

THE CHURCH OF THE MASTER

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*Welcome! We hope all of you know that we're very pleased
you've come to worship our loving Creator.*

*Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Grandparents Day*

September 13, 2026

11:00 AM

Silent Preparation for Worship

*Dear Lord, may this time of worship be an awakening experience for us all. Show
us your will and grant us the guidance and power to fulfill the role you have for
each of us.*

Welcome

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

** Call to Worship: (in unison)*

**WE'RE HERE AGAIN, LORD, IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER - FRIENDS, STRAN-
GERS, COLLEAGUES, NEIGHBORS, AN ASSORTMENT OF YOUR PEOPLE WITH ONE
PURPOSE AND ONE AIM: TO LEARN FROM YOU AND TO WORSHIP YOU. BE WITH
US IN OUR DIVERSITY. JOIN US IN UNITY THROUGH YOUR LOVE THAT WE
MIGHT LEAVE THIS PLACE KNOWING THAT WE HAVE MET NOT ONLY WITH
EACH OTHER, BUT ALSO WITH YOU.**

**IN THE MIDST OF DARKNESS, THIS WORLD, THIS COUNTRY, THIS CITY, THIS
PLACE IN WHICH WE MEET, IT IS YOUR LIGHT BY WHICH WE SEE ALL OTHERS
TOO DIM TO BREAK THROUGH THE SMOG THAT CONCEALS YOUR GLORY TO
OUR NEIGHBOR. MAY YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE IN OUR LIVES THAT OTHERS
MIGHT SEE YOU, AND IN SEEING YOU, RESPOND. HOLD OUT THEIR HAND TO
GRASP THE JOY THAT CUTS THROUGH THE GRIME OF OUR LIVES, SPOILED AND
CLOUDY, TO SHOW THE BEAUTY OF THE PERSON WITHIN. LET US WORSHIP GOD
WITH PRAISE AND LOVE. AMEN**

** Prayer of Praise and Adoration*

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

Call to Confession

IN YOUR EYES, GOD, ALL ARE LOVED, CREATED IN YOUR IMAGE, A PART OF YOUR PURPOSE, OF EQUAL WORTH. FORGIVE US THAT WE DIVIDED THIS WORLD IN THE 'HAVES' AND 'HAVE-NOTS', THE MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS, US AND THEM. FORGIVE OUR INSENSITIVITY, OUR SELFISHNESS, OUR GREED AND PRIDE. HELP US TO SEE OTHERS AS YOU SEE THEM. AMEN.

Announcements

* *Hymn of Preparation #312 - "Lord, I'm Coming Home"*

Pentecost Theme: "Pentecost Power Unleashed!"

Scripture: Genesis 50:15-21 (vv.15-17,19-21)

Matthew 18:21-35 (vv.21-23,24-26,27-29,30-32,33-35)

Sermon- "Pentecost Power Unleashed: Reminds Us How Often We Should Forgive Others When They Sin Against Us!"

Lord's Prayer

* *Doxology (#39)*

* *Blessing of Our Tithes and Offerings*

* *Prayer*

* *Closing Hymn #301 - "Softly and Tenderly"*

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:

Debbie Mahon * Kevin * Alana & Kathryn Ingram * Jim Mahon * Owen * Mildred Shannon *
Theo Beksha * Lester * Maddie * Jeannie * Ed Bungert * Catherine Gomez * Arlene 'Auntie' May-
ers * Danielle * Carole Mahon * Pat * Rev. Liz Brantum * Frank & Sean Font * Sharon Alexander *
Rosa Stewart * Damon Hayden * Janet (friend of Mahon family) * 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 * 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 * Di-
ante Stinson * Corey Streeter * young adults

Prayers for Those Seeking Employment:

Richard

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 fu-
ture of our churches * The President and his administration * Pastor Sohail Latif and his congre-
gation in Pakistan * Worldwide conflicts * Sean Buckley and all active-duty members & their
families

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

Roberta D'Orio * Don Radcliff

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

Next Sunday is our *Annual Homecoming Sunday Celebration*. The worship service will be followed by a light lunch in Hahn Hall. Speak to Sandra for details.

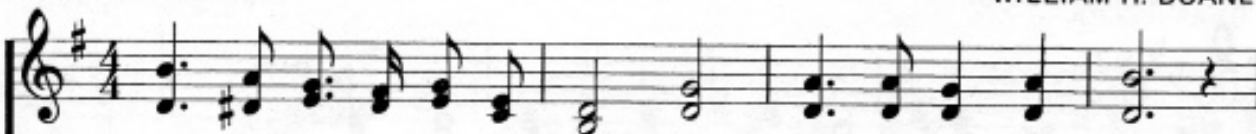
CHURCH OF THE MASTER MISSION STATEMENT

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

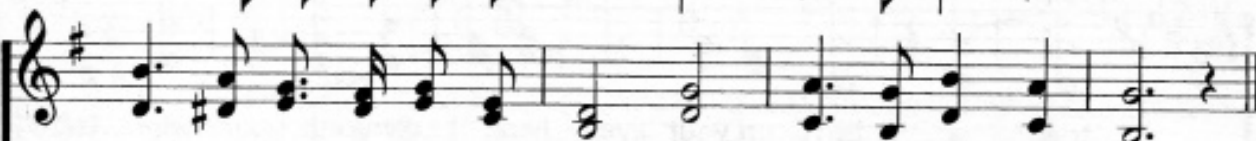
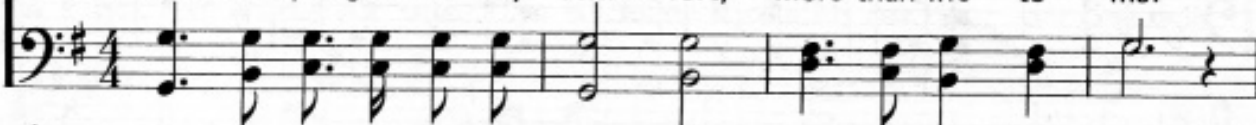
310 — Pass Me Not

FANNY J. CROSBY

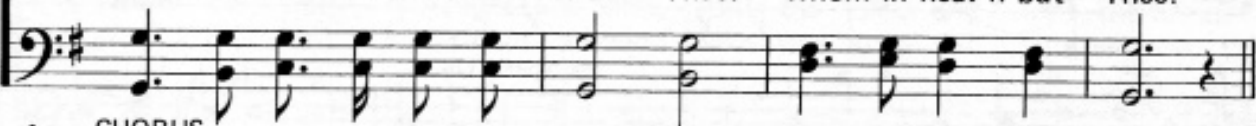
WILLIAM H. DOANE



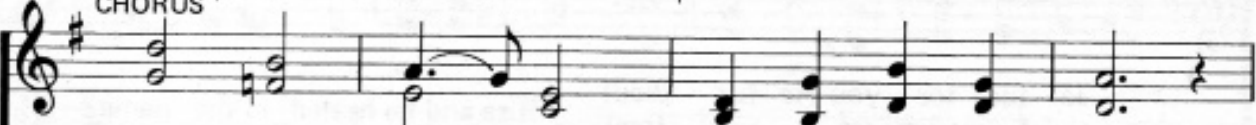
1. Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior— Hear my hum - ble cry!
2. Let me at a throne of mer - cy Find a sweet re - lief;
3. Trust - ing on - ly in Thy mer - it, Would I seek Thy face;
4. Thou the spring of all my com - fort, More than life to me!



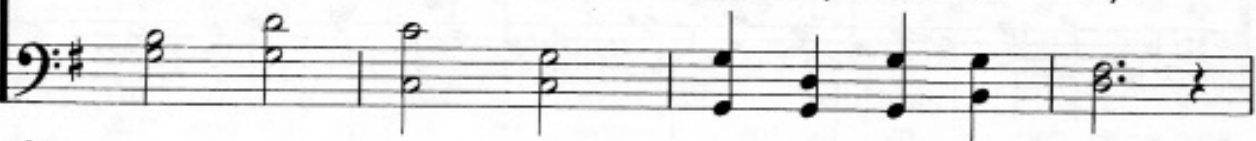
While on oth - ers Thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.
 Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion— Help my un - be - lief.
 Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, Save me by Thy grace.
 Whom have I on earth be - side Thee? Whom in heav'n but Thee?



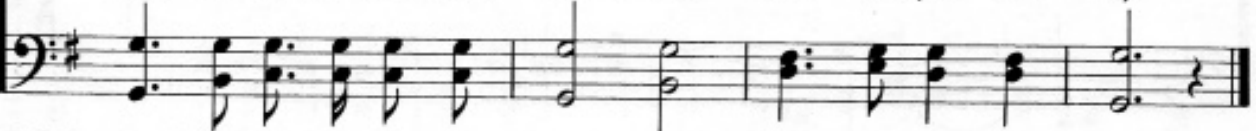
CHORUS



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.**

Lord, I'm Coming Home — 312

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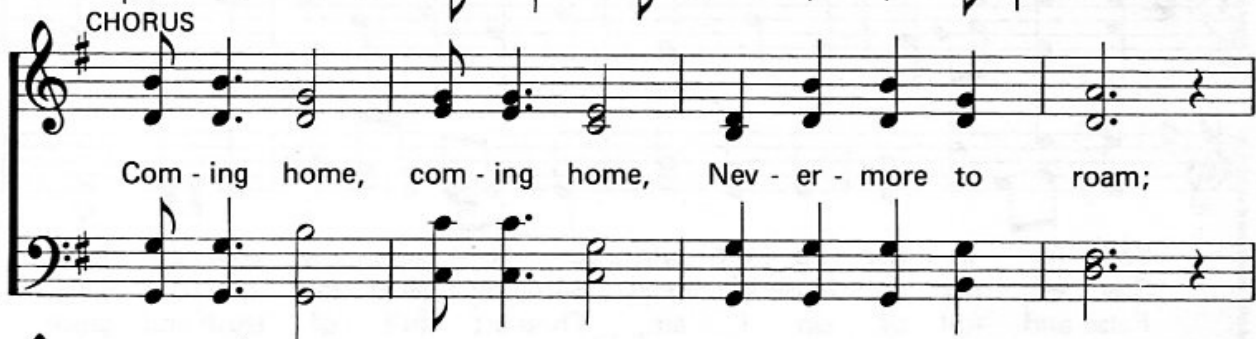


1. I've wan - dered far a - way from God— Now I'm com-ing home;
 2. I've wast - ed man - y pre - cious years— Now I'm com-ing home;
 3. I've tired of sin and stray - ing, Lord— Now I'm com-ing home;
 4. My soul is sick, my heart is sore— Now I'm com-ing home;



The paths of sin too long I've trod— Lord, I'm com-ing home.
 I now re - pent with bit - ter tears— Lord, I'm com-ing home.
 I'll trust Thy love, be - lieve Thy word— Lord, I'm com-ing home.
 My strength re - new, my hope re - store— Lord, I'm com-ing home.

CHORUS



Com - ing home, com - ing home, Nev - er - more to roam;



O - pen now Thine arms of love— Lord, I'm com-ing home.

REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS

Genesis 50: 15-21 (vv. 15-17, 19-21)
Matthew 18: 21-35 (vv. 21-23, 24-26, 27-29, 30-32, 33-35)

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves."

¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents^[i] was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.'

²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; ^[i] and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

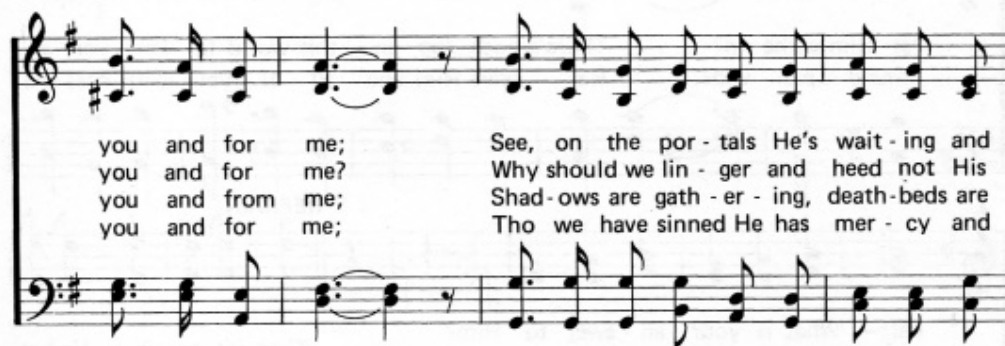
301 — Softly and Tenderly

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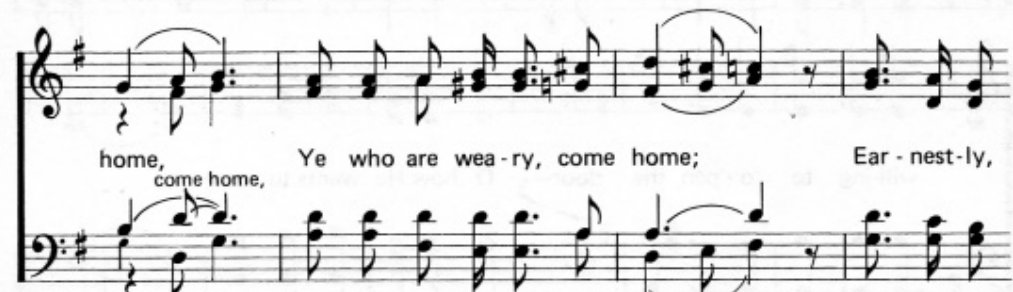
1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing for
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, Plead - ing for
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing, Pass - ing from
 4. O for the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised, Prom - ised for



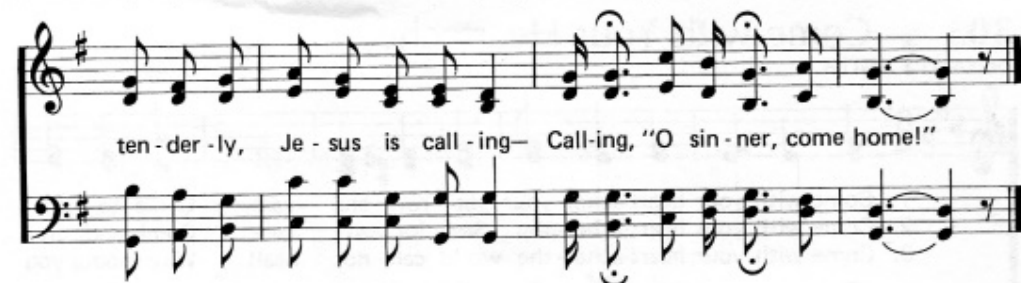
you and for me; See, on the por - tals He's wait - ing and
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not His
 you and from me; Shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death - beds are
 you and for me; Tho we have sinned He has mer - cy and



CHORUS
 watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come
 com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me. Come home,
 par - don, Par - don for you and for me.



home, Ye who are wea - ry, come home; Ear - nest - ly,
 come home,



ten - der - ly, Je - sus is call - ing— Call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"