



Fourth Sunday in Lent, Year A

March 19, 2023

Welcome/Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Through It All”
Performed by Ordinary Men

Words and music by Trent Smith

Please stand, as you are able.

Gathering Hymn

“Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”
Verses 1-3 plus Lent 4

ELW 334

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,

C: **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

Amen.

P: Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, ☩ forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C: **Amen.**

Kyrie

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, mer-cy on us all. **A** 1. For the
2. For your

reign of God, and for peace through-out the

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Lord: **C** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, and de -

Lord, have mer - cy, mer-cy on us all.

fend us, O God: **C** A - men.

The Greeting

- P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P: Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

Please be seated.

1st Reading:

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Samuel anointed David even though he was the eighth-oldest son of Jesse and did not match his brothers in height or other physical characteristics. With the anointing came endowment with the Spirit of the LORD, designating David as the LORD's chosen successor to Saul.

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm

Psalm 23; Refrain Ps. 23:5

The LORD¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not¹ be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down¹ in green pastures
and leads me be-¹ side still waters.

³You restore my¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways¹ for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall¹ fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they¹ comfort me. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the¹ LORD forever. R

2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ, so that our activity is truly pleasing to God.

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Please stand, as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Re - turn to the Lord, your
God, who is gra - cious and mer-ci-ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast
love, and a - bound-ing in stead - fast love.

The Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the ninth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 9:1-41

Jesus heals a man born blind, provoking a hostile reaction that he regards as spiritual blindness to the things of God.

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam”

(which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." ¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." ²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

P: The gospel of the Lord!
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**
Please be seated.

Children's Time

The Message

Pastor Michelle Manicke

Please stand, as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

ELW 843

The Prayers of the People

(See “Celebrate” insert.)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

P: On the count of 3, let's all say together, “The peace of Christ be with you always!...”

Please be seated.

The Offering

Please take a moment of silent prayer to consider the many needs and to give thanks for the blessings you've received from God. Ask God to guide you in discerning how you can share some of the gifts God has entrusted to you. (Perhaps you'll feel moved to call someone, to write a card, or to make an extra donation in support of ministries making a difference in our wider community, so that they can continue to bring light and life to our neighbors in need.)

The Offertory

Please stand, as you are able.

The Offering Hymn

“Come to the Table”

ELW 481

The Offering Prayer

A: God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel.

Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Proper Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy

The musical notation consists of seven staves of music. The first staff begins with the word "Holy". The second staff starts with "C Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord," where the letter "C" is enclosed in a circle. The third staff continues with "God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your". The fourth staff starts with "glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the". The fifth staff begins with "high - est. Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who". The sixth staff starts with "comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho-". The seventh staff concludes with "san-na in the high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est."

The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting,
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed by 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.

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

Communion Hymns

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

ELW 779

“Take, Oh, Take me As I Am”

ELW 814

The Distribution

Instructions for those communing online/in their homes:

1. Please take a minute to wash your hands if you'll be touching the bread or cup and offering it to another person.
2. As you are offering bread to another, say these words: "The body of Christ, given for you."
3. As you are offering the wine or grape juice, say these words: "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

Please stand, as you are able.

The Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: **Amen**

Closing Prayer:

A: Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love.

C: **Amen.**

The Sending Blessing*

P: May God bless us with discomfort — discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts. May God bless us with anger — anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace. May God bless us with tears — tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy. And may God bless us with foolishness — enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. And may the blessing of God the Father, the Son +, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

(*a Franciscan Blessing)

Sending Hymn

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

ACS 1084

The Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Thank you to our Worship Servers

Assisting Minister.....	Jeanna Doversberger
Communion Assistant.....	Donna Martz
Pianist.....	Mel Kubik
Lay Reader.....	Ed Luckman
Song Leader.....	Di Bernklau
Greeters.....	Myron and Nancy Mohr
Altar Care.....	Donna Pottratz and Jeanna Doversberger
Sound.....	Paul Rothi
AV Technician.....	Anne Manicke
Altar Flowers.....	

Last Week's Stats & Goals

March 12, 2023	Attendance	Income	Goal	Over/Short
This Week to Date	65	\$ 1,707	\$ 5,000	-\$ 3,293
This Month to Date	71	\$ 7,293	\$ 10,000	-\$ 2,707
This Year to Date	98	\$ 59,627	\$ 48,500	\$ 11,172
Restricted Building Fund		\$ 530	Cumulative for 2023 \$ 5,325	

To support our building fund---giving must be designated “Building Fund.”

Thank you for your prayerfully considered gifts.

Looking Ahead

Upcoming Events at Zoar Lutheran Church

Date	Time	Activity
Today-Sunday -3/19/2023	9:30-10:15 am 9:30-10:15 am 10:30-11:30 am 12:30-1:30 pm 1:30-2:30 pm 5:00-6:30 pm	Sunday School Adult Forum: Lutheranism 101, Conference Rm. Worship Service Mixed Choir Rehearsal Ordinary Men Rehearsal Community Dinner, Narthex
Monday -3/20/2023		Pastor's Day Off 2:00-3:00 pm Knotty Loopers, Narthex
Tuesday -3/21/2023	5:00-6:30 pm 7:00-9:00 pm	Community Dinner, Narthex Spanish Speaking AA Meeting, Kindness Rm.
Wednesday -3/22/2023	9:30 am-12:30 pm 1:00-5:30 pm 6:00-7:00 pm 7:00-8:00 pm 7:00-9:00 pm	Sewing Circle, Generosity Rm. Music Ministries, Sanctuary Lenten Soup Supper, Kitchen/Narthex Holden Evening Prayer, Theme: "Blessed Are The Curious", Sanctuary Spanish Speaking AA Meeting, Kindness Rm.
Thursday -3/23/2023	10:30-11:30 am 7:00-8:00 pm 3:30-6:30 pm	Thursday Morning Bible Study Women's Bible Study, Zoom Music Ministries, Sanctuary
Friday -3/24/2023	7:00-9:00 pm	Spanish Speaking AA Meeting, Kindness Rm.
Wednesday -3/29/2023	9:00 am 9:30 am-12:30 pm 1:00-5:30 pm 6:00-7:00 pm 7:00-8:00 pm 7:00-9:00 pm	Breakfast at Pappy's Greasy Spoon Sewing Circle, Generosity Rm. Music Ministries, Sanctuary Lenten Soup Supper, Kitchen/Narthex Holden Evening Prayer, Theme: "Blessed Are Those Who Mourn", Sanctuary Spanish Speaking AA Meeting, Kindness Rm.

Long-term Weekly Scheduled Activities: (unless otherwise noted)

Sunday:	9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:30 pm - Mixed Choir Rehearsal 5-6:30 pm - Community Dinner, Narthex	11:30 am - Fellowship Time 1:30 pm - Ordinary Men Rehearsal
Monday:	Pastor's Day Off	
Tuesday:	5-6:30 pm - Community Dinner, Narthex	
Wednesday:	1:00 pm – 5:30 pm - Music Ministries, Sanctuary	
Thursday:	3:30-6:30 - Music Ministries, Sanctuary	
During the school year:	9:00 am -12:00 pm, M W F Preschool 4's, 9:00 am -11:30 am, T TH Preschool 3's	

Long-term Monthly Scheduled Activities:

- The First Tuesday of every month - 6:30 - 7:30 pm, Evangelism Team Mtg. - Zoom
- The Second Tuesday of every month - 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Church Council Mtg. - Zoom
- The Fourth Tuesday of every month - 7:00 - 8:00 pm, Executive Council Mtg. - Zoom
- The First Thursday of every month - 10:00 - 11:00 am, The Class of 58 get-together – Narthex
- The Third Thursday of every month - 3:00 - 7:30 pm, The Living Room - Kindness Rm./Narthex
- The Last Wednesday of every month - 9:00 am Breakfast at Pappy's Greasy Spoon

Music

Verses 1-3 and Lent 4

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Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling

death we are re - born; though you die in all of
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and

his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the

rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 riv - er, you the sea.

One of the following may be sung as the final stanza at the appropriate time.

General

Light of life beyond conceiving,
 mighty Spirit of our Lord;
 give new strength to our believing,
 give us faith to live your word.

Lent 3

Living Water of salvation,
 be the fountain of each soul;
 springing up in new creation,
 flow in us and make us whole.

Lent 1

From the dawning of creation
 you have loved us as your own;
 stay with us through all temptation,
 make us turn to you alone.



Lent 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly;
 make us children of your light.
 Give us hearts to live more nearly
 as your gospel shining bright.

Lent 2

In our call to be a blessing,
 may we be a blessing true;
 may we live and die confessing
 Christ as Lord of all we do.

Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow,
 God who lives beyond our death,
 hold us close through each tomorrow,
 love as near as ev'ry breath.

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness 843



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at-ing light;
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris -'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc -ing, two-edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.



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 Music: J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813
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Come to the Table

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Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.



Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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COME TO THE TABLE
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Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - ready come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

NEW BRITAIN
CM

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

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Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: John L. Bell

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TAKE ME AS I AM

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God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me

1084

1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
4 Walk - ing be - hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that

move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
light my way, and from be -neath, a - bove, and all ways:
hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

Refrain

O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

Text: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan, b. 1967

Music: Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

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GREEN TYLER

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