



SEPTEMBER 3-4, 2022

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

MEDITATION PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP:

Loving God, help us to trust your love enough to let go. Open our hands and hearts so we may let go of distractions and obstacles and follow you to the springs of life, eternal joy. Help us to look to the past with gratitude, but grab hold of the future you offer. Make this time a holy moment when we sense your spirit and get caught up in your grace. Amen.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ *Faith is the daring of the soul to go farther than it can see. -William Newton Clarke*
- ❖ *He who binds to himself a joy
Does the winged life destroy;
But he who kisses
The joy as it flies
Lives in eternity's sunrise.
-William Blake*

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: This is the day our God is making.

All: Let us rejoice.

One: This is the time when God is present.

All: Let us be open.

One: This is the moment when forgiveness flows and life is renewed.

All: We to what has what has been and embrace new life.

PRAISE SONG: Take Up Your Cross (music at end of bulletin)

OUR CONFESSION:

All: Loving God, you who hold us so gently, teach us the art of letting go of anything that keeps us from your embrace. We grab and clutch things that are familiar and safe. We are afraid to risk death even with the

promise of new life. Our relationships become stagnant and are empty of life.

Loving God, lead us to a deeper sense of gratitude, a growing sense of trust in your ability to provide new life. Show us the blessings of giving with joy, loving without conditions, opening our hands to receive new life. Amen.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: *Changed for Good* (music at end of bulletin)

THE GOSPEL: *Matthew 16:21-26*

In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, this incident becomes the turning point in their stories about Jesus' life when Jesus predicts His coming suffering, death, and resurrection which His disciple Peter immediately rejects.. Here Jesus goes on to say the life of a disciple or follower of Him and His teachings is to be cross-shaped, having a vertical and horizontal dimension of love to God and love for others.

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. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' 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.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 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?'

**MESSAGE: *"The Church is Where the Cross is Center Stage"*
- Pastor David Schoob**

MESSAGE RESPONSE: *You Set Us Free* (music at end of bulletin)

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

Leader: Dismiss us, Lord, with confidence.
Ground us in hope.
Strengthen our faith.

Remind us of those things worth dying for,
That we might live in truth.

All: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: *On the Edge of Tomorrow (verses 3 and 4)*
(music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



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Take Up Your Cross

The musical score is written on ten staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score includes repeat signs at the beginning of the chorus and at the end of the final line.

- In a world of man- y - voice- es call
The call is hard to swal- low. Take up your cross

- ing and at fol - low. it's hard to hear the one side that's true.
and fol - low. The words reach deep in - side of me.

- E - ven when I hear it, I find my- self so trou - bled,

- when my heart dis - cerns it, I lack the will
to lose my life, be - hum - ble, the sins with - in

to re - see it through.
re - fuse it to see.

Though I'm fall - ing, fall - ing, the voice is al - ways call - ing.

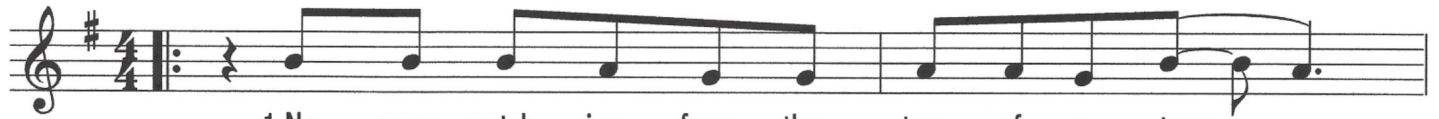
Take up your cross.

Take up your cross and fol - low

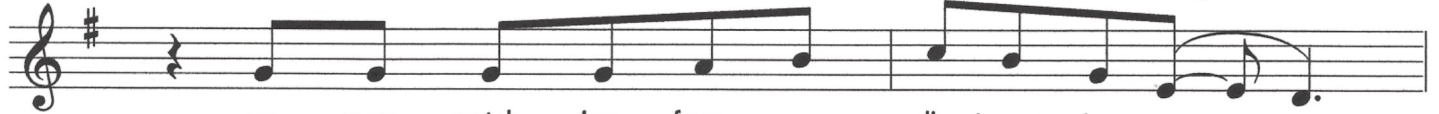
me and fol - low me.

Repeat to tag last time only.

Changed for Good



1.No more watch - ing from the top of a tree;
2.Light the lamps and let the par - ty be - gin;
3&4.Time to break the chains that bound me so long.



no more watch - ing from a dis - tance to see;
o - pen doors and let the peo - ple come in.
There's no way that I can right all my wrongs.

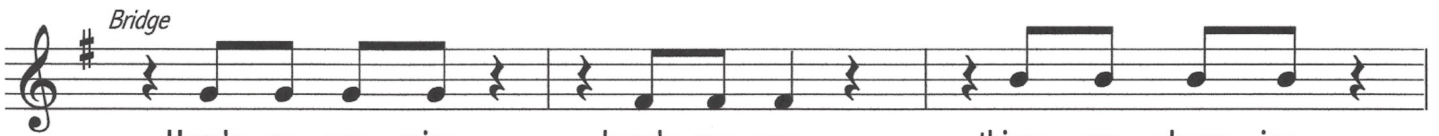


love is here and love is call - ing to me;
I am miles a - way from where I have been.
Here I start and if it takes my life long,



I'm be - ing changed for good.

*2nd and 3rd time to Bridge
Last time to Coda*



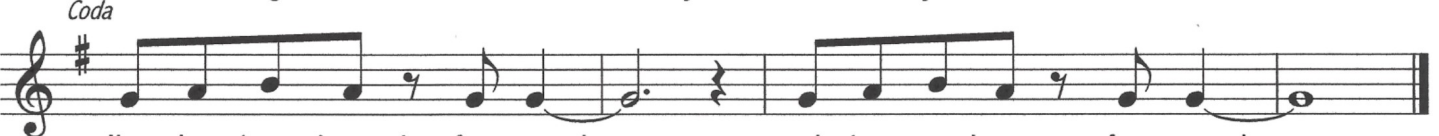
Here's my pro - mise, here's my vow, things are chang - ing,



start - ing now; I was lost, now I'm found,



go and tell ev - ery - bo - dy in town. *To Verse 3 and 4*



I'm be - ing changed for good; mak - ing a change for good.

You Set Us Free

In the dark - ness, you bring light. In our blind - ness,
In our thirst, you sat - is - fy. In our loss, our
Gift of hope, a liv - ing faith. Gift of peace, for
you give sight. In our strug - gles you give life.
tears you dry. In our pain, you hear our cry.
ev' - ry place. Gift of love for ev' - ry race.

For our debts, you paid the price. You set us free to
Through the cross, you pur - i - fy.
Je - sus is our sav - ing grace.

love al - ways. Your love has set us free. You set us free. You
call us to be. Your love has set us free to be your hands, to
change the world, to work for jus - tice and peace. You set us free. Your love has
set us free. You set us free. Your love has set us free.

On the Edge of Tomorrow

Stand - ing on the edge of to - mor - row, stand - ing on the edge of ad - ven - ture, stand - ing in the place of dis - cov - 'ry, learn - ing ev - 'ry step of the way. Thank - ful for the path - ways be - hind us, look - ing to the fu - ture be - fore us, guid - ed by the Spir - it a - mong us, stand - ing at the dawn of the day.

(Stand - ing at the dawn of the day.) *Last phrase sung 3X at end.*

3. Ho - ly Spir - it, teach us how to live as friends,
4. Ho - ly Spir - it send us out be - yond these walls;

found and freed by God's love, love that nev - er ends.
bless - ing, shar - ing, giv - ing, an - swer - ing God's call.

Liv - ing out our u - nion, learn - ing loy - al - ty,
Burst - ing with God's pres - ence, so God's grace we prove.

pa - tient - ly dis - cov - 'ring ho - ly fam - i - ly.
Shar - ing God's re - sourc - es, shin - ing with God's love. *Repeat Chorus*