

Fourth Sunday in *Lent* Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

March 19, 2022
8:00 & 9:40 a.m. Services

THEME of the DAY

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.



MISSION STATEMENT

**Prince of Peace Lutheran
Church is a family of
Christians
Growing in Faith and
Reaching out in Love**

POP VISION 2024

**We will be...an engaged
and inclusive congregation
of disciples, transforming
the lives in our community
through the Gospel of Jesus
Christ.**

Welcome to God's House which is the spiritual home of all who come to worship today. Part of Prince of Peace Church's mission statement says that we are "a family of Christians." Because God has made us family, we gather together in this church home to receive the Lord's strength, comfort and peace. Christ, our brother, is here, and his presence will change us. As new people, we leave this spiritual home to go out and live our daily lives in the world as ambassadors for Christ. Go, but remember to come home. See you next Sunday!

We know it is sometimes a challenge to care for little kids in worship. That is why we have several options for parents and caregivers. **NEW:** We have a volunteer-staffed nursery during the 9:40 service for those 4 years old and younger that can be used if you wish. Just follow the signs or ask an usher for help to find it! Also, we have bags of activities on the wooden kiosk near the entrance by the restrooms that children can grab before entering the sanctuary. Additionally, in the sanctuary, we have a space in the back that we call the PlayDeck, with a rug and some quiet toys where a child might need to hang out for a few minutes with mom or dad nearby. Another spot for kids to play is in our narthex called the PrayerGround, which is stocked with toys, books, and comfy chairs. There are speakers projecting the service in the narthex, so caregivers can keep track of what's going on in the service and can listen to and/or rejoin worship anytime. You can find changing tables in the bathrooms near the narthex PrayerGround for your convenience. And, finally, we have ushers and greeters who love kids, too, who were once kids themselves, and who want to help you have a great worship experience! We are glad you are here!

The Glass Cross on the Altar is unique. There are only 3 of these handmade crosses in the world. The other two are in congregations with whom we share our ministry. One is on the altar of Kopano Lutheran Church in Mogwase, South Africa and the other is at the Evangelische Stadtpfarrkirche Hermannstadt in Sibiu, Romania. These Lutheran churches are ministry partners with us with whom we have shared visits, resources, and mutual support. Each Sunday as we gather in worship under this common cross, we are reminded of our faith in our Savior, Jesus the Christ, whose Spirit unites peoples of different countries, races, cultures and histories under His benevolent love.



A hearing loop system is installed in our sanctuary. Those with hearing aid devices may activate their T-Coil technology.

GATHERING
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

ELW denotes the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal
P—Pastor A—Assisting Minister C—Congregation

GATHERING MUSIC

We Believe

Steve Thompson

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Leader: Oh, peo-ple of God, the Lord be with you. **People:** And may the
Lord be with you too. **Leader:** The Spir-it calls us to re -
mem - ber. **People:** Oh Lord we lift our hearts to you.
All: We fail to love you with our whole hearts or love our
You bid us come out from the sha - dows in - to the
neigh - bors as we should. And so we're ask - ing for for-
light by which we see. Our sins for - giv - en and for-
give-ness. Oh, set us free and make us good.
got - ten for Je - sus' sake we're clear and free.

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GATHERING HYMN

Trust and Obey

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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.**

KYRIE

Deep in our hearts, — most mer-ci-ful God; — we cry to

You, we cry — to you. Deep from our souls, — there's a hun-ger

for You; we cry to You, we cry — to You. Sing-ing

Lord have mer-cy on us! Sing-ing Christ have mer-cy on us! Call-ing

cast us not a-way from You; Lord, have mer-cy on us!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us.

C 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. Amen

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

FIRST 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

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

SECOND 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

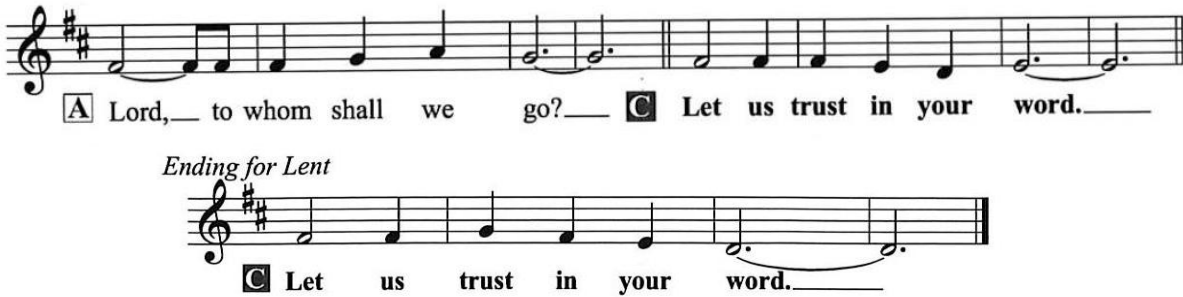
even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN VERSE





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GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

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

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.

SERMON

Pastor Roger McQuiston

(9:40) *Faith Formation students join us for worship during the singing of the Hymn of the Day.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

Open My Eyes, that I May See

Clara H. Scott
Jeff Redd, alt.

OPEN MY EYES
Clara H. Scott



1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimp - ses of truth You have for me;
2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voi - ces of truth so sharp and clear;
3. O - pen my mouth, let me de - clare Words of as - sur - ance ev - 'ry - where;



Place in my hands the won - der - ful key That shall un - lock and set me free.
And while the mes - sage sounds in my ear, Ev - 'ry - thing else will dis - ap - pear.
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare Your lov - ing kind - ness - es to share.



Si - lent - ly now I wait for You, Read - y, my God, Your will to do;



O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!____
O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!____
O - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!____

APOSTLES CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Petitions end: Merciful God,

Response: ...**receive our prayer.**

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Have Thine Own Way, Lord



1 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Thou art the
2 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Search me and
3 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Wound-ed and
4 Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way. Hold o'er my



pot - ter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me af - ter thy
try me, Mas - ter, to - day. Pur - er than snow, Lord, wash me just
wea - ry, help me, I pray. Pow - er, all pow - er sure - ly is
be - ing ab - so - lute sway. Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall



will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
now, as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
thine. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.
see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

Text: Adelaide A. Pollard; Music: George C. Stebbin

OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray. God of good gifts,
C **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. Amen**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

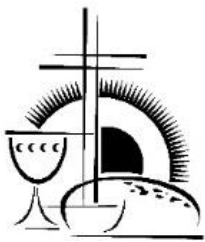
- P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: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

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

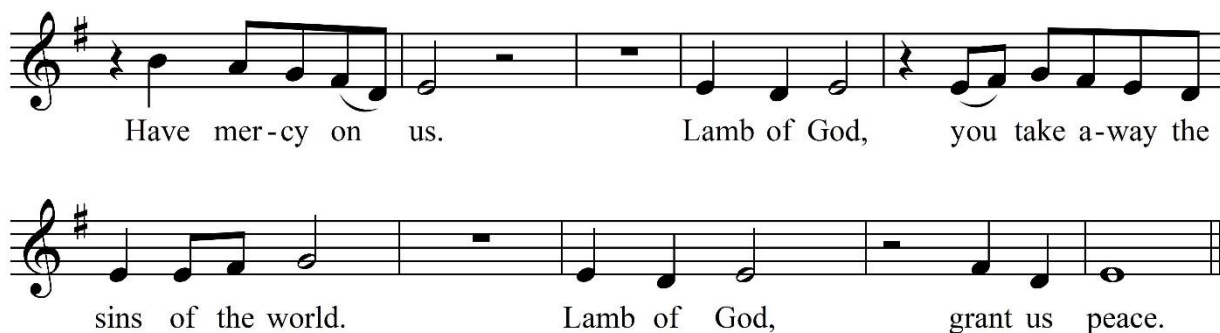
- P Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.



In the bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present. Much more than a sign, story, or symbol of God's love, it is an event where God reaches down to us through common earthly elements and invites us into the mystery and miracle of a relationship with him, the Word made flesh for us. All, who have been baptized, are invited to this experience of God's love, where He is our host and we are his guests, who will take the message of his love into the world.

LAMB OF GOD





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COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus, I Come

William T. Sleeper
Jeff Redd, alt.

JESUS, I COME
George C. Stebbins



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| 1. Out of my bond-age, sor - row and night, | Je - sus, I come, | Je - sus, I come; |
| 2. Out of my shame-ful fail - ure and loss, | Je - sus, I come, | Je - sus, I come; |
| 3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro-gant pride, | Je - sus, I come, | Je - sus, I come; |
| 4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, | Je - sus, I come, | Je - sus, I come; |



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| In - to Thy free - dom, glad-ness and light, | Je - sus, I come to Thee.____ |
| In - to the glo - rious gain of Thy cross, | Je - sus, I come to Thee.____ |
| In - to Thy bless - ed will to a - bide, | Je - sus, I come to Thee.____ |
| In - to the joy and light of Thy home, | Je - sus, I come to Thee.____ |



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|---|---|
| Out of my sick-ness in - to Thy health, | Out of my need and in - to Thy wealth, |
| Out of earth's sor - rows in - to Thy balm, | Out of life's storms and in - to Thy calm, |
| Out of my - self to dwell in Thy love, | Out of des - pair to rap-tures a - bove, |
| Out of the depths of ru - in un - told, | In - to Thy peace-ful, shel - ter - ing fold, |



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|---|---------------------------|
| Out of my sin and in - to Thy - self, | Je - sus, I come to Thee. |
| Out of dis-tress to ju - bi - lant psalm, | Je - sus, I come to Thee. |
| Up-ward I rise on wings like a dove, | Je - sus, I come to Thee. |
| Ev - er Thy glo-rious face to be - hold, | Je - sus, I come to Thee. |

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

P 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**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL BLESSING

P God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C **Amen**

SENDING SONG

I Saw the Light

I wan-dered so aim - less, life filled with sin,
Just like a blind man I wan-dered a - long.
I was a fool to wan der and stray,

I would - n't let my dear Sav - ior in;
Wor - ries and fears gate I claimed for my own;
Straight is the gate and nar - row the way;

then Je - sus came like a strang - er in the night!
then like the blind man that God gave back his sight!
Now I have tra - ded the wrong for the right!

Praise the Lord I saw the light!

Refrain

I saw the light, I saw the light

No more in dark - ness, no more in night; and

now I'm so hap - py, no sor - row in sight!

Praise the Lord, I saw the light! light!

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DISMISSAL

A Prince of Peace is a family of Christians...

C **...growing in faith and reaching out in love.**

A Go in peace. Serve in love.

C **Thanks be to God!**

SHARING THE PEACE

P May the peace of Jesus, the Christ, be with you now and always.

C **And also with you.**



WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

Preaching Minister	Pastor Roger McQuiston
Presiding Minister	Pastor Jennifer DeNetz
Assisting Minister	Bill Lempesis
Musician(s)	Colleen Perrine, Karen Bultman Erik Larson, Beth McQuiston Stu Schrottkey, Jeff Sheffler Charlie Sosinski, Michelle Weisman
Technical Prep/Projection	Tom Richmond (8:00) Peter Juhl (9:40) Andy Palmbach
Ushers	(8:00) Ron Joten, Tom Regan (9:40) John & Trisha Kostelny
Greeter(s)	(8:00) Sharyn March
Communion Server	(9:40) Nancy Scheuerman

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Midweek Lenten services are held on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m., both in person and online, using Holden Evening Prayer as our liturgy. The theme for this year is "**I Was Just Wondering...**". During our Midweek Services, the pastors will attempt to answer several common questions often asked about Jesus and Christianity. Note that the final evening will incorporate elements of a healing service. Please encourage family and friends to attend!

March 22/Lent 4: Where does humility come from?
Did Jesus condemn wealth?

March 29/Lent 5: Service of Healing

Please join us for time of quiet, reflective worship.



Come early!

Midweek Lenten suppers will be provided by the Women of the ELCA from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

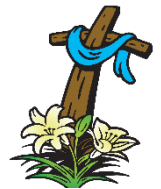
HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – April 2 (8 & 9:40 am)

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 6 (6:15 pm)

GOOD FRIDAY – April 7 (6:15 pm)

FESTIVAL WORSHIP / EASTER SUNDAY – April 9 (8 & 9:40 am)



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

1-3 people are needed to assist with ***flower set-up for Easter Sunday***. This will most likely follow the conclusion of the 6:15 pm Good Friday service on April 7th. If you are willing to lend a hand (the setup diagram has already been prepared by our Flowers & Décor lead, Megumi), please talk to Sondra Joten or leave her a message at Sondra@popappleton.org. Many hands make light work!

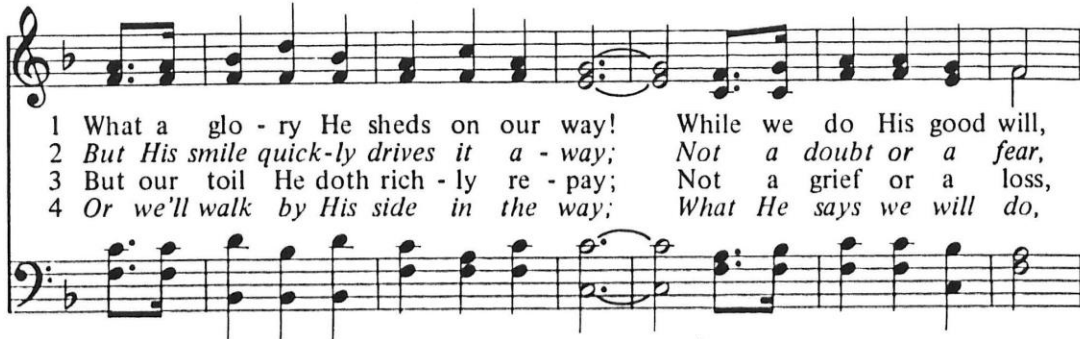
Trust and Obey

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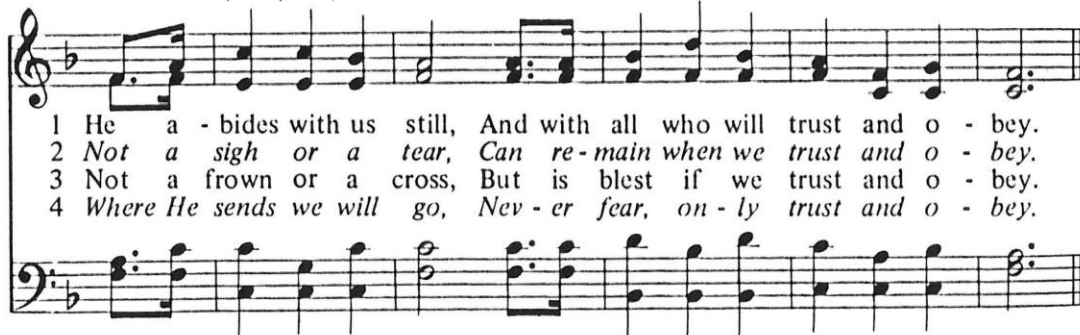
TRUST AND OBEY
Daniel B. Towner



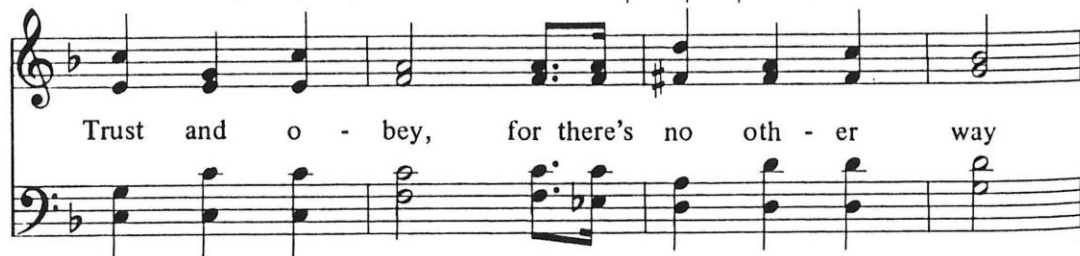
1 When we walk with the Lord In the light of His Word,
2 *Not a shad - ow can rise, Not a cloud in the skies,*
3 Not a bur - den we bear, Not a sor - row we share,
4 *Then in fel - low - ship sweet We will sit at His feet,*



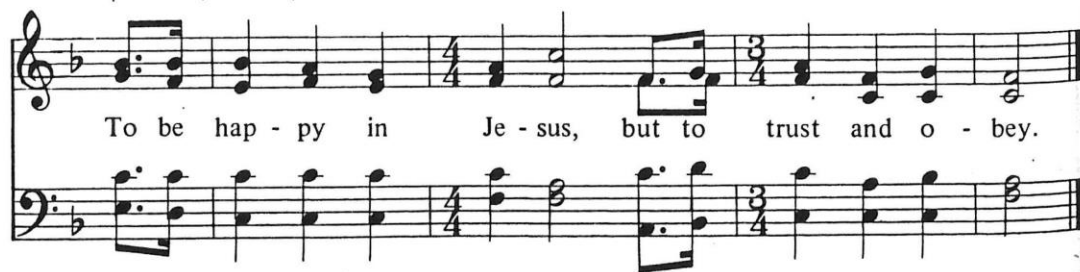
1 What a glo - ry He sheds on our way! While we do His good will,
2 *But His smile quick - ly drives it a - way; Not a doubt or a fear,*
3 But our toil He doth rich - ly re - pay; Not a grief or a loss,
4 *Or we'll walk by His side in the way; What He says we will do,*



1 He a - bides with us still, And with all who will trust and o - bey.
2 *Not a sigh or a tear, Can re - main when we trust and o - bey.*
3 Not a frown or a cross, But is blest if we trust and o - bey.
4 *Where He sends we will go, Nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.*



Trust and o - bey, for there's no oth - er way



To be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.