



FAIRLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Welcoming. Nurturing. Serving.

THE WAY

March 1, 2026 at 11AM
Second Sunday in Lent

Meeting One Another on The Way

Greeting

Prelude

Voluntary

Thomas Roseingrave

Call to Worship

TFWS 2237(v. 2) *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

BEACH SPRING

Prayer for the Path

God of Grace: We know you are with us on The Way. But we need sustenance to make the journey. As we come seeking peace and a place at the table, we find that you have already prepared a place and were expecting us. Help us to set tables of abundance for all who travel this journey of life, just as Jesus did. Amen.

* **Opening Hymn 732** *Come We that Love the Lord*

ST. THOMAS

Discovering Ourselves on the Way

Hebrew Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-9 [O.T. 685-686]

Jerry Hawn

The Word of God for God's People. **Thanks be to God!**

* Gospel Lesson

Luke 5:29-32 [N.T. 63]

Kasey White

The Word of God for God's People. **Thanks be to God!**

Message

The High Way

Rev. Christian White

Opening to the Holy on The Way

Prayer UMH 472(v. 2)

Near to the Heart of God

MCAFFEE

Invitation to the Table, Confession and Pardon

Dear God, thank you for the gift of life and love that surrounds us. You have also given us the gift of choice, that allows us to use our time to share this life and love. Sometimes, we allow our schedule to fill with things that are not the ways that Jesus taught us. We confess that we don't use our time to serve the world. Forgive us God, when are choices lead us away from the path you have given us. Help us to choose ways to help others. Help us to choose ways to love others. Help us to choose ways to share hope with others.

[All are invited to make your own confessions in silence.]

* Passing of the Peace

Invitation to the Offering/Prayer

Offertory

Order My Steps

Glenn Burleigh

Choral Setting Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise
your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

...And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer
ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for
us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

...Through your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit
in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Amen!

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Receiving the Elements

Communion Hymns

UMH 521 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* SOJOURNER

UMH 386 *Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown* CANDLER

UMH 407 *Close to Thee*

UMH 128 *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

Prayer After Receiving

Continuing with Jesus on The Way

* Hymn of Grace UMH 378 *Amazing Grace*

Tura's Voice: verse 6

All Voices: verse 1

Choir Voices: verse 2

Low Voices: verse 3

High Voices: verse 4

All Voices: verses 5-6

* **Benediction**

Leader: The Creator God filled you with breath,
inviting you to this journey called Life.

People: We will follow on The Way.

Leader: Jesus, our Guide, showed us what it means
to make a new way with Love.

People: We will follow on The Way.

Leader: The Spirit gives us strength to move forward
with Courage and Compassion for all we meet.

People: We will follow on The Way.

Leader: May this week be filled with opportunities to choose
good over evil; humility over pride;
and loving God over loving the things that do not last. Amen.

* **Trinitarian Blessing**

Postlude

Fughetta in G minor

Georg Andreas Sorge



The White Rose is placed for
John Frederick Moroz, Jr.
who died on February 25TH, 2026.

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

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1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm - ing
 2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the
 3. As a green bud in the spring - time is a sign of life re -



flame, so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing
 way. We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are
 newed, so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's



glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or
 ves - sels made of clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing
 peo - ples, man - y hued. As a rain - bow lights the



cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care, we join
 ac - tions we would show that Christ is light. In a
 heav - ens when a storm is past and gone, may our



hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
 hum - ble, lis - ening Spir - it we would live to God's de - light.
 lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

WORDS: Ruth Duck
 MUSIC: From *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

BEACH SPRING
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1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our
 2. Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er
 3. The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand
 4. Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery

joys be known; join in a song with
 knew our God; but chil - dren of the
 sa - cred sweets be - fore we reach the
 tear be dry; we're march - ing through Em -

sweet ac - cord, and thus sur - round the throne.
 heaven - ly King may speak their joys a - broad.
 heaven - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets.
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1707

MUSIC: Aaron Williams, *The New Universal Psalmist*, 1770ST. THOMAS
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Near to the Heart of God

1. There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God;
 2. There is a place of com - fort sweet, near to the heart of God;
 3. There is a place of full re - lease, near to the heart of God;

a place where sin can - not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.
 a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.
 a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,

hold us who wait be - fore thee near to the heart of God.

FROM THE RITUAL OF THE FORMER
METHODIST CHURCH

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, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

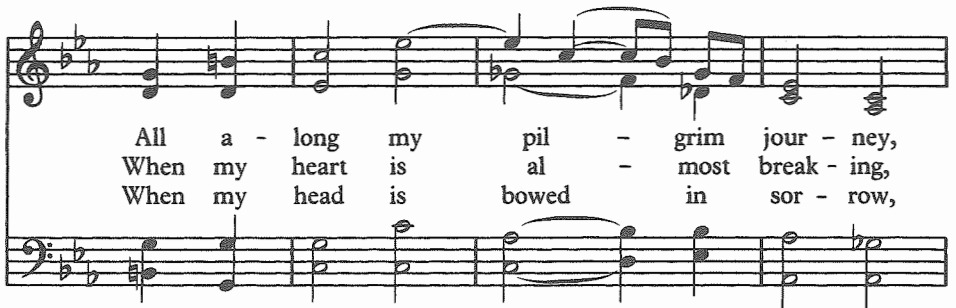
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me 521



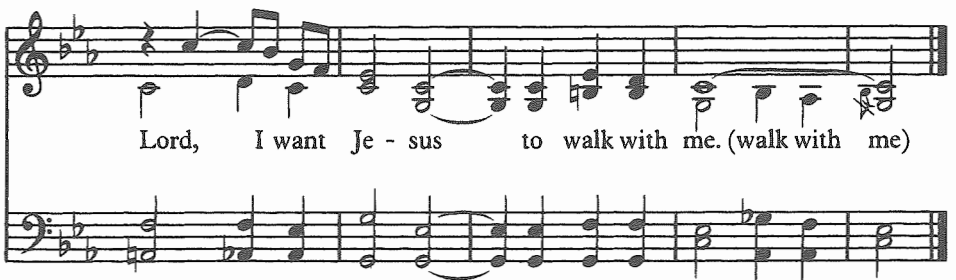
1. I want Je - sus to walk with me. (walk with me)
 2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)
 3. When I'm trou - bled, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)



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All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 When my heart is al - most break - ing,
 When my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. (walk with me)

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual

MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. by William Farley Smith, 1986

SOJOURNER

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386 Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

Unison

1. Come, O thou Trav - el - er un - known,
 2. I need not tell thee who I am,
 3. Yield to me now, for I am weak,
 4. 'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me,

whom still I hold, but can - not see!
 my mis - er - y and sin de - clare;
 but con - fi - dent in self - de - spair!
 I hear thy whis - per in my heart.

My com - pa - ny be - fore is gone,
 thy - self hast called me by my name,
 Speak to my heart, in bless - ing speak,
 The morn - ing breaks, the shad - ows flee,

and I am left a - lone with thee.
 look on thy hands and read it there.
 be con - quered by my in - stant prayer.
 pure, U - ni - ver - sal Love thou art.

With thee all night I mean to stay,
 But who, I ask thee, who art thou?
 Speak, or thou nev - er hence shalt move,
 To me, to all, thy mer - cies move;

and wres - tle till the break of day;
 Tell me thy name, and tell me now.
 and tell me if thy name is Love.
 thy na - ture and thy name is Love.

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Close to Thee

407

1. Thou my ev - er - last - ing por - tion, more than
 2. Not for ease or world - ly plea - sure, nor for
 3. Lead me through the vale of shad - ows, bear me

friend or life to me, all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 fame my prayer shall be; glad - ly will I toil and suf - fer,
 o'er life's fit - ful sea; then the gate of life e - ter - nal

Refrain
 Sav - ior, let me walk with thee.
 on - ly let me walk with thee. Close to thee, close to thee,
 may I en - ter, Lord, with thee.

close to thee, close to thee, all a - long my pil - grim
 glad - ly will I toil and
 then the gate of life e -

jour - ney, Sav - ior, let me walk with thee.
 suf - fer, on - ly let me walk with thee.
 ter - nal may I en - ter, Lord, with thee.

128 He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

1. He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O
 2. Some - times mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some -
 3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor
 4. And when my task on earth is done, when

words with heav - en - ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher -
 times where E - den's bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters still, o'er
 ev - er mur - mur nor re - pine; con - tent, what - ev - er
 by thy grace the vic - tory's won, e'en death's cold wave I

e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis his hand that lead - eth me.
 lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
 will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me, by

his own hand he lead - eth me; his faith - ful fol - lower

I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

Amazing Grace

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1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and
 6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 mor - tal life shall cease, I shall pos - sess, with -
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
 in the veil, a life of joy and peace.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Cherokee

OOH NAY THLA NAH, HEE OO WAY GEE.
 E GAH GWOO YAH HAY EE.
 NAW GWOO JOE SAH, WE YOU LOW SAY,
 E GAH GWOO YAH HO NAH.

Navajo

NIZHÓNÍGO JOOBA' DITTS' A'
 YISDÁSHÍTÍNÍGÍ,
 LAH YÓÓÍYÁ, K'AD SHÉNÁHOOSDZIN,
 DOO EESH'ÍÍ DA N'TÉÉ.

Kiowa

DAW K'EE DA HA DAWSAHY HE TSOHW'HAH
 DAW K'EE DA HA DAWSAHY HEE.
 BAY DAWSAHY TAW, GAW AYM OW THAH T'AW,
 DAW K'EE DA HA DAWSAHY H'EE.

Creek

PO YA FEK CHA HE THLAT AH TET
 AH NON AH CHA PA KAS
 CHA FEE KEE O FUNNAN LA KUS
 UM E HA TA LA YUS.

Choctaw

SHILOMBISH HOLITOPA MA!
 ISHMINTI PULLA CHA
 HATAK ILBUSH A PIA HA
 IS PI YUKPALASHKE.

WORDS: John Newton, 1779; st. 6 anon.; phonetic transcription Cherokee, Kiowa, **AMAZING GRACE**
 Creek, Choctaw as sung in Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference; Navajo phonetic **CM**
 transcription by Albert Tsosi (1 Chr. 17:16-17)

MUSIC: 19th cent. USA melody; harm. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

Fairlington United Methodist Church

Reconciling Statement

Fairlington United Methodist Church proclaims without reservation God's unconditional love and grace, and affirms the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We commit to extend Christ's gospel hospitality, creating a place of safety and spiritual sanctuary for all people. Therefore, this community of faith welcomes into membership, participation, and leadership all persons regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender, family structure, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic background, political affiliation, physical or mental ability, faith history, or life experience. We recognize among us differences in theology and biblical interpretation, and covenant to accept, respect, and love one another along our faith journeys.

As God loves us, so let us love one another.



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