GLORIA DE CRISTO LUTHERAN CHURCH
"A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"

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WORSHIP SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021
6:00 PM

Lenten Worship

We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith. As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself.

Before the service, speak to God.
During the service, let God speak to you
After the service, speak to your neighbor.

Our sermon series will be COME, FOLLOW ME: A Disciples Journey Through Lent, which will be adapted from the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. It seeks to answer the question: How can we help people begin to move from thinking of themselves as church members to identifying themselves as disciples of Christ?

A crowd gathered to hear Jesus, who gave them the basic understanding of life within God's kingdom. How are we embracing and living these values of God's kingdom?

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Come and heed the signs that God is showing us.

C There are so many different signs out there.

P How will you tell which are of God?

C We will look for the work of God in them.

P What will be the sign of God's activity?

C We will find God at work wherever we find the cross.

GATHERING HYMN *"How Great Thou Art"* **(This page and next page)**

PRAISE, THANKSGIVING

856 How Great Thou Art

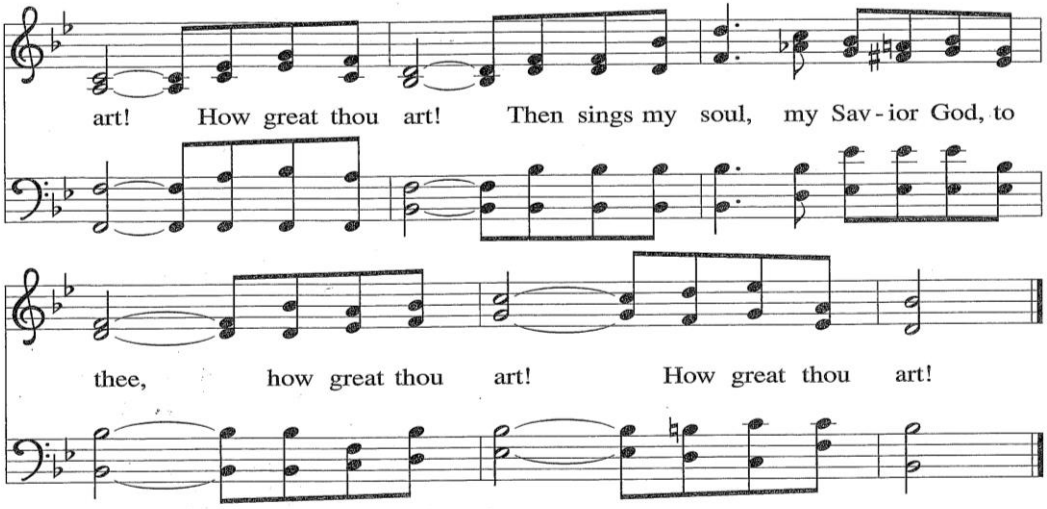
1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou


art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us confess to God and before one another our sins and especially how we allow the world to deceive us with it's foolishness

Silence is kept

C We confess to you, God, and before our sisters and brothers our sins, both in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. We confess that we have fallen to the allure of the world's foolishness. We have listened to those who say the goal of life is to amass wealth. We have listened to those who say that power and violence are the way to peace. We have listened to those who say we can only get ahead by climbing on the backs of others. Forgive us, good Lord, and empower us with your Spirit that we might hear once again your words of wisdom and guidance that we might live into life eternal. Amen

P God's wisdom is to always call back his faithless people and give them a new start. Know that God loves you, forgives you, and send you out wiser that when you came here if you have listened to God's voice.

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Lord, be Glorified"*

LESSON: PSALM 121 **Read Responsively.**

R [1] I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
C **[2] My help comes from the LORD,**
who made heaven and earth.

R [3] He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
C **[4] He who keeps Israel**
will neither slumber nor sleep.
R [5] The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

C **[6] The sun shall not strike you by day,**
nor the moon by night.

R [7] The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.

C **[8] The LORD will keep**
your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5: 1-16

5 When Jesus[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat
down, his disciples came to him. **2** Then he began to speak, and taught them,
saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be
filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds
of evil against you falsely[b] on my account. **12** Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets
who were before you.

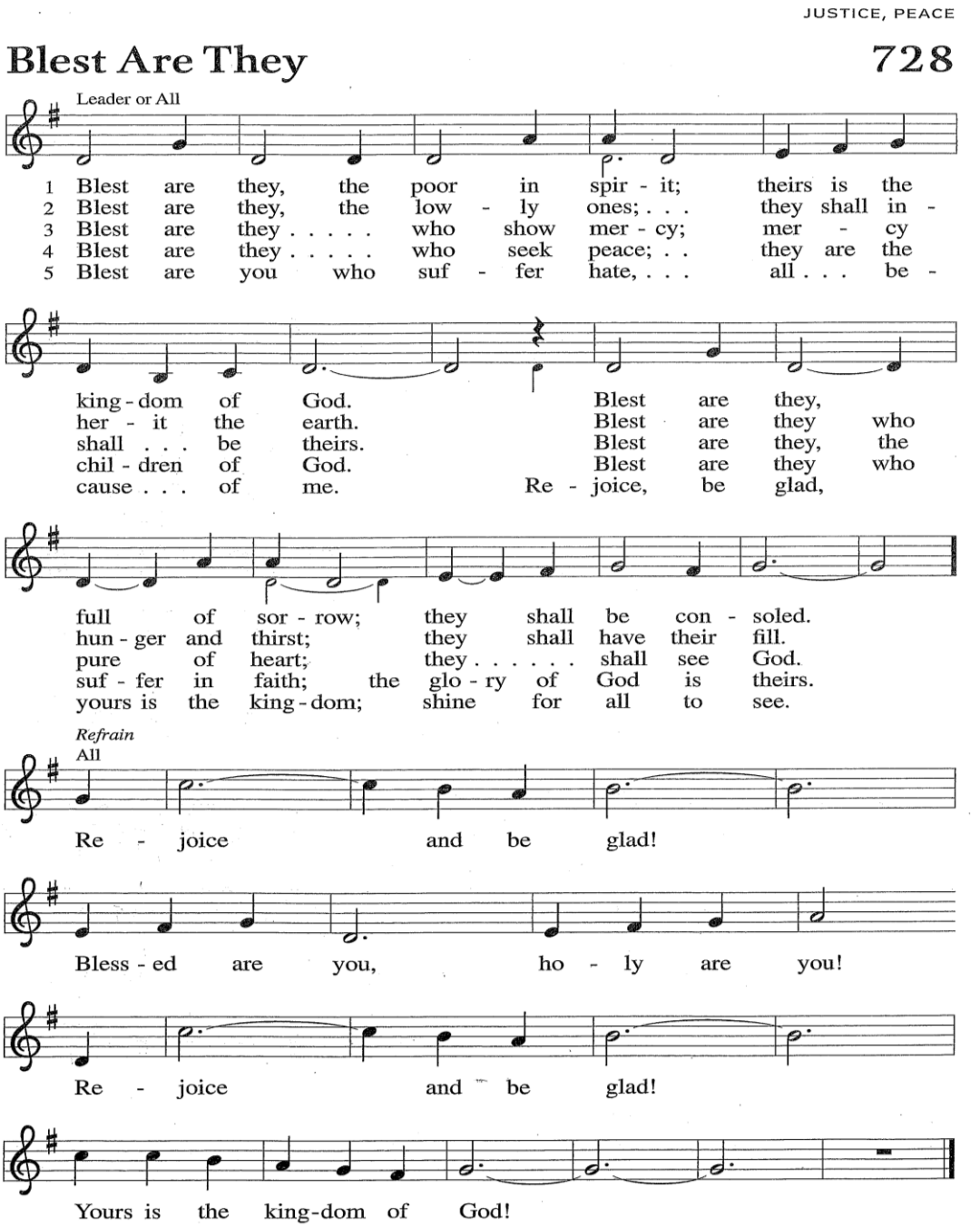
13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness
be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled
under foot.

[14] "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. [15] No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. [16] In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

P This is the Word of Truth.
C Lord help us to understand.

Teaching: **"***The Beatitudes, Salt and Light***"** **Michelle Cegon**

WORSHIP HYMN *"Blest Are They"*



THE OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

C Through these gifts, we offer ourselves, our time and our possessions that we might keep our eyes and ears fixed on you, Heavenly Father. Use these gifts to your glory. In Jesus name, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P We come to worship you because you are the Creator of all that is and is not. Your wisdom is deeper than any ocean and higher than any mountain. We cannot speak of it properly because we cannot comprehend it. It is your wisdom that caused all creation to come into being.

A brief silence.

P We give you thanks for all the blessings we have received from you and especially for the gift of your wisdom that directs our lives. You have spoken to us in prophets and seers, in psalmists and gospelers, in scientists and visionaries. You have written your love and law in the groundwork of creation.

C Lord, Hear our prayer.

P We pray for those who have not yet discovered the wisdom of your ways, O God. We pray that as you offer them signs to point them to a life full and abundant in you, we may also be a sign of your love for them.

C Lord, Hear our prayer.

P All this we ask in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray together, saying:

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING HYMN *"Where He Leads Me"* **(THIS PAGE AND NEXT PAGE)**

PREVENIENT GRACE

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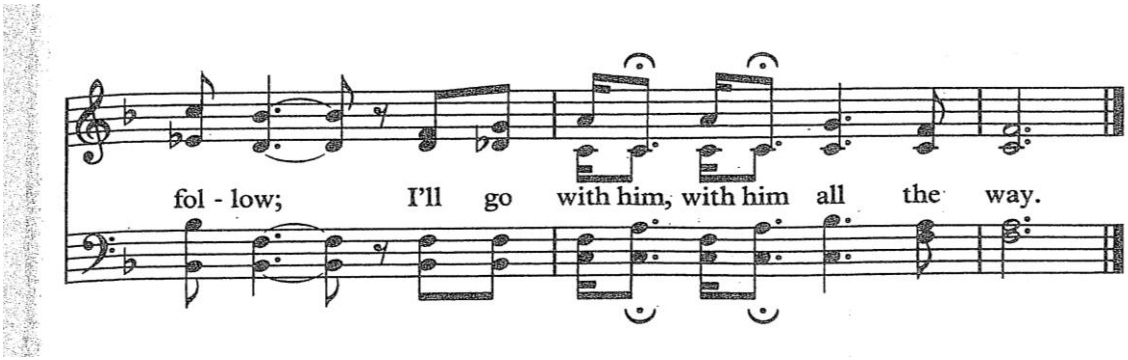
1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low me."
2. I'll go with him through the gar - den, I'll go with him through the gar - den, I'll go with him, with him all the way.
3. I'll go with him through the judg - ment, I'll go with him through the judg - ment, I'll go with him, with him all the way.
4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, he will give me grace and glo - ry, and go with me, with me all the way.

Refrain

Where he leads me I will fol - low, where he leads me I will fol - low, where he leads me I will



BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lifts up his countenance upon you, and give you his peace.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. God is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

USHERS: Lynette Layton

GREETERS: Cheryl Preul

READER: Cheryl Preul

LENTEN WORSHIP: Join us every Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17th our guest teacher will be Shirley Ehler .
Text & Theme: Prayer and Attitude (Matthew 6:1-18) Jesus continues to teach about the Kingdom of God and different facets of discipleship. How are we engaged in the work of introspection, prayer, and fasting?

Holy Week Services:

March 27	**Palm Sunday Weekend**	**Sat., 4:00 p.m.**
March 28		**Sun., 7:45 & 9:30**
April 1	**Maundy Thursday Service**	**6:00 p.m.**
April 2	**Good Friday Service**	**6:00 p.m.**
April 4	**Easter Sunday Service**	**7:00 & 9:30 a.m.**
	Easter Breakfast	**8:00 a.m.**

There is no service on Saturday, April 3rd.

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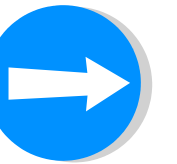
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