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The Bell

The Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Brooks Volkart

Hush now, and listen for God to speak.

**In the shadows of this night, God draws near.**

**In this sacred sanctuary God's voice still speaks.**

Come; examine your hearts and your ways so that God may  
come to mend your broken lives.

**We worship together in the Spirit of the Lord, who is  
our rock of refuge, our strong fortress, our only hope.**

Hymn "Lead Me to Calvary"

Prayer of the Day

Colin Kruger

**Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed  
into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and  
our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of  
kindness and strengthen us to face our mortality, that we  
may reach with confidence for your mercy; in Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## MARKING WITH ASHES

*(Come down the center aisle. Return to your pew via a side aisle.  
All are invited to come forward to receive ashes on their hands*

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

Anthem “I’ll Keep My Eyes on the Cross” Sr. Choir

Prayer for Illumination

**God of compassion, through your Son Jesus Christ you reconciled your people to yourself. Following his example of prayer and fasting, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Statement of Faith – **Hayden Kilmer**

And let all the people say “Amen”. **Amen.**

Reading of Scripture

*Gospel Lesson:* John 12:1-8

Sermon **Marked for Life** Brenda Oesterly

Hymn “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And with you also.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*As we pray together -*

The Lord’s Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Sharing the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn           “Fairest Lord Jesus”

Benediction

Extinguishing of the Candles

Postlude

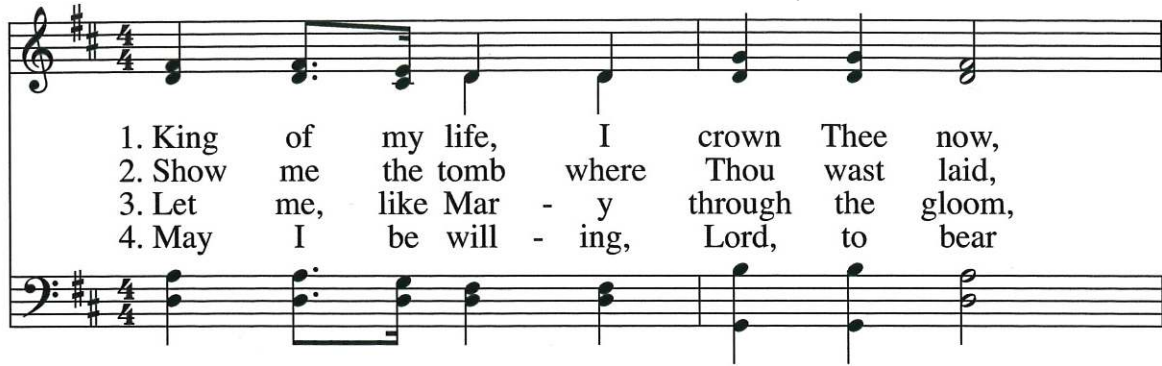
### **L E N T 2021**

Welcome. We pray that you will experience the presence of Jesus Christ, the Savior, during this evening's Service of Worship.

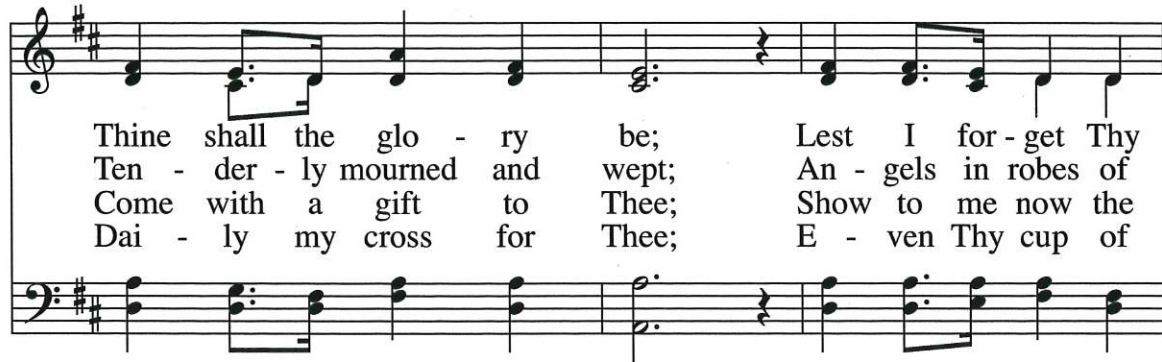
Those who desire may receive the imposition of ashes as a visible reminder of our mortality and as a sign of our sincere desire to repent of our sin.

The offerings received during our Lenten services will be directed to the California Ministerial Alliance.

# Lead Me to Calvary



1. King of my life, I crown Thee now,  
2. Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid,  
3. Let me, like Mar - y through the gloom,  
4. May I be will - ing, Lord, to bear



Thine shall the glo - ry be; Lest I for - get Thy  
Ten - der - ly mourned and wept; An - gels in robes of  
Come with a gift to Thee; Show to me now the  
Dai - ly my cross for Thee; E - ven Thy cup of



thorn - crowned brow, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.  
light ar - rayed Guard - ed Thee whilst Thou slept.  
emp - ty tomb, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.  
grief to share, Thou hast borne all for me.

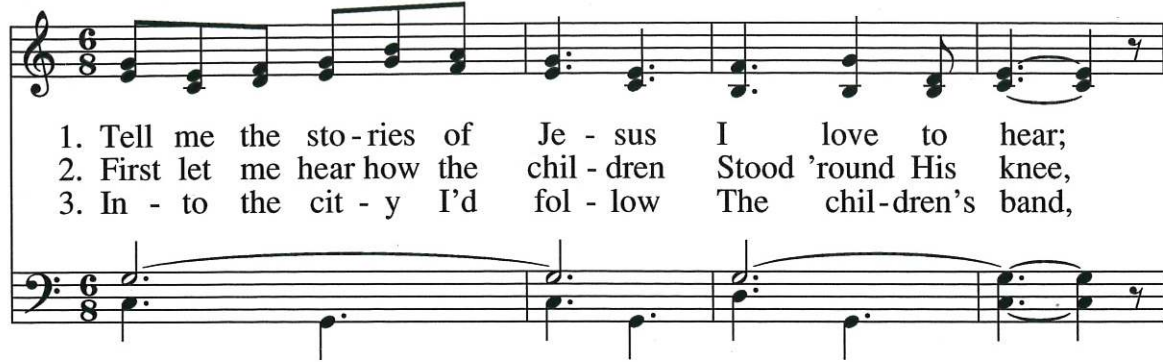


Lest I for - get Geth - sem - a - ne; Lest I for - get Thine ag - o - ny;



Lest I for - get Thy love for me, Lead me to Cal - va - ry.

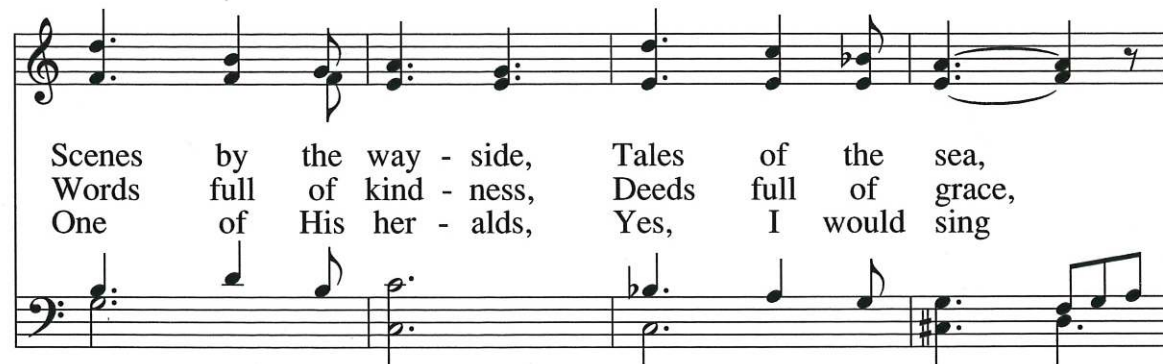
# Tell Me the Stories of Jesus



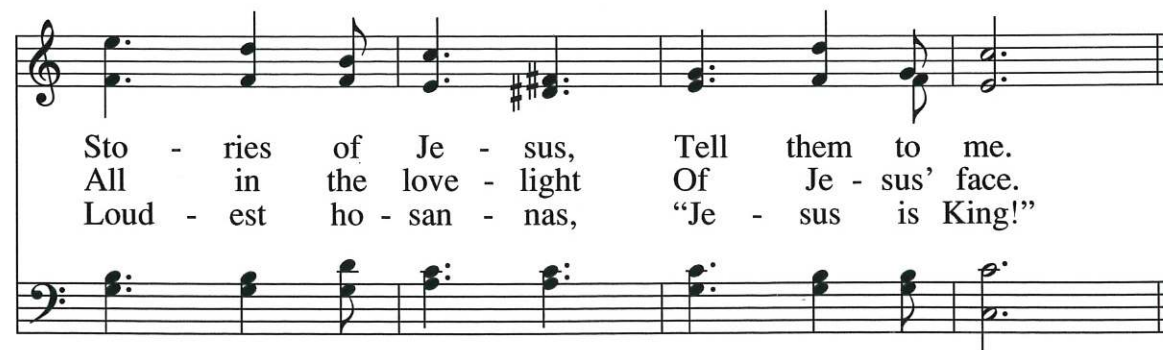
1. Tell me the sto-ries of Je - sus I love to hear;  
2. First let me hear how the chil - dren Stood 'round His knee,  
3. In - to the cit - y I'd fol - low The chil - dren's band,



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!"

# Fairest Lord Jesus

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,  
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,  
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

O Thou of God and man the Son,  
Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring:  
And all the twin - kling, star - ry host:

Thee will I cher - ish, Thee will I hon - or, Thou,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er, Who  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er, Than

my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
all the an - gels heav'n can boast. A - men.