

Radio Station: 87.9

Prelude "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" arr. J. Carter

Welcome, Announcements, & Blessing

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Mathew 11:28-30

Guided Meditation

Call to Worship Zechariah 9:9-12

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet have been standing with your gates, O Jerusalem!

People: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him.

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things!

*Opening Hymn "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say " (see insert)

Prayer of Confession

In my anger I have sinned. In my fear I have sought the gods of my own creation. Out of my fear I have moved away from you as shepherd. I have leaned on my own understanding instead of trusting you. Lead me, guide me; O thou great Jehovah. Lead me till I want no more.

Time of silence

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord says to you, "Come unto me all who labor and are heavy burdened. I will give you rest."

*Passing the Peace (during the passing of the peace, children please come forward for a message and blessing.)

beep

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

Prayer for Illumination

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me!

Sermon Text

Psalm 23

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

To Not Want

A Prayer of Blessing on the Word

*Hymn of Response & Offering

"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

(see insert)

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

Our Father, who art in debts, as we forgive 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

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

Fugue in F Major

G.F. Handel

Note: Weekly Wellness Walk with Pastor Mashona follows worship. One mile total over the Albany Skyway.

Worship Leadership

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston

Liturgists: Various

Musician(s): Iteke Prins, keyboard and Erica Zetterholm

Bliss, hymn leader

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M	Su JULY 9	10AM AW	Drive-In Worship at FCIA, also on Zoom Lemonade Lull in Clee Park, SkyWay Walk
E	Mo JULY	9АМ	Pantry
S	We JULY 12	9AM 12PM	Food Pantry AA Meeting in the Parlor, Centering Prayer in the Powell Rm.
III.	Th JULY 13	9AM	Pantry

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

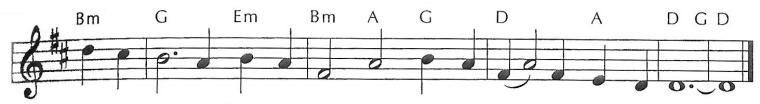


Each stanza here pairs an invitation from Jesus with a response from the narrator. These three invitations recall how Jesus welcomed those who were heavy laden (Matthew 11:28), offered living water (John 4:10–14), and identified himself as the light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5).

Come to Me, O Weary Traveler



- 1 "Come to me, O wea ry trav-eler; come to me with your dis-tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas y; do not fear, my bur-den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou-bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea ry trav-eler; rest in me and do not fear.



come to me, you heav-y bur-dened; come to me and find your rest." do not fear the path be-fore you; do not run from me in fright." Take my yoke, I am be-side you; take and learn hu-mil - i - ty." Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a-way your care."

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28–30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn's skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.

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