

# WHITE MEMORIAL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE  
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2024  
9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

#### Greeting

Karl Zinsmeister

*One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

*One: Let us prepare for worship.*

#### Preparation for Worship

*God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy and always ready to forgive. Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ that, in every way, we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

#### Prelude – Agincourt Carol

*Abide with Me*

arr. T. Arcari  
arr. M.R. Putnam

WMPC Brass Choir

#### Christian Welcome and Announcements

Andrew Amodei

Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor and include all requested information.

#### Call to Worship

adapted from Psalm 22

*One: Let all who love the Lord glorify God!*

**All: A journey with Christ brings honor and praise to God.**

*One: We cry out to God for healing, wholeness, and to renew the Spirit in us, with us, and through us.*

**All: All of the earth shall return to the Lord. For the Lord of grace truly rules over all nations. Let us trust in the promise of goodness and deliverance for today and for every tomorrow. God is good – all the time.**

*One: Let us confess our sin, affirm our faith, and sing our songs of praise. Let us worship the God of grace.*

#### \*Hymn 167 – Forty Days and Forty Nights

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#### \*Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession

*One: Why are we called to confess our sin?*

**All: Because all people fall into sin and fall short of the kingdom of God.**

*One: Why do we pray our confession together?*

**All: Because we are a covenant people, bound together in faith and love.**

*One: Let us pray:*

**All: God, we confess that we do not like to lose. We do not like to suffer losses be they personal losses, professional losses, or losses of reputation. To avoid the suffering of loss, we will try to lie or cheat our way to different outcomes. And yet, we know that loss is part of every human life. Help us tell the truth. Help us live for more than personal glory. Help us remember that sometimes, with your help, loss can lead to growth. In the name of Jesus we confess our sin and we pray for your grace. Amen.**

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

*in the manner of Christ*

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

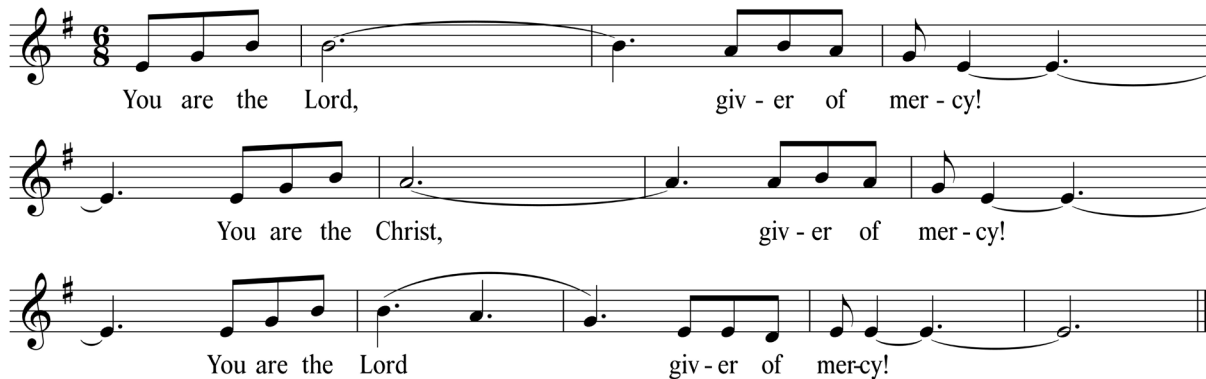
**\*Passing of the Peace**

*One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

**\*Response Hymn 437 – *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!***

WAYFARING STRANGER



**WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

(9:30) **Holdren Louise Pendleton**, child of Molly and Jordan Pendleton

(11:00) **Henry Lowder Hamlin and John Ralstin Hamlin**, children of Catherine and John Hamlin

**Hayden Carter Maples Jr.**, child of Rachel and Hayden Maples

**Wardell Ross Testerman**, child of Stella and John Testerman

**Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 22:23-31, pew Bible p. 474**

**(11:00) A Time With Young Disciples**

Following our time together, children will return to the pews for the remainder of the service.

**\*Hymn 718 – *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said***

BOURBON

**New Testament Lesson – Mark 8:27-36, pew Bible p. 41**

*One: The word of God for the people of God.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon – “Loss and the Journey Within”**

Christopher Edmonston

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

Jim Ferry

**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 debts,  
as we forgive 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.**

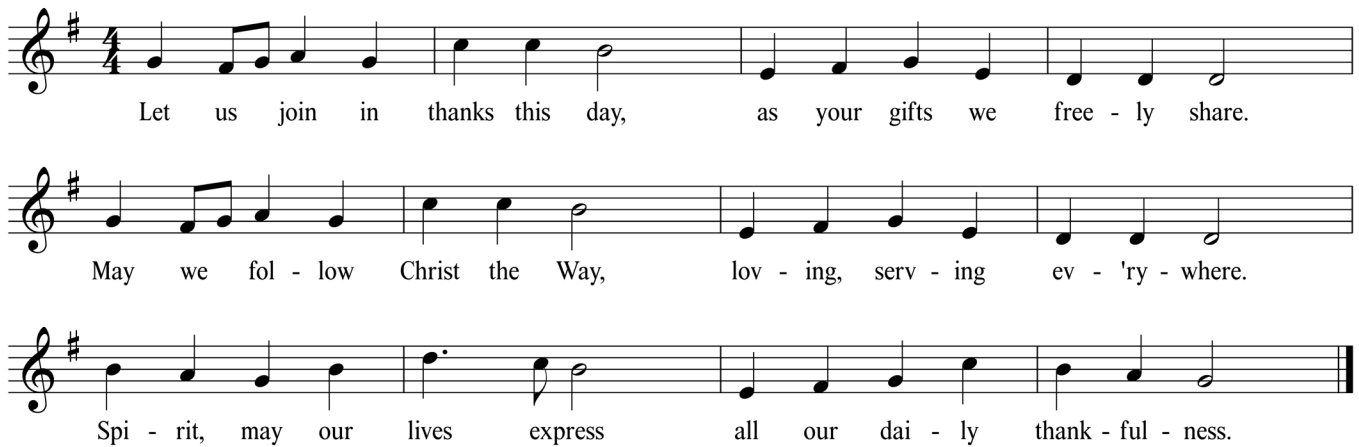
**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory – *Two settings of Psalm 42***

Genevan Psalter 1551 and M. J. Nystrom 1984

(see pew Bible p. 487)

WMPC Adult Choir



**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he arose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn 835 – *Just a Closer Walk with Thee***

CLOSER WALK

*Sing as follows: Refrain, verse 1, verse 2, verse 3, Refrain*

**\*Charge & Benediction**

**\*Chiming of the Trinity**

The worship service ends with the Chiming of the Trinity.  
Please be mindful of those who remain to listen to the postlude.

**Postlude – *Chorale from Jupiter; The Planets***

Gustav Holst; arr.

**WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)**

We are glad you are worshipping with us.  
Visiting? Deacons can be found in the Narthex  
to offer a friendly greeting, answer  
questions and provide directions.  
New members are received after attending  
*Believing & Belonging @WMPC* Class.  
Visit [whitememorial.org/join](http://whitememorial.org/join)  
or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206  
for details, class dates and registration.

**THINGS TO KNOW:**

- **Restrooms** are located on the hallway to Jane Bell Gathering Space on the Pulpit side and also on the first floor of the Luther Building.
- **Childcare** is available for children up to four years old.
- **Sunday School** is offered at 9:30 for all ages.
- **Refreshments** and coffee stations are located in The Connector and Main Hall
- **The Sanctuary** has a loop hearing aid system and an FM system.
- **Live-streamed services** are at [whitememorial.org](http://whitememorial.org).
- **Bulletins** left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation.



**We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.**

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**AFTER HOURS PASTOR ON CALL:** 919-605-4593

Each Sunday we offer three opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial in the Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 in the Main Hall. While you will notice differences in music, location, and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our scripture, liturgy, and sermon. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture, and Affirmation of Faith.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

**William Austin Gardner - February 15, 2024**

**Susan Jones McNeely - February 19, 2024**

WMPC family members: daughter and son-in-law, Suzanna and Mark Beamish, grandchildren, Aidan and Lainey Beamish

### NEW PRESBYTERIANS

**Matilda Joy Koury Ingram**, February 2, child of Sarah Koury and Michael Ingram, grandchild of Susan and Chris Ingram, grandchild of Patty and Bob Koury

**William Murchison Clayton**, February 13, child of Kiki and Will Clayton, Dallas, TX, grandchild of Mary and Jack Clayton

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**Shortcuts!** Find out what's happening around White Memorial during the week. Register for events. Request a prayer. All this can be found in one location. Simply scan the QR code with your smart phone.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 25

*Psalm 22:23-31; Mark 8:31-38*

#### Youth Pickleball Family Challenge

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Pickard Hall

### MONDAY | FEBRUARY 26

*Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 21:1-7; Hebrews 1:8-12*

#### Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

### TUESDAY | FEBRUARY 27

*Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19*

#### Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Breakfast Line | 7:00 a.m. | Main Hall

Bible Study | 7:30 a.m.

#### Women's Breakfast & Fellowship

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. | The Hub

Women of all ages are invited to a hot breakfast, fellowship, study, and prayer.

#### Oncology Yoga

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. | C200

#### Cancer Companions

6:30 - 8:00 p.m. | Zoom

For more information, contact Parish Associate [Jim Ferry](#) or [Amanda Kidd](#).

### WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 28

*Jeremiah 30:12-22; John 12:36-43*

#### Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

#### Wednesday Together Dinner

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Main Hall

Join us for fellowship and a delicious dinner of fried chicken!

[Register by 11:00 p.m. Sunday, February 25.](#)

### THURSDAY | FEBRUARY 29

*Psalm 19; Exodus 19:1-9a; 1 Peter 2:4-10*

#### Keenagers

10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall

This week, Jim Ferry will lead discussion.

Questions? Contact [Mariel Lee](#).

#### Lenten Lunch and Worship

12:00 - 12:30 p.m. - lunch

12:30 - 1:00 p.m. - worship | Main Hall + Facebook Live

[Register for lunch.](#)

### FRIDAY | MARCH 1

*Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40*

#### Children's Movie Night: *Trolls: Band Together*

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. | C200

Children in Kindergarten – 5th grade are invited to join us for Movie Night! Pizza is available for \$6.00 per person. Bring your sleeping bag!

### SATURDAY | MARCH 2

*Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8*

#### Servant Saturday

10:00 a.m. | Pickard Hall

All are welcome to join us as we work on a service project together. This is a fun opportunity for all ages! For more information, contact Jan Stewart at [thestewarts2614@gmail.com](mailto:thestewarts2614@gmail.com).

## SAVE THE DATES

#### Sounds on Oberlin: NU-BLU

Sunday | March 3 | 3:00 p.m. | Main Hall

Get ready for an afternoon of music from chart-topping bluegrass band Nu-Blu! With a sound that acknowledges the traditional institutions that have shaped it, Nu-Blu brings a fresh sparkle to contemporary acoustic music. Admission is free.

#### Caregiver's Coffee

Tuesday | March 5 | 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | The Hub

Please come for coffee, conversation, and connection with other family caregivers.

#### Baptism and Belonging

Wednesday | March 6 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | K200

Baptism and Belonging is a workshop for parents of children under three who would like to present their children for Baptism. Expectant parents are also invited to attend. Dinner and childcare are provided. [Registration is required.](#)

#### Children's Musical: Five Loaves & Two Fishes

Wednesday | March 13 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary + Livestream

#### Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday | March 16 | 9:00 a.m. | Main Hall + Tatton Hall

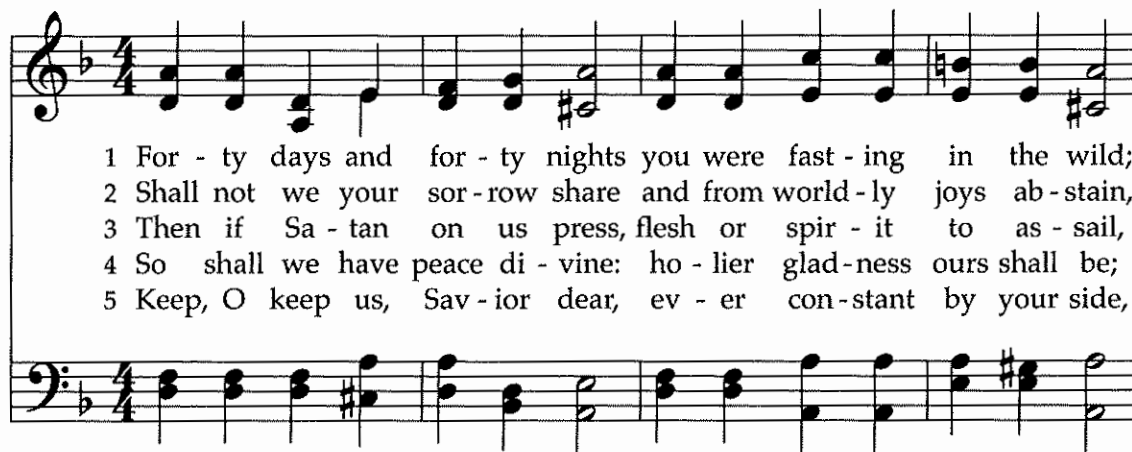
Join us for a morning of Easter fun! Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. [Registration is required](#) to take part in breakfast; the cost is \$5. Afterwards, we will enjoy music and story time from 9:45 - 10:00 a.m. The Easter Egg Hunt begins offsite at Tatton Hall at 10:00 a.m.

#### Friends of Poland

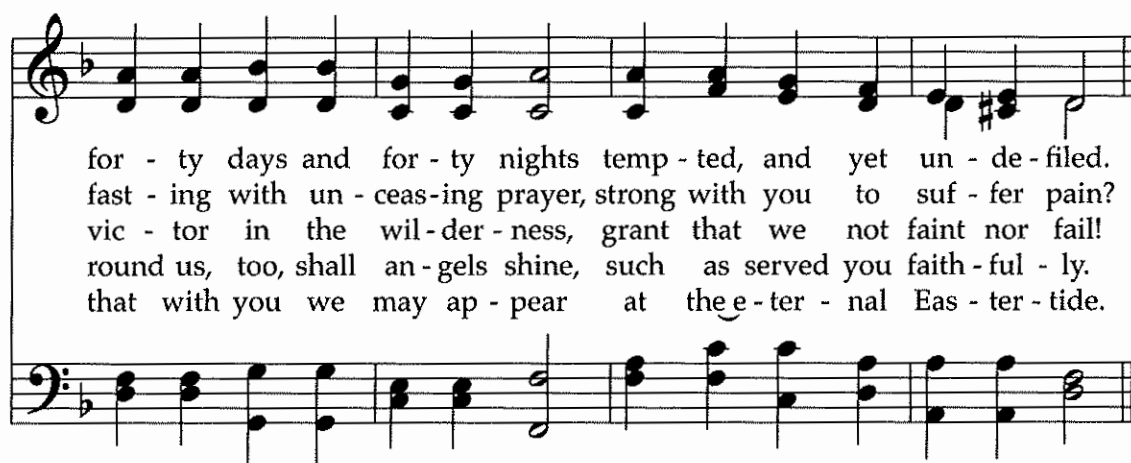
Wednesday | March 20 | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

Join our partners Wojciech Szerba and Marek Kucharski for dinner. Make your reservation for the Wednesday Together Dinner then join us in Geneva Hall for dining. An information presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact [Kathy Kidd](#) or [David Rosar](#).

## 167 Forty Days and Forty Nights



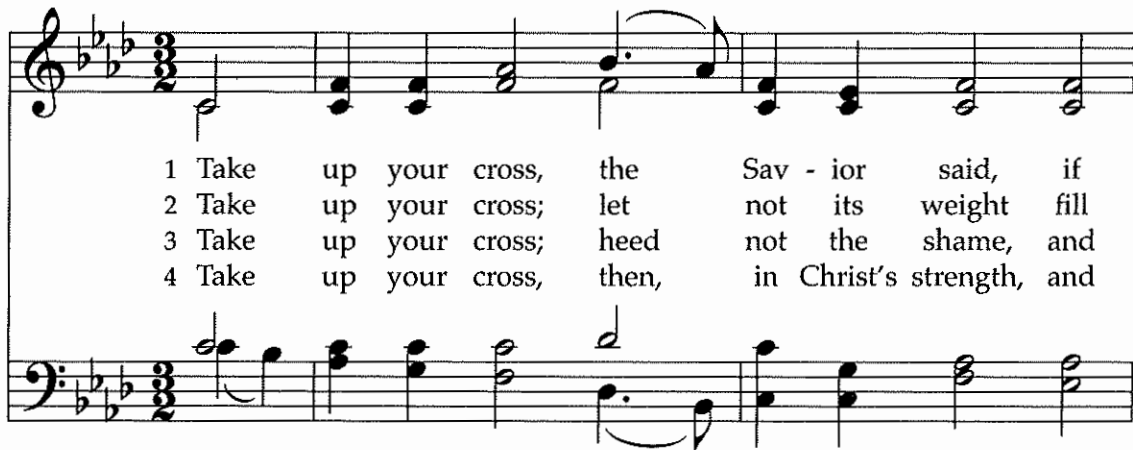
1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;  
 2 Shall not we your sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, flesh or spir - it to as - sail,  
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, ev - er con - stant by your side,



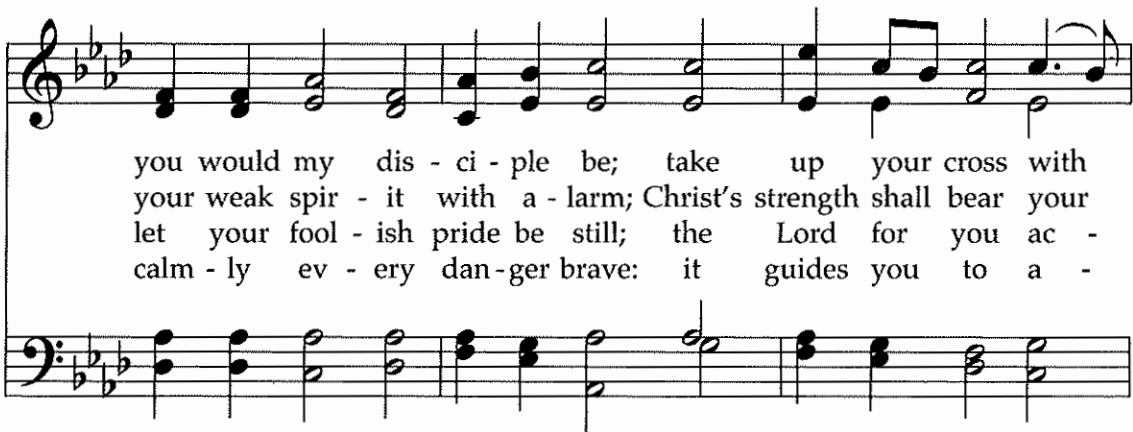
for - ty days and for - ty nights temp - ted, and yet un - de - filed.  
 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?  
 vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant that we not faint nor fail!  
 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as served you faith - ful - ly.  
 that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

This text, given sharper focus by being reduced from nine stanzas to five, reflects both on Christ's temptation in the wilderness and on the purpose and goal of Lent as preparation for Easter. It pairs well with a 17th-century German chorale setting for Psalm 130.

# Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718



1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if  
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill  
3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and  
4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and




you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your  
let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -  
calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -



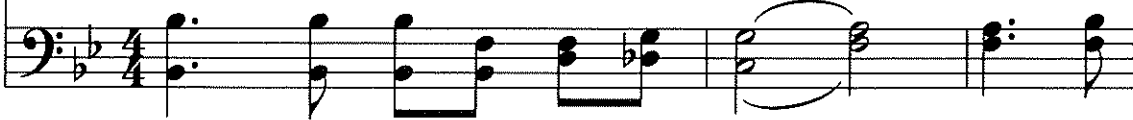

will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.  
cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.


## Just a Closer Walk with Thee 835



*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it,  
 1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus,  
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I  
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for

Je - sus, is my plea, dai - ly walk - ing close to  
 keep me from all wrong; I'll be sat - is - fied as  
 fal - ter, Lord, who cares? Who with me my bur - den  
 me will be no more; guide me gent - ly, safe - ly




thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
 long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
 shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
 o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. *Ref.*



The chromatic musical style of this anonymous short hymn suggests that it probably dates from the early 20th century. It also seems to owe much of its popularity to radio broadcasts and recordings as well as to evangelistic meetings and singing conventions of that era.