

Order of Service 1.24.2021

Prelude

Welcome/Call to Worship

Where He Leads Me

(No. 338)

Refrain:

Where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow,
Where he leads me I will follow,
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

Opening Hymn

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

(No. 128)

Verse 1

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

Verse 2

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.
[Refrain]

Verse 3

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
[Refrain]

Verse 4

And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.
[Refrain]

Announcements

Morning Prayer

Anthem

Promised Land by Natalie Sleeth

Performed by The Youth Choir

Scripture Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

Imitating Christ's Humility

2 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, 2 make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. 5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

12 Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Sermon

Apostle's Creed (No. 881)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Here I Am Lord

(UMH No. 593)

Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
Whom shall I send? (Chorus)

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? (Chorus)

Postlude



HELP GIVE A WOMAN
WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT:
We have a new project to support a women's shelter in Shelby. Blank cards are now available in the CAC Hallway for you to fill out with words of encouragement and put in the collection box. These cards will be picked up weekly and delivered.

Sunday School News

We are thrilled to partner with RightNow Media (RNM), an online, user-friendly library for individuals in every age and stage of life. This is a program that offers unlimited access to thousands of Christian videos. And the great thing about it is that it's free to members of the Central Church Family! In February, be on the lookout for your email invitation to join.

Join us for our congregational-wide **Sunday School** after service. We will explore and study our Bible together in this group setting while maintaining social distancing.

Warming Hearts Missions Project

January and February can be hard months for those in need – the weather is cold, many do not have the basic essentials or they have run out after the rush of Christmas donations.

Please help us warm the hearts of those less fortunate in our community. In February we will join our Community Kitchen in giving out additional food as well as socks, hats, and gloves. We will be collecting these items during the month of January.

If you are not able to drop off the specific items but would like to support this project, you may drop off a monetary donation to the church office (on the memo line please designate it to Warming Hearts). For more information, please see Stephanie Wilson or contact the church office at 704-739-2471. We also have an Amazon Wish list and the link is at www.cumckm.org and on our Facebook page.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT ATTENDANCE

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Operating Fund

Contributions 1/17	\$	2,166.15
Contributions YTD	\$	9,336.94

Capital Improvements Fund

Contributions 1/17	\$	0.00
Contributions YTD	\$	0.00

PRAYER LIST: PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Praises and concerns will stay on this list for one month unless otherwise requested.

Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound: Peggy Ramey; Sara Griffin; Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; Ruth Wilson, Betty Masters.

Military Personnel: SGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; Abbey Wallace-Air Force (Afghanistan); SSG Colby Bailey—Army (Deployed); LT Boone McDaniel, Navy; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; SP4 Joshua Brucker (Fort Campbell); Skyler Rhea—Army (Saudi Arabia).

Concerns (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Doris Sweeting 12.18.20 (death); Margaret "Marty" Van Sleen Wilson, mother of Van Wilson (death) 1.17.21.

Concerns (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Cristi Boyd 9.30.19; Diane Larose 10.7.19; Crystal Braswell 10.16.19.

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 heaven-ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, when -
 times where E - den's bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters still, o'er
 ev - er mur - mur 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

WORDS: Joseph H. Gilmore, 1862 (Ps. 23)
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1864

HE LEADETH ME
 LM with Refrain

his own hand he lead - eth me; his faith - ful fol - lower
 I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me.

129 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1. Give to the winds thy fears; hope and be un - dis - mayed.
 2. Through waves and clouds and storms, God gent - ly clears thy way;
 3. Leave to God's sov - eign sway to choose and to com - mand;
 4. Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast truth de - clare,

God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears, God shall lift up thy head.
 wait thou God's time; so shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 and shalt thou, won - dering, own that way, how wise, how strong this hand.
 and pub - lish with our lat - est breath thy love and guard - ian care.

WORDS: Paul Gerhardt, 1653; trans. by John Wesley, 1739 (Ps. 37:5)
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894

FESTAL SONG
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Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I who made the stars of night,
I have heard my peo-ple cry,
I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I will break their hearts of stone,
I have borne my peo-ple's pain,
I give them hearts for love a- lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will give them hearts for love a- lone,
I will give them hearts for love a- lone.

All who dwell in dark and sin
Who will bear my light to them?
I have wept for love of them,
I will speak my word to them.
I will set a feast for them,
I will give my life to them.

My hand will save.
They turn a - way.
my hand will save.

Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

CALLED TO GOD'S MISSION

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

WORDS: Dan Schutte, 1981 (ls. 68)
MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988
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