



Radio Station: 87.9

Prelude *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*
arr. T.A. Dorsey

Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

Grace and peace to you, in the name of the Triune God. Know this and be blessed by this: "All wisdom comes from the Lord and is with him forever." - Sirach 1:1

Call to Worship *Based on Proverbs 1:20-33*

Leader: In the streets and at the city gates, Wisdom raises her voice.

People: She calls out to those with ears to hear and hearts open wide.

Leader: She cries aloud in the public square and says,

People: "How long will you love simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?"

Leader: Turn to me, she says, and listen, for I will pour out my heart to you,

People: I will make my thoughts known, and share myself with you.

Leader: Let us heed Wisdom's call, and worship Wisdom incarnate: Jesus Christ.

***Opening Hymn** (*see insert*)

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Prayer of Confession & New Living

God who is Wisdom, we confess to living so much of life solely relying on our limited understanding, neglecting to seek Your guidance. Forgive us of our foolish and simple ways. Send your Holy Spirit now, and give us wisdom so we might walk the path of righteousness and bring healing and justice to our world. Amen.

***Passing the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us greet one another with a honk of the horn and hand-sign of peace.

beep beep beep



Prayer for Illumination

Good God, we pray today, like Solomon, for wisdom, understanding, and discernment. Illuminate what you would desire us to come to know. Amen.

Sermon Text 1 Kings 3:5-12

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon *Have You Asked for Wisdom?*

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

***Hymn of Response & Offering**

"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom "
(see insert)

Prayers of the People (With a mic, the liturgist will walk to those with their hand raised.)

**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.**

***Charge & Blessing**

***Postlude**

"Awake, the Voice Commands"
J.S.Bach

Note: Joint Board meeting in Zimmerman Hall after worship.

Preacher: Rev. Trey Tirpak
 Liturgist: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston
 Keyboard: Eugene Sit
 Vocalist and/or specialist: Rose
 Hunsberger
 Audio/Visual: Joshua Bliss, Stephen Reohr
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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Su	JULY 23	10AM AW	Drive-In Worship at FCIA, also on Zoom Joint Board Mtg. in Zimmerman, Lemonade Lull
Mo	JULY 24	9AM	Food Pantry - temporary location
We	JULY 26	9AM 12PM	Food Pantry - temporary location AA Meeting in the Parlor, Centering Prayer in the Powell Rm.
Th	JULY 27	11:30AM	Hotdogs in the Park

UPCOMING EVENTS

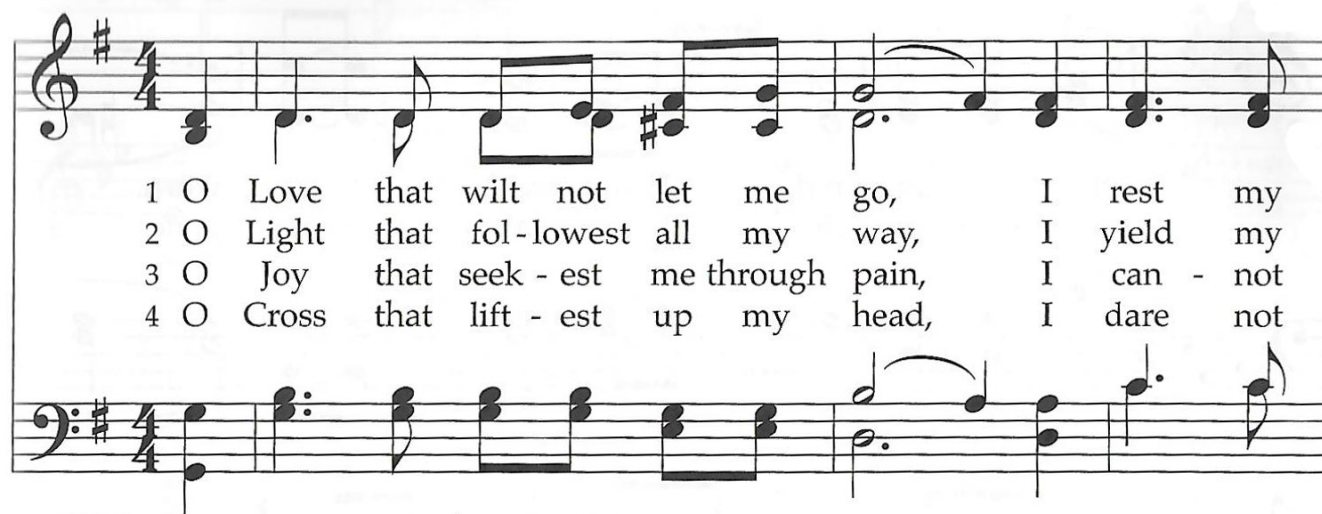
- July 30 - Communion in Clee Park
- Aug. 6 - FOCUS Service at Trinity United Methodist
(no Drive-In Worship at FCIA)
- Aug. 13 - First's 381st Anniversary Celebration
- Aug. 20 - Aloha Attire Competition! Wear your
Aloha Best!

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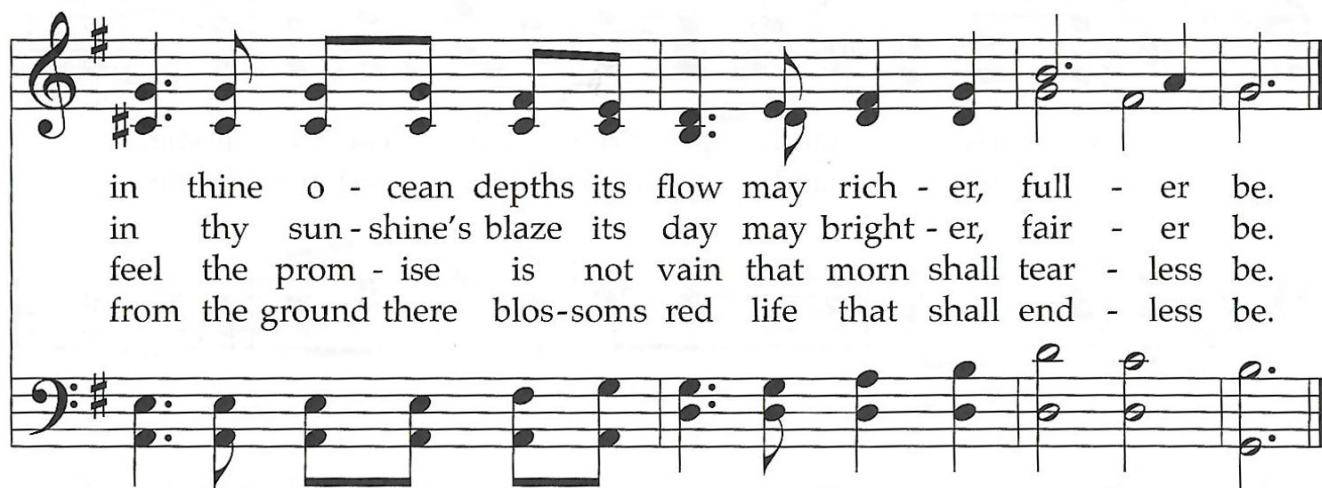
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go



1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
 3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



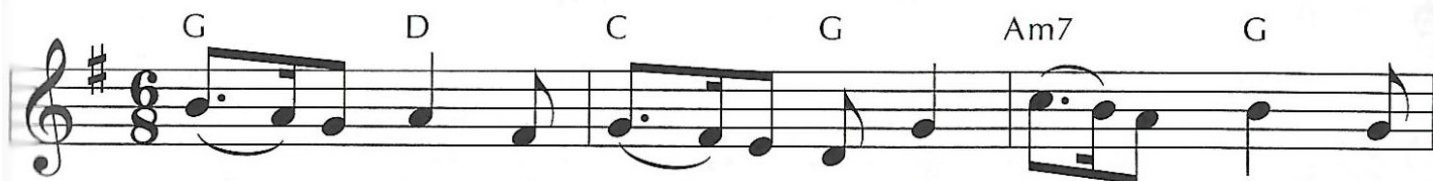
wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
 flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and



in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 in thy sun-shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end - less be.

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket-place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it-guide and close com-pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em-brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.