uphold.

**WE REJOICE IN GOD, WHO ANSWERS PRAYER, WHO IS WITH US IN OUR
SUFFERING, GRIEF, SADNESS AND NEED.**

We have reconciled to God through Christ. Rejoice this day in the love of God.

**WE MARVEL THAT GOD KNOWS US AND CARES FOR US. WE COME IN AWE THAT
GOD CALLS US TOGETHER TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE HIM. LET US PRAISE HIS
NAME. 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)

GOD, YOU HAVE FORGIVEN US MANY TIMES. STILL, WE WANDER AWAY FROM YOU, LIVING AS IF WE NEED NOT ACCOUNT TO ANYONE FOR OUR WORDS OR DEEDS. WE DEPEND ON OUR OWN CUNNING RATHER THAN ON YOUR DIRECTION. WE FLEX OUR MUSCLES INSTEAD OF RELYING ON YOUR MERCY. WE BUILD OUR LIVES ON FOUNDATIONS OTHER THAN THE ONE YOU HAVE GIVEN US IN JESUS CHRIST. WE BOAST OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS RATHER THAN YOUR GENEROUS PROVISIONS FOR US. WE HAVE OFTEN CHOSEN WRONG PATHS THAT HAVE HARMED US RATHER THAN FULFILLED US. WE HAVE SOUGHT OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE MISSHAPENED OUR LIVES RATHER THAN YOUR IMAGE IN WHICH WE ARE SHAPED BY LOVE. FORGIVE US. AMEN

Announcements

- * *Hymn of Preparation #454 - "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power from On High!"

Scripture: I Kings 19:15-16,19-21 (vv.16,19-21)

Luke 9:51-62 (vv.52-54,55-57,58-60,61-62)

Sermon- "Pentecost Power from on High: Empowers Us to Follow Jesus and Not Look Back!"

Lord's Prayer

- * *Doxology (#39)*

- * *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

- * *Prayer*

- * *Closing Hymn #398 - "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*

- * *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)*

Church of the Master Ministries

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

Nancy * Nicky * Tommy * Cynthia * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Robert Solimando * John T * Michael Campinello * Patti Zeig & John * Stephanie * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Pat Lynam * Carole Mahon * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Damon George Hayden * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Rosa Stewart

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Halloway family* Rosetta Grasso * Jay Escobar & family * Close friends of the Bungerts * Sharon Alexander * Damon & Alex and family * Wintress * 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:

Zachariah Bungert

Prayers for World Concerns:

Concerns for job security for Federal workers * 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 * 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:

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

Beginning Sunday, July 6th, our worship service will begin at 9:50 with Praise & Prayer time.

Our 2nd Assessment payment is due this month. If you haven't already helped us with your payment, please consider doing so. The yearly amount is \$133.00 per member, \$33.25 if you pay quarterly.

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.

452 — Where He Leads Me

E. W. BLANDY

JOHN S. NORRIS

1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, I can
 2. I'll go with Him thru the gar - den, I'll go
 3. I'll go with Him thru the judg - ment, I'll go
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, He will

*Chorus—Where He leads me I will fol - low, Where He

hear my Sav - ior call - ing, I can hear my Sav - ior
 with Him thru the gar - den, I'll go with Him thru the
 with Him thru the judg - ment, I'll go with Him thru the
 give me grace and glo - ry, He will give me grace and
 leads me I will fol - low, Where He leads me I will

call - ing, "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low Me."
 gar - den, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
 judg - ment, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
 glo - ry, And go with me, with me all the way.
 fol - low, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

D.C. for Chorus

*Optionally only after stanzas 1 and 4.
 Tune: NORRIS

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.**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus — 454

Attributed to an Indian prince
As sung in Garo, Assam

Folk melody from India
Arr. by Norman Johnson

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed
2. Tho no one join me, still I will fol - low, Tho no one join me,
3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me,

to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus—
still I will fol - low, Tho no one join me, still I will fol - low—
the cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me—

No turn - ing back, (No turn - ing back,) no turn - ing back!

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COMMITMENT

1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21 (vv. 16, 19-21)

Luke 9:51-62 (vv. 52-54, 55-57, 58-60 and 61-62)

¹⁵ The LORD said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet.

¹⁹ So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. ²⁰ Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. “Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye,” he said, “and then I will come with you.”

“Go back,” Elijah replied. “What have I done to you?”

²¹ So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”

⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ But Jesus ^[c] said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

398 — Just a Closer Walk with Thee

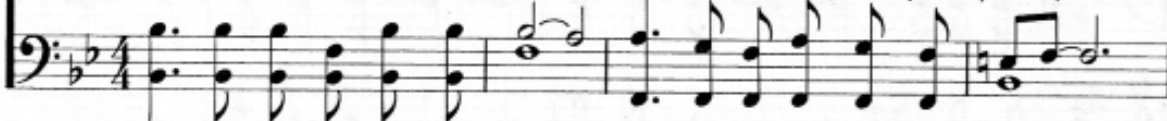
Traditional
Adapted by N. J.

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. by Norman Johnson



1. I am weak but Thou art strong— Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2. Thru this world of toil and snares, If I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3. When my fee - ble life is o'er, Time for me will be no more;

Chorus Just a clos - er walk with Thee— Grant it, Je - sus, if you please;



D.C. for Chorus

I'll be sat - is - fied as long As I walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
On that bright e - ter - nal shore I will walk, dear Lord, close to Thee.
Dai - ly walk - ing close to Thee— Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



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