

“Songs for Singing and Praying”  
March 29, 2020 (Fifth Lent)  
St. Paul’s UCC Church  
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**Mark 13:1-8**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

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This is our “Fifth Sunday” worship at St. Paul’s: the Sunday where we hear God’s Word more through singing than through the spoken word. There is no spoken sermon this week; instead, the songs preach the Word.

Below are the words for most of the songs during the worship service. We invite you to use these words as your prayers throughout your week – either sung, spoken aloud, or spoken in your heart.

As St. Augustine was quoted for saying, “Singing is praying twice.”

Let us worship God!

**“Be Still and Know”**

*Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.*

**“Woke Up This Morning”**

*Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus.*

*Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!*

*Can’t hate neighbor when your mind is stayed on Jesus.*

*Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!*

*Loving and serving with my mind stayed on Jesus.  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!*

***“Deep and Wide”***

*Deep and wide, deep and wide, there’s a fountain flowing deep and wide!*

*Wide and deep, wide and deep, there’s a fountain flowing wide and deep!*

*God is good, God is good, there’s a fountain flowing, God is good!*

*Halleluh! Halleluh! There’s a fountain flowing, hallelu!*

***“Angel Band”***

*My latest sun is sinking fast, my race is nearly run;  
My strongest trials now are past, my triumph is begun.*

*Oh, come, angel band,  
Come and around me stand;  
Oh, bear me away on your snow white wings to my eternal home;  
Oh, bear me away on your snow white wings to my eternal home.*

*I’ve almost gained my heavenly home; my spirit loudly sings!  
The Holy Ones: behold they come! I hear the sound of wings.*

*Refrain*

*I know I’m near the holy ranks of friends and kindred dear—  
I hear the waves on Jordan’s banks, the crossing must be near.*

*Refrain*

***“Sanctuary”***

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.  
And with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.*

***“Do Lord!”***

*Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do you remember me?  
Look away beyond the blue!*

*I’ve got a home in Glory Land that outshines the sun!  
Look away beyond the blue!*

*I took Jesus as my Savior. You take him too!  
Look away beyond the blue!*

***“Guide My Feet”***

*Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.*

*Hold my hand while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.*

*I'm your child while I run this race, for I don't want to run this race in vain.*

***“I'm Gonna Sing”***

*I'm gonna sing when the Spirit says sing! And obey the Spirit of the Lord!*

*I'm gonna shout/pray/rest/...*

***“The Old Rugged Cross”***

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross and exchange it some day for a crown.*

*O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.*

*Refrain*

*To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
Where His glory forever I'll share.*

*Refrain*

Thanks be to God!