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Road Trip:

God is with us on the Journey

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Today's Lay Reader: Lynn Caterson

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come, ready to experience God everywhere we go.**

Leader: Abraham built altars everywhere he went. He knew that it was important to understand that no matter where we go, God is already there.

People: **Let's take God with us everywhere we go too!**

Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

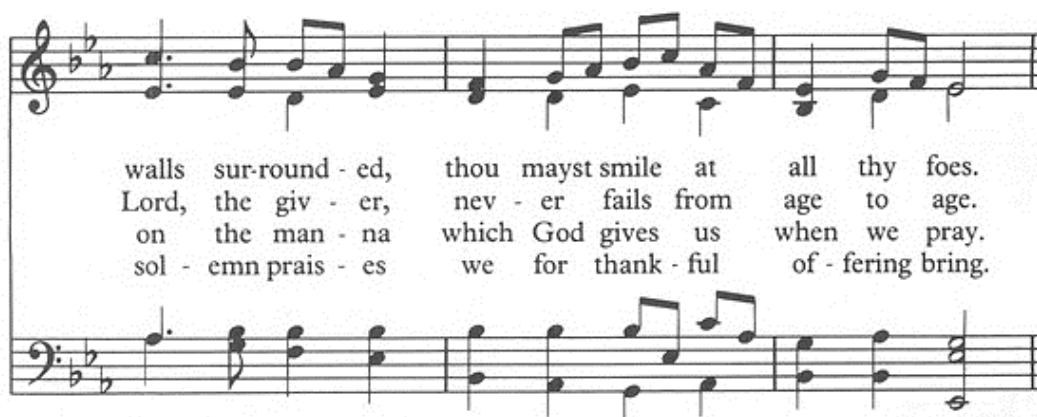
(verses 1 and 3)

1. Glo-rious things of thee are spo-ken, Zi-on, cit-y
 2. See, the streams of liv-ing wa-ters, spring-ing from e-
 3. Round each hab-i-ta-tion hov-ering, see the cloud and
 4. Blest in-hab-i-tants of Zi-on, washed in our Re-

of our God; God, whose word can-not be bro-ken,
 ter-nal love, well sup-ply thy sons and daugh-ters,
 fire ap-pear for a glo-ry and a cov-ering,
 deem-er's blood; Je-sus, whom our souls re-ly on,

formed thee for his own a-bode. On the Rock of A-ges
 and all fear of want re-move. Who can faint while such a
 show-ing that the Lord is near! Thus de-riv-ing from our
 makes us mon-archs, priests to God. Us, by his great love, he

found-ed, what can shake thy sure re-pose? With sal-va-tion's
 riv-er ev-er will their thirst as-suage? Grace which like the
 ban-ner light by night and shade by day, safe we feed up-
 rais-es, rul-ers o-ver self to reign, and as priests his



Opening Prayer

Lord, thank you for being with us on all of our journeys. Whether they be long or short, near or far, difficult or pleasant, we know that you never leave us. Following you might not be the easiest thing to do. Going where you lead us might make people think we are crazy. But we know that we can trust you. We know that you love us, and we know that you are with us. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Chorus

Hallelujah, My Father

Hallelujah, my Father, for giving us your Son;
 Sending Him into the world to be given up for us,
 Knowing we would bruise Him and smite Him from the earth.
 Hallelujah, my Father, in His death is my birth;
 Hallelujah, my Father, in His life is my life.

Special Music

His Eye Is On the Sparrow
Tonya Neuweiler

Charles Gabriel

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I

will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: **Thanks be to God**

Message

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Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

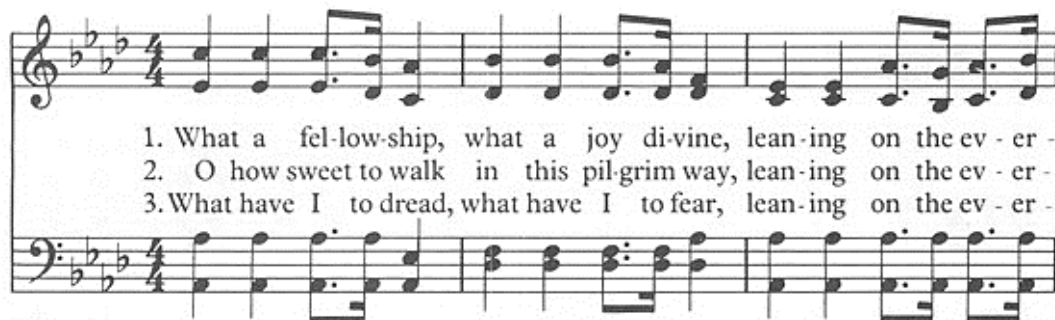
arr. Robert Lau

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, Je - sus,
 Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean-ing on Je - sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean - ing on
 Je - sus, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in D Minor

J. S. Bach