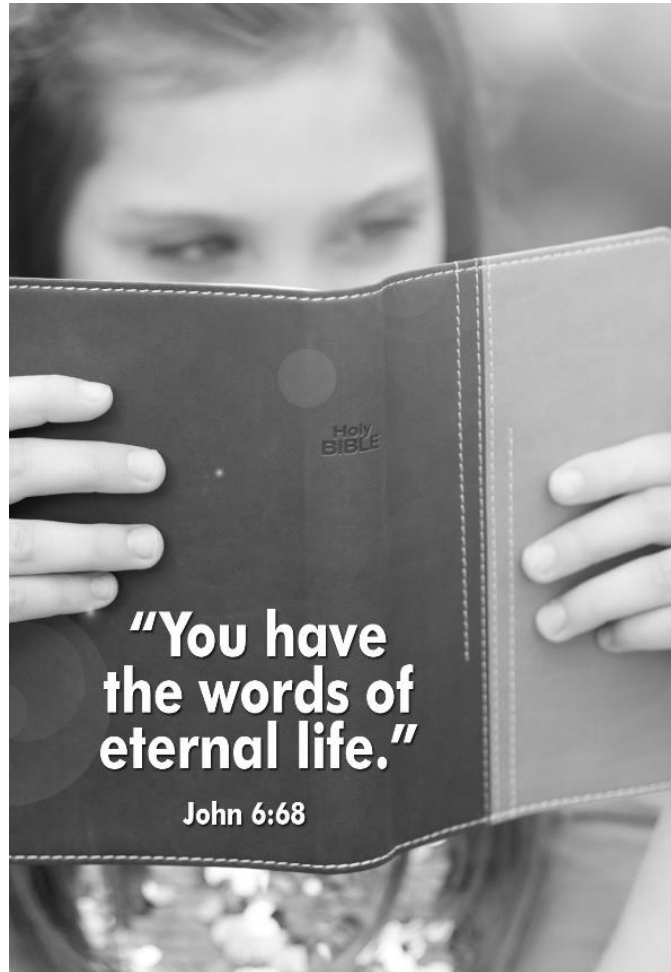


# First Congregational United Church of Christ



**Sunday, May 5, 2024 ~ 10:00 a.m.**

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“✝” *Invites all to stand in body or in spirit*

WELCOME

RINGING OF THE BELL

✝ CALL TO WORSHIP (One/**Many**)

*[from Connections, Year B]*

*Sing to the Lord a new song,*

*For God has done marvelous things!*

**Sing of God’s great faithfulness and steadfast love to all.**

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; sing praises!*

**Rejoice in the presence of God, who reigns with equity and justice.**

*O people of God—worship the Lord.*

✝ OPENING PRAYER

✝ HYMN

**CH #576**

***“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Living God, your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**Taught us how to love you, one another, and ourselves. We confess that we have failed to embody such love. We turn away from you, failing to love and serve you with heart and mind and soul and strength. We turn away from others who are poor and oppressed, are different from us, or do not share our views. We turn away from ourselves, even though you made us in your image and have claimed us in Christ as your beloved children.**

**Merciful God, forgive us for not loving you, others and ourselves. Soften our hearts of stone, and transform us into living signs of your love in the world; in the name of the risen Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*We rejoice in the good news of the gospel:*

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.*

**Thanks be to God.**

✠ GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now and always shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.***

✠ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

**Acts 10:44-48**

PRESENTATION OF 5TH GRADE BIBLES

Those receiving Bibles today are:

- Adrianna Bishop
- Blake Wyburn
- Katilyana McMahan

**Congregation:**

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.  
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us  
as you use this Holy Bible in your home,  
in your Sunday school classes, and in our worship.  
We will learn together and grow in our love for God's  
Word. Amen!**

Anthem

Church Choir

GOSPEL LESSON  
MESSAGE

**John 15:9-17**  
Rev. Chuck Aurand

## Recognition of Graduating Seniors

Our Graduating Seniors today are:

- Winter McMahan
- Aiden Voyles

### **Congregation:**

**O God, we thank you for these graduating students. We pray that you will give them direction, purpose, and perseverance as they enter the next phase of their lives.**

**Give them clearness of mind to move forward into the plans and purposes that You have for them.**

**May these young people continue to grow in knowledge and wisdom.**

**Give them grace to spend their time and money wisely. Grant them success for their efforts at every turn and guide their feet to follow you.**

**In Jesus' name, Amen.**

✝ HYMN

CH #190

***"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"***

A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF OFFERING

✝ DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

✝ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...and so we praise you, joining our voices to the whole company of heaven, who sing together:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in your name.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer After Communion

**God of Life and New Life,**

**with this bread of life and cup of salvation**

**you have united us with Christ,**

**making us one with all your people.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit**

**that we may proclaim your redeeming love**

**to the world and continue forever in the risen life**

**of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

† HYMN

CH #70

***"God of the Sparrow"***

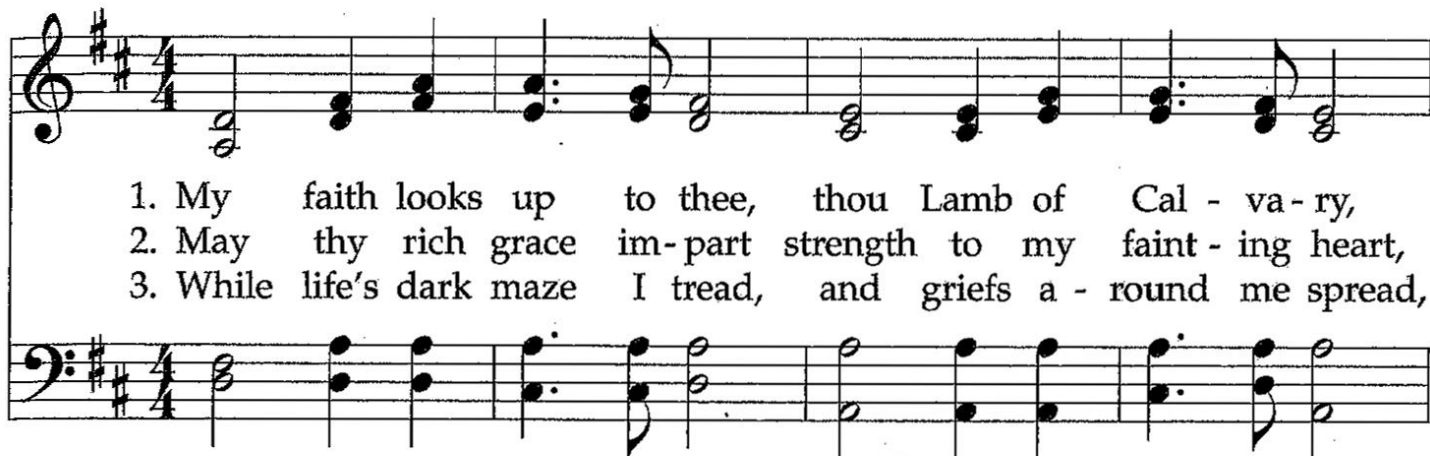
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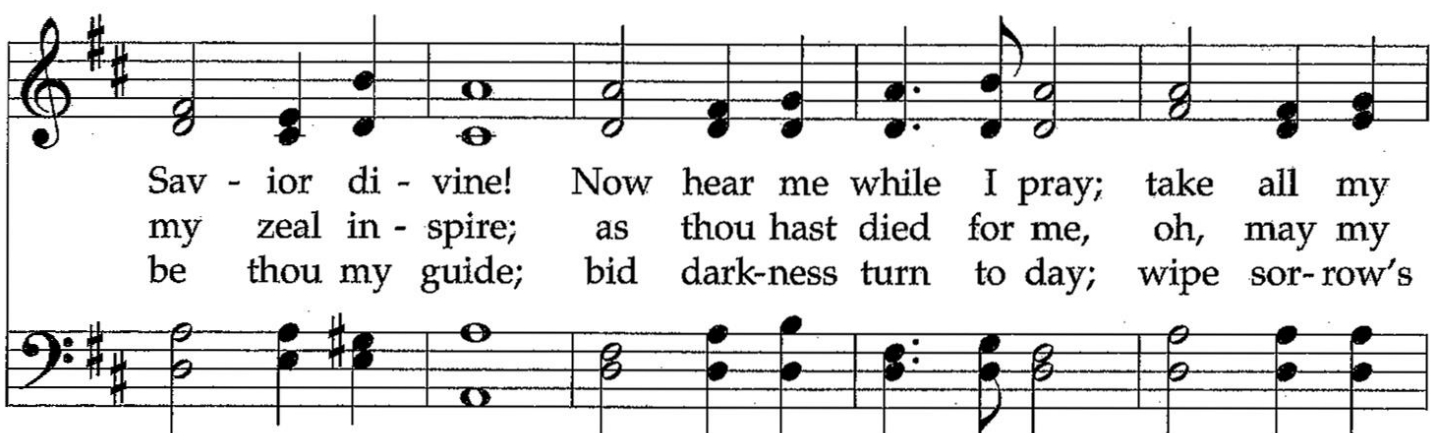
**Thine is the glory,  
risen, conquering, Son;  
endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won.**



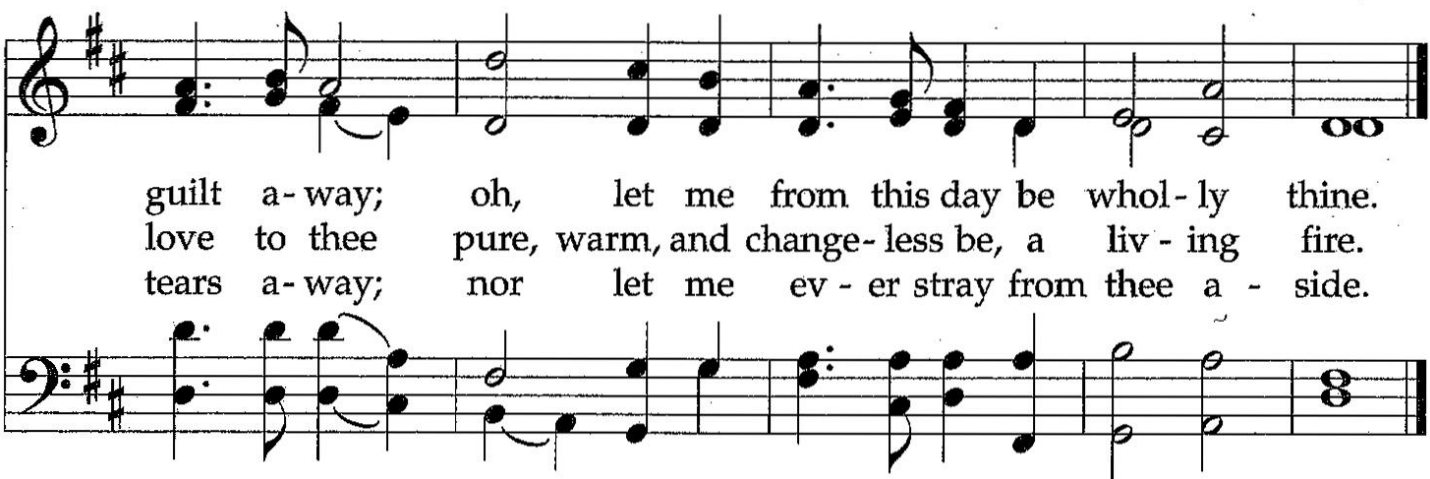
# My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2. May thy rich grace im-part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,



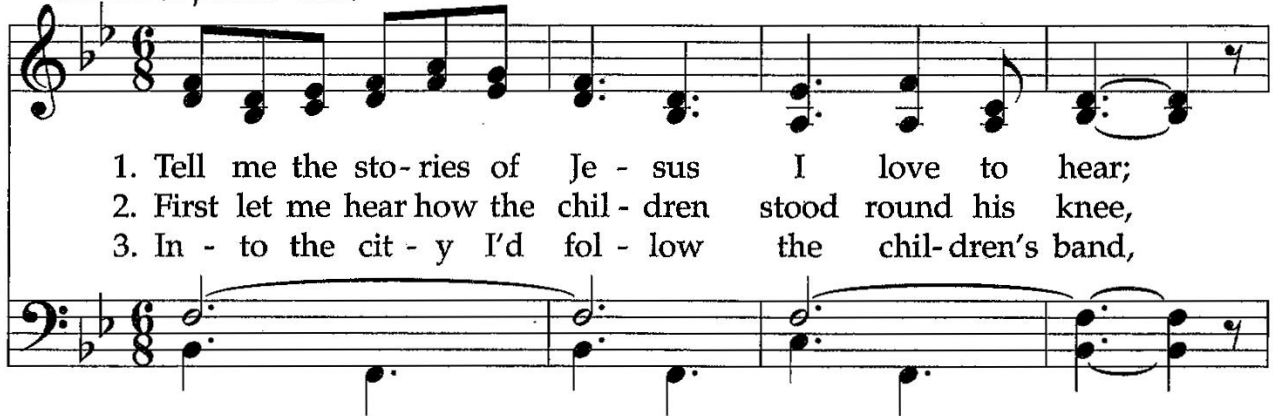
Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor-row's



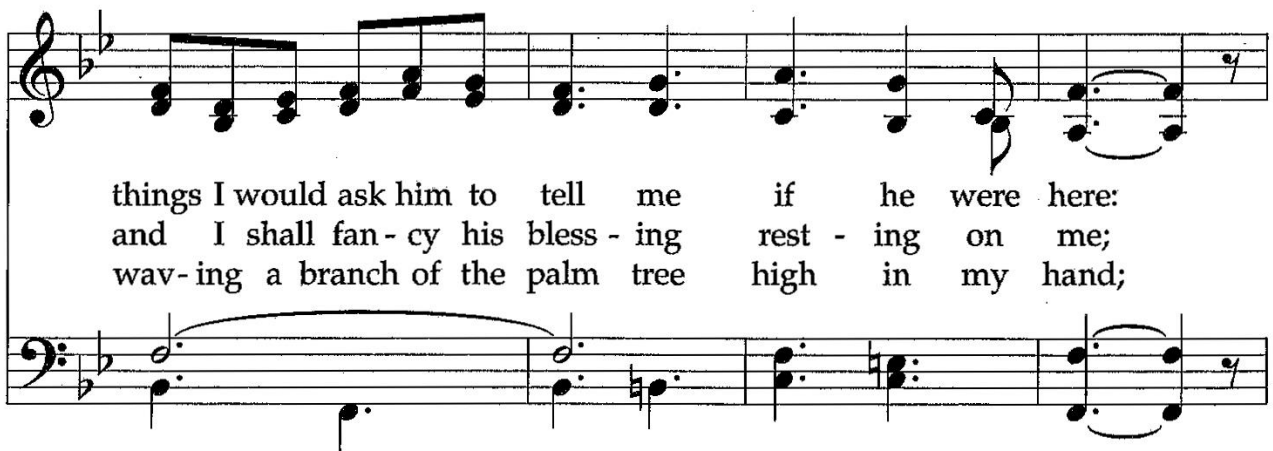
guilt a-way; oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.  
tears a-way; nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

# Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

*Unison (Optional S.A.)*



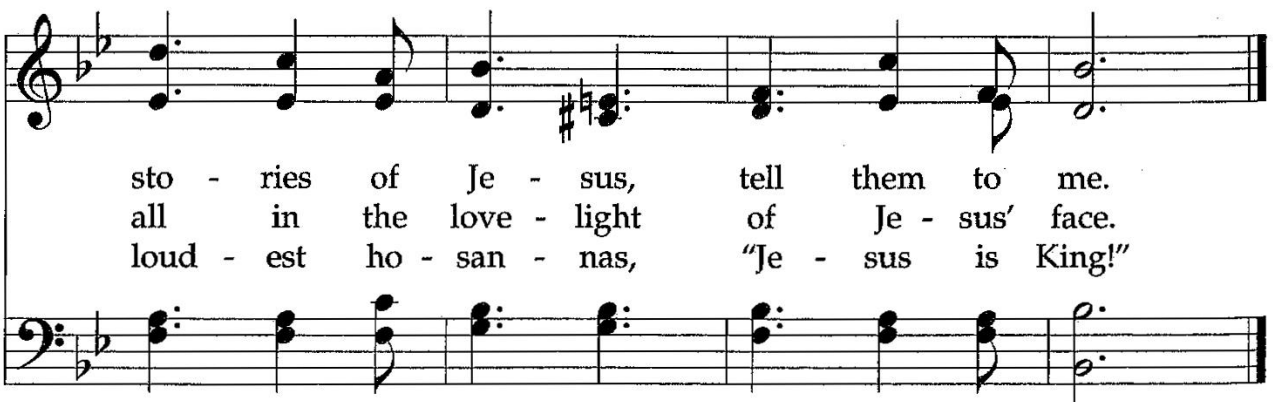
1. Tell me the sto-ries of Je - sus I love to hear;  
2. First let me hear how the chil - dren stood round his knee,  
3. In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low the chil-dren's band,



things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
and I shall fan - cy his bless - ing rest - ing on me;  
wav - ing a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;



scenes by the way - side, tales of the sea,  
words full of kind - ness, deeds full of grace,  
one of his her - als, yes, I would sing



sto - ries of Je - sus, tell them to me.  
all in the love - light of Je - sus' face.  
loud - est ho - san - nas, "Je - sus is King!"



# God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

1 Thess. 5: 18; Ps. 136

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983

(Introduction) G G7 C Em Am Dm

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale  
 2 God of the earth-quake God of the storm  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick  
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe  
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand

G7 C FM7 E7 Am Em

God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea-ture say  
 God of the trum - pet blast How does the crea-ture cry  
 God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea-ture say  
 God of the prod - i - gal How does the crea-ture say  
 God of the prun - ing hook How does the crea-ture say  
 God of the lov - ing heart How do your chil-dren say

FM7 Em7 Am Dm 1-5 Gsus4 G C

Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise  
 Woe How does the crea-ture cry Save  
 Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks  
 Care How does the crea-ture say Life  
 Love How does the crea-ture say Peace  
 Joy How do your chil-dren say Home.

## Thine Is the Glory (Response)

Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son,  
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows a musical score for a two-part setting of the hymn 'Thine Is the Glory'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son, end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.