

THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

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Organ Prelude

Hymns of Trust: Medley
(What a Friend We Have in Jesus; Will Your Anchor Hold)

Words of Welcome

Rev. Maya Landell

Song

Jesus Loves Me (VU 365)

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

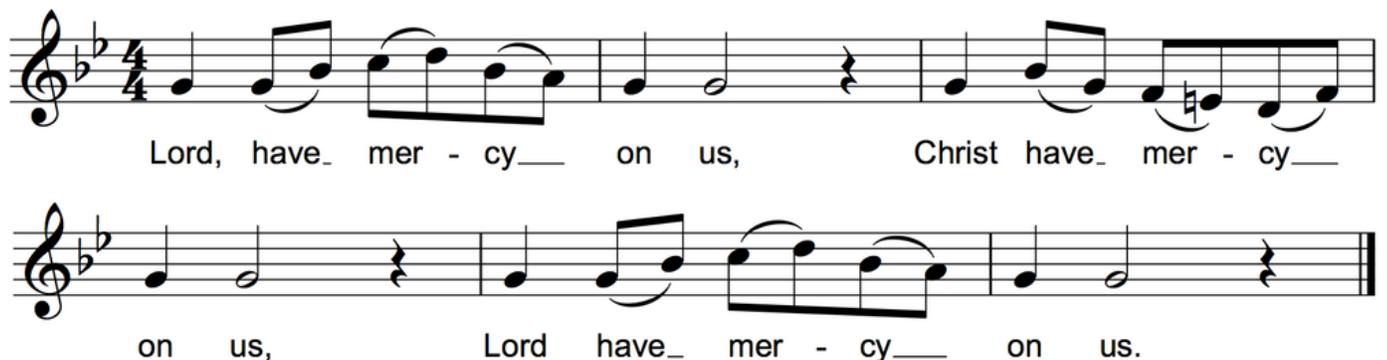
Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]

Jesus loves me still today;
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live. [Refrain]

Acknowledgement of the Land

James Aitchison

Prayer of Confession and Kyrie Eleison



Lord, have_ mer - cy___ on us, Christ have_ mer - cy___
on us, Lord have_ mer - cy___ on us.

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Song

Where Two or Three Are Gathered

Where two or three are gathered in my name, _____

_____ I am there, _____ I am there. _____

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef, key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and common time (C). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the lyrics, ending with a long note for the blank line. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, also ending with a long note for the blank line.

The Lights of Remembrance and Community

Psalm 23



My shep-herd is the Lord; noth-ing in-deed shall I want.

Herein lies Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Scripture

Jesus' Ministry Begins

Herein lies Good News. **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Reflection

Choral Ensemble: Follow Me (J. Carter)

Reflection

Rev. Maya Landell

Song of Response

God Whose Will Is Health and Wholeness (C. Gillette)

**God whose will is health and wholeness, hear your people as we pray:
Many now are facing illness; more face sickness every day.
As we lift our song toward heaven, may we use the gifts you give —
Science, justice, and compassion — to help others safely live.**

**Jesus taught that your commandments call for us to use the mind.
May we use the gifts of science to seek health for humankind.
Bless the ones who work for healing; bless the ones who seek to be
Builders of a health care system that protects society.**

**God, you call for love and justice, yet our laws are far from wise:
Many don't have good insurance; lack of health care threatens lives.
Many workers must keep working, sick or not, to pay the bills.
Turn us round when we have sanctioned greed that leads to greater ills.**

**Loving God, we ask your blessing on the sick and those they love,
And we pray for those now grieving as they lift their cries above.
There is trouble all around us; illness causes pain and fear.
Give compassion, love and kindness as we serve your people here.**

Tune: BEACH SPRING

Prayers of the People & The 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 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, the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

At your convenience, please make your offering using the Virtual Offering Plate at islingtonunited.org or by sending an e-transfer to office@islingtonunited.org

Musical Offering

Choral Ensemble: Seekers of Your Heart (arr. J. Rouse)

Offering Prayer

**Compassion made practical. Community enacted.
Hope made visible. Love embodied.
These are our gifts, O God. Amen.**

Life of the Church

Departing Song

I Love to Tell the Story (VU 343)

**I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story
because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else could do.**

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story;
more wonderful it seems
than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams.
I love to tell the story,
it did so much for me;
and that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee. [Refrain]**

**I love to tell the story;
'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]**

Closing Blessing

Postlude

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