



LENT 5

MARCH 26, 2023

UNFINISHED

DISCOVERING GOD'S CALL
IN THE NOT YET

CALLED TO REGRET

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“Called to Regret”
Sunday, March 26, 2023
(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude “Menuet” J.C. Pez

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness p. 116

*Hymn 886 “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Greeting

*Kyrie “Kyrie” S. Martin

*Prayer of the Day

Anthem “The Cross” L. Beethoven/ arr. W. Young

Children’s Message

Word

First Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalms 130 (see page 3) *(sung responsively)*

Second Reading Romans 8:6-11

*Gospel Acclamation “We are turning” p. 205

*Gospel Reading John 11:1-45

Sermon

*Hymn 699 “In Deepest Night”

*Apostles’ Creed p. 127

*Prayers of Intercession **A: receive our prayer.**

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 924 v.1&2 (see page 4)

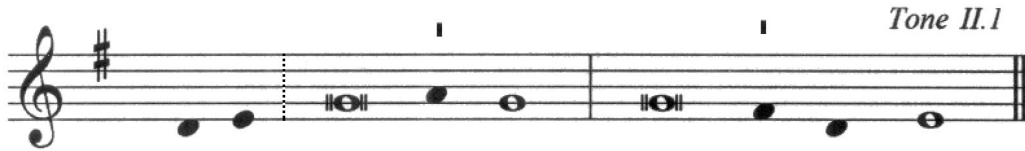
“As the Winter Days Grow Longer”

*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 206
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 207
*Thanksgiving at the Table IV		p. 133
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i>)		p. 207
Lamb of God	<i>"Agnus Dei"</i>	S. Martin
Special Music	<i>"Minuet"</i>	C.W. Gluck
Communion Hymn 488	<i>"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"</i>	
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
Sending		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Hymn 325	<i>"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"</i>	
*Dismissal		A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"Wondrous Love"</i>	D. Wood

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Sometimes our sorrows arise out of experience that are simply and profoundly sad. Other times our sorrows arise out of experiences that are marked by our own regrets. And still other times, it is both. When Jesus arrives at Lazarus' tomb after Lazarus died, he weeps. We don't really know the cause of his weeping, but I imagine that regret may have been part of his heartache. He wasn't there when Lazarus was ill. Jesus' weeping calls to us amid our own regrets in a host of ways that not only comfort us but also move us to new ways of being and doing.

Psalm 130



¹Out | of the ‘ depths
I cry to | you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear | my voice!**
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

³If you were to keep watch o- | ver sins,
O LORD, | who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is for- | givenness,**
in order that you | may be feared.

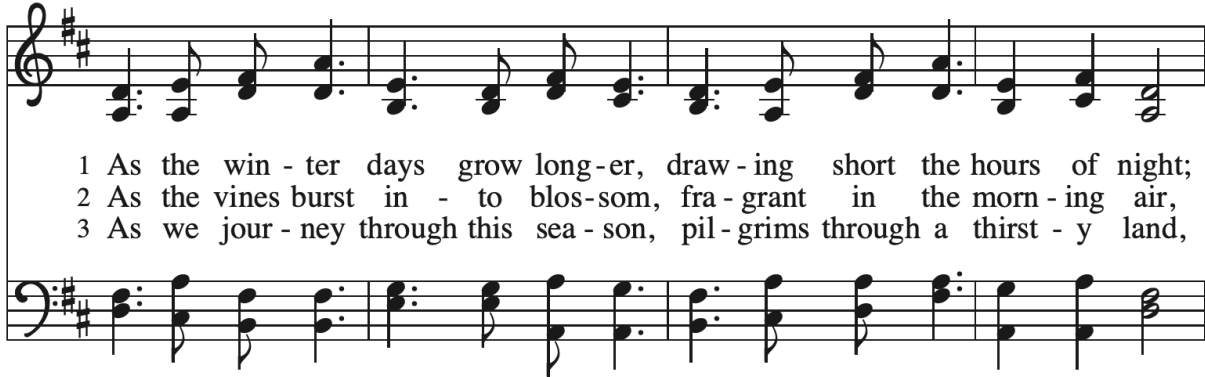
⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my | soul waits;
in your word | is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the | morning,**
more than those who keep watch | for the morning.

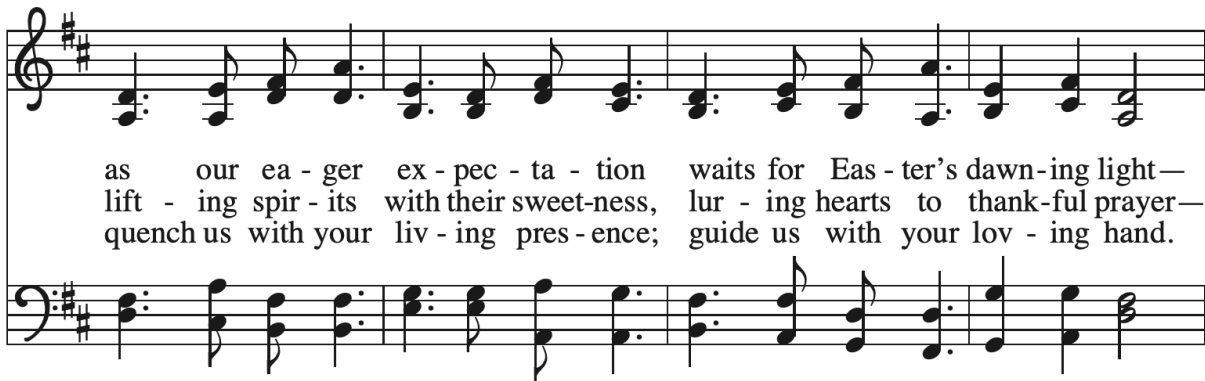
⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is stead- | fast love;
with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem | Israel**
from | all their sins.

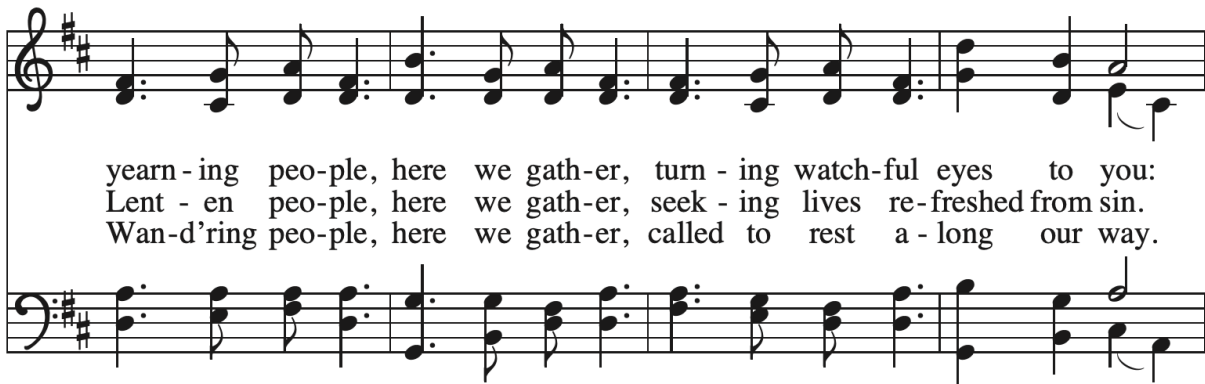
As the Winter Days Grow Longer



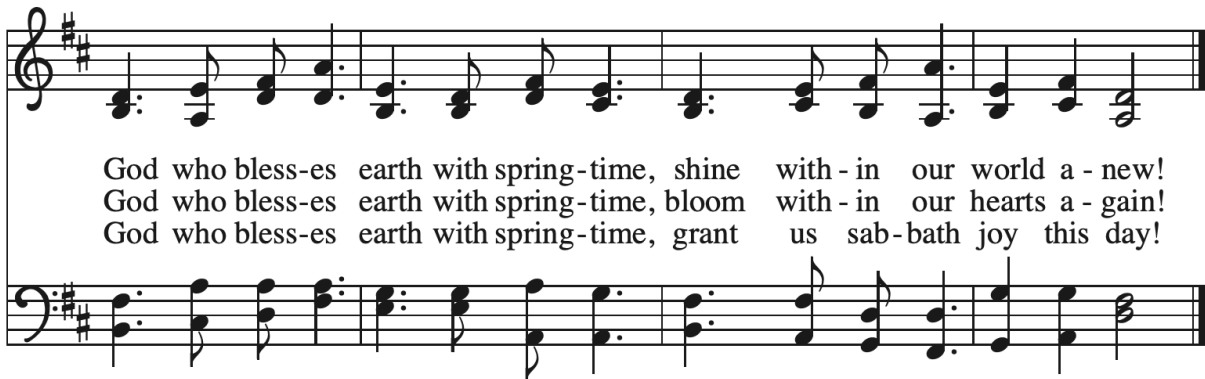
1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;
2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,
3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,



as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—
lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—
quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



yearn - ing peo - ple, here we gath - er, turn - ing watch - ful eyes to you:
Lent - en peo - ple, here we gath - er, seek - ing lives re - fresh - ed from sin.
Wan - d'ring peo - ple, here we gath - er, called to rest a - long our way.



God who bless - es earth with spring - time, shine with - in our world a - new!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, bloom with - in our hearts a - gain!
God who bless - es earth with spring - time, grant us sab - bath joy this day!

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Music: SUO GÂN, Welsh melody; arr. hymnal version
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Leading Worship Today

Minister: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Assisting Minister: Linda McLellan

Mount Zion Choir

Mount Zion Director of Music: Sarah Cardwell

St. Matthews Sanctuary Choir

Choral Scholars: Hannah Swiderski, Nicole Hamilton, Grace Soucie, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann

Flutes: Julia Crnko, Pauline Finch

Broadcast: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Steve Dickin (519-580-8407)

Worship Notes

In our prayers John, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Bernice, John and Nancy.

General Announcements

Annual Congregational Meeting following this morning's service, in the Fellowship Hall. All members are encouraged to attend!

West Tower Door for Emergency Only. Due to the ongoing construction planning, when going in to the church house or washrooms, use the west stair tower door and stay on that floor. Use the hallway by the office to the stairway to the floor below. The stairs in the west tower are closed to the lower level sanctuary and should only be used in case of an emergency to exit the building.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Masks:** We support people's choice to wear a mask, and we strongly encourage the following of current guidelines.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented to the High Altar during the service.
- **The Peace:** We support people's choices for passing of the peace.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, please remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Ministers** will be greeting worshippers after the postlude in the Narthex, without handshakes.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**



Holy ⁺ Week		ST. MATTHEWS
		2023
April 2 Palm Sunday	9:30 AM	
April 6 Maundy Thursday	7 PM	
April 7 Good Friday	9:30 AM	
April 9 Easter Sunday	9:30 AM	

Fire Exits: All Sanctuary fire exits remain operational during lower-level demolition and renovations. This includes the three Narthex (Entrance) doors, the mid-tower door (half-way up the right side), and the staircase at the front left, piano side.

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

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