

WEST BERLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Established 1876
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Palm Sunday

April 13, 2025

GATHERING TIME (10:15 – 10:30 AM) Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6145951009>

Dial 929 436 2866 or 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 614 595 1009

WELCOME & PRELUDE

God is Good. **All the time.** & All the time. **God is good.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: They brought the colt of a donkey to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

P: As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

L: As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

P: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

L: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered them:

P: “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin to our God, trusting that God’s steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of heaven and earth, we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ in your name. Even though we profess to follow him, we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him. Forgive us and heal us, we pray. Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world, but only in the Prince of Peace. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

It is the Lord who helps us; who will declare us guilty? Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear. Forgiven and freed, let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

No. 9

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION & FIRST READING

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also.

¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my misery, and my bones waste away. ¹¹ I am the scorn of all my adversaries, a horror to my neighbors, an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me. ¹² I have passed out of mind like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel. ¹³ For I hear the whispering of many— terror all

around!— as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life. ¹⁴ But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.” ¹⁵ My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. ¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

YOUTH MESSAGE Praise Parade

SPECIAL MUSIC

SECOND READING Philippians 2:5-11

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON “Whatever Christ Calls Us To Do”

HYMN “Jesus Is Calling” No. 322 (See attached)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS & CONCERNS – PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE – LORD’S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING - PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heav’nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” No. 102 (See attached)

CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.

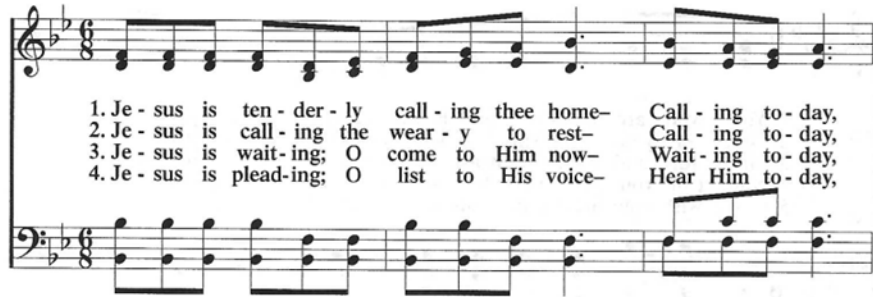
Grant you joy, perfect peace, strength in every endeavor.

Lift your eyes and see his face, feel his grace forever.

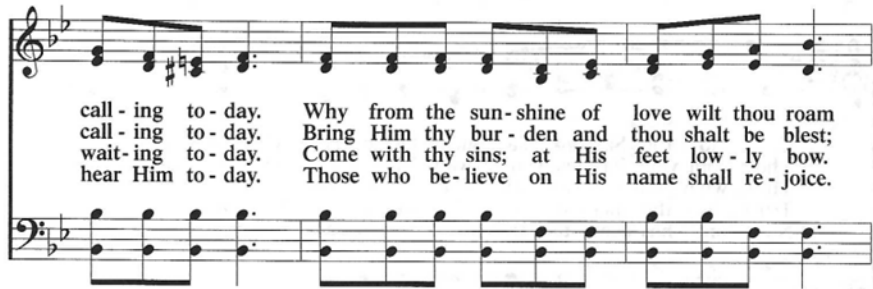
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Jesus Is Calling


Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts. Hebrews 4:7



1. Je - sus is ten - der - ly call - ing thee home- Call - ing to - day,
 2. Je - sus is call - ing the wear - y to rest- Call - ing to - day,
 3. Je - sus is wait - ing; O come to Him now- Wait - ing to - day,
 4. Je - sus is plead - ing; O list to His voice- Hear Him to - day,



call - ing to - day. Why from the sun - shine of love wilt thou roam
 call - ing to - day. Bring Him thy bur - den and thou shalt be blest;
 wait - ing to - day. Come with thy sins; at His feet low - ly bow.
 hear Him to - day. Those who be - lieve on His name shall re - joice.



Refrain
 Far - ther and far - ther a - way?
 He will not turn thee a - way. Call - ing to -
 Come, and no long - er de - lay. Call - ing, call - ing to -
 Quick - ly a - rise and a - way.



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 day, to - day; call - ing, call - ing to - day, to - day. Je - sus is ten - der - ly

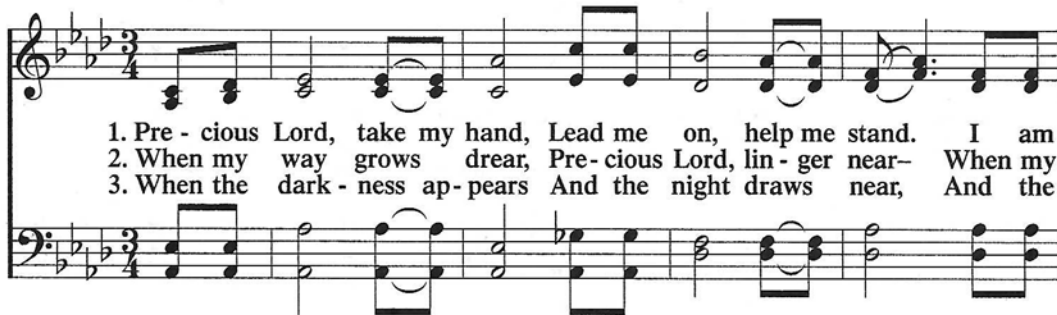


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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

102

I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand. Isaiah 41:13



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand. I am
 2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near - When my
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near, And the



tired, I am weak, I am worn. Thro' the storm, thro' the night, Lead me
 life is al - most gone. Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my
 day is past and gone, At the riv - er I stand; Guide my



on to the light. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 hand lest I fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
 feet, hold my hand. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.