

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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Welcome to The Church of the Master. As our fall schedule gears up, we invite you to join us again. May our unity as the body of Christ be an ongoing blessing to one another.

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 30, 2026

10:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

"Jesus loves me, this I know" (Anna Bartlett Warner).

Thank you for loving me, Jesus.

Welcome

** Hymn of Praise #385 - "I Am Thine, O Lord"*

** Call to Worship: (responsively)*

Those who have ears, let them hear. Those who take heart in the Lord, let them rise in faith.

WE SHALL PROCLAIM OUR HOPE IN THE LORD AND NEVER FORGET THE WORKS OF OUR GOD.

The miracles of the Lord are beyond compare, too many to count, and too great to consider.

GOD DIVIDES THE SEA SO WE CAN PASS THROUGH, LEADING US INTO DAY AND NIGHT.

The Lord commanded the skies above to rain down food for us to eat. God attends our every need.

EVEN WHEN WE TEST GOD, WE ARE DELIVERED. PRAISE THE LORD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. PRAISE THE LORD. AMEN.

** Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

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

Call to Confession

HAVE MERCY ON ME, O GOD, ACCORDING TO YOUR STEADFAST LOVE;
ACCORDING TO YOUR ABUNDANT MERCY BLOT OUT MY TRANSGRESSIONS.
WASH ME THOROUGHLY FROM MY INIQUITY AND CLEANSE ME FROM MY SIN,
FOR I KNOW MY TRANSGRESSIONS AND MY SIN IS EVER BEFORE ME. 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. YOU DESIRE TRUTH IN THE INWARD BEING. THEREFORE,
TEACH ME WISDOM IN MY SECRET HEART. HIDE YOUR FACE FROM MY SINS
AND BLOT OUT ALL MY INIQUITIES. CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD,
AND PUT A NEW AND RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME. DO NOT CAST ME FROM YOUR
PRSENCE AND DO NOT TAKE YOUR HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME. AMEN.

Announcements

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

Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power Unleashed!"

Scripture: Matthew 16:21-28 (vv.21-23,24-26,27-28)

*Sermon- "Pentecost Power Unleashed: Remind Us of the Cost of
Discipleship and Warns Against Gaining the World
and Losing One's Soul!"*

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

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

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

Sunday	11:00 AM	Worship Service (Holy Communion celebrated on the 1 st Sunday of each month)
	12:00 PM	"Hour of Prayer Power" in Hahn Hall.
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
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:

Casey * Diane * Anne Dowling * Jerry Kemps * Jane Maze * Donald Zuvich

Prayers for Those Who Are Ill or have Medical Concerns:

Kevin * Alana & Kathryn Ingram * Jim Mahon * Lynn Koester * Owen * Mildred Shannon * Rev. Edwards * Rev. Correa * Carol Cintron * Theo Beksha * Lester * Maddie * Jeannie * Ed Bungert * Catherine Gomez * Arlene 'Auntie' Mayers * Danielle * Carole Mahon * Pat * Rev. Liz Brantum * Frank Font * Sharon Alexander * Rosa Stewart * Gene Peterson * Damon Hayden * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * Beverly Morrison * Patti Zeig * Rev. Singletary * Connie * Loretta Byrd & Wendy * Diante * Allen Ford * Alice & Alex Rivera *

Prayers for Those Dealing with Turmoil or Family Difficulties:

Rob & family * Cintron family * Pat's family * Heather * Donny & Carolyn Rosemond * Nancy & Gene Peterson * Barbara * Jay Escobar & family * 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:

Heather * Zachariah Bungert * Ed & Marnie Reidy and their sons * Elvis Frias Sr. & Theresa * Diante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Prayers for World Concerns:

The deaths and destruction from the hurricanes and earthquakes around the world * An end to the war between Russia & Ukraine and the war with Iran * 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 and all active-duty members & their families

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

Otto Carlson

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,

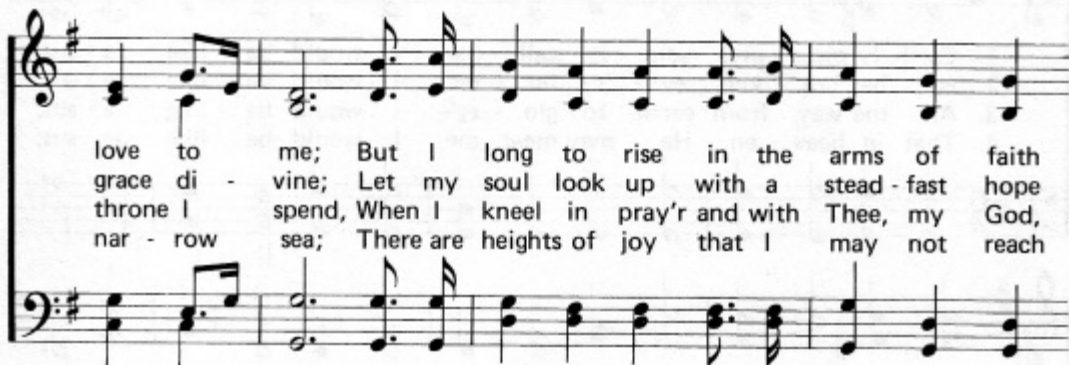
385 — I Am Thine, O Lord

FANNY J. CROSBY

WILLIAM H. DOANE



1. I am Thine, O Lord— I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy
 2. Con-se - crate me now to Thy serv - ice, Lord, By the pow'r of
 3. O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour That be - fore Thy
 4. There are depths of love that I can - not know Till I cross the

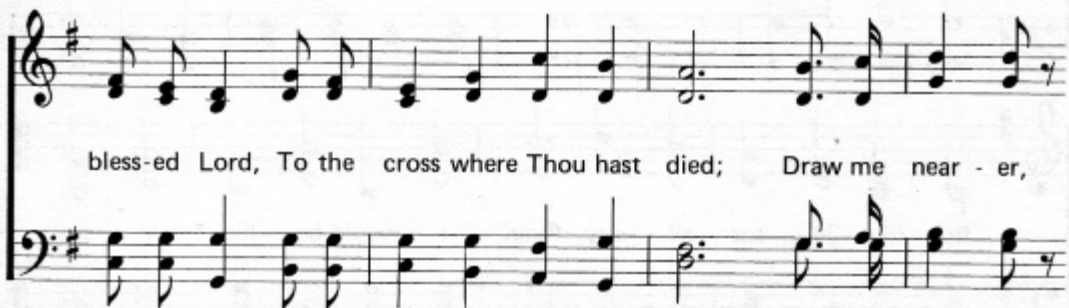


love to me; But I long to rise in the arms of faith
 grace di - vine; Let my soul look up with a stead - fast hope
 throne I spend, When I kneel in pray'r and with Thee, my God,
 nar - row sea; There are heights of joy that I may not reach

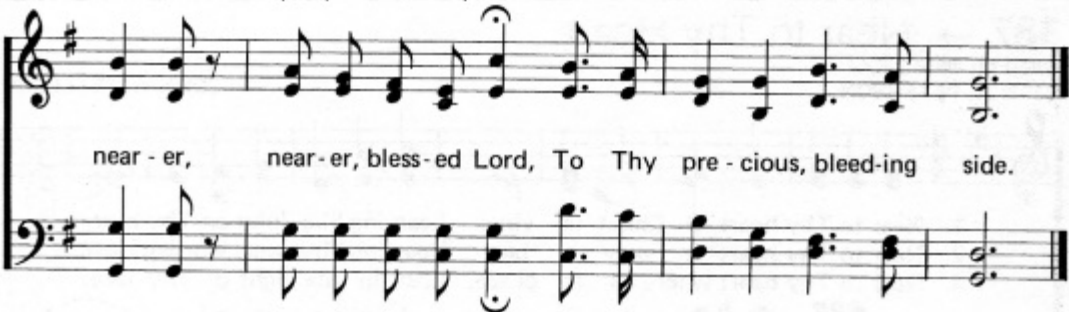
CHORUS



And be clos - er drawn to Thee.
 And my will be lost in Thine. Draw me near - er, near-er,
 I com-mune as friend with friend. near - er, near - er,
 Till I rest in peace with Thee.



bless-ed Lord, To the cross where Thou hast died; Draw me near - er,



near - er, near-er, bless-ed Lord, To Thy pre - cious, bleed-ing side.

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.**

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

Matthew 16: 21-28 (vv. 21-23, 24-26, 27-28)

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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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