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# Road Trip:

## God is With Us When We're Joyful

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Today's Lay Reader: David Wade

**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 spread joy in every moment!**

**Leader:** Lord, even in times of trouble, help us proclaim: I've got joy because of you because I know you will see me through!

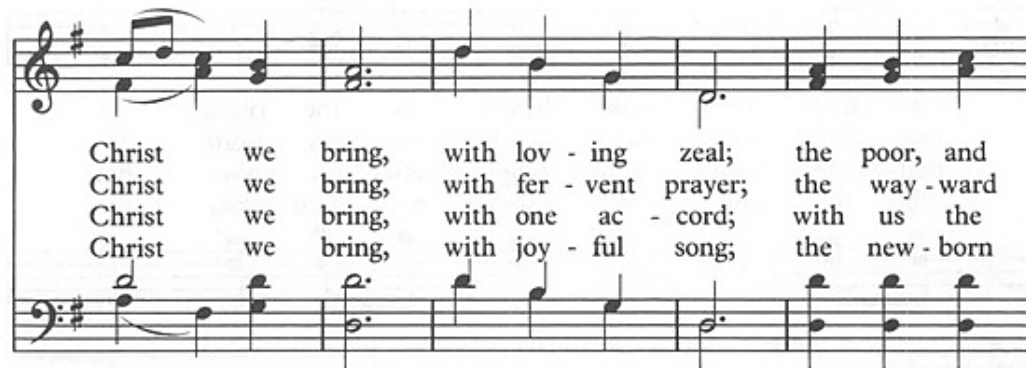
**People:** **I've got joy all my days and I will trust you, Lord, come what may!**

## Hymn

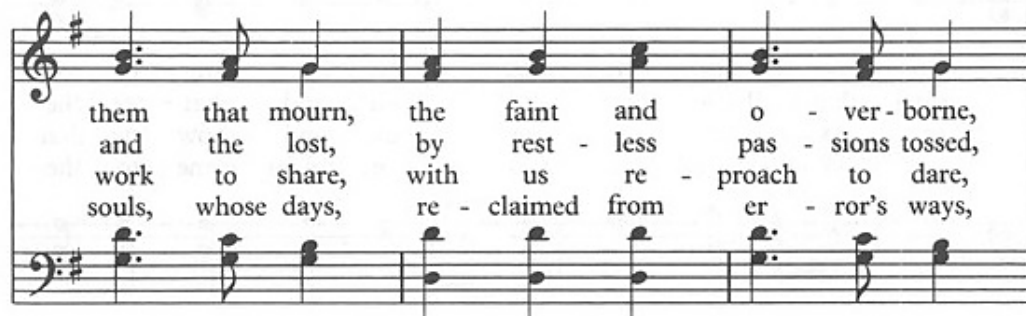
## Christ for the World We Sing



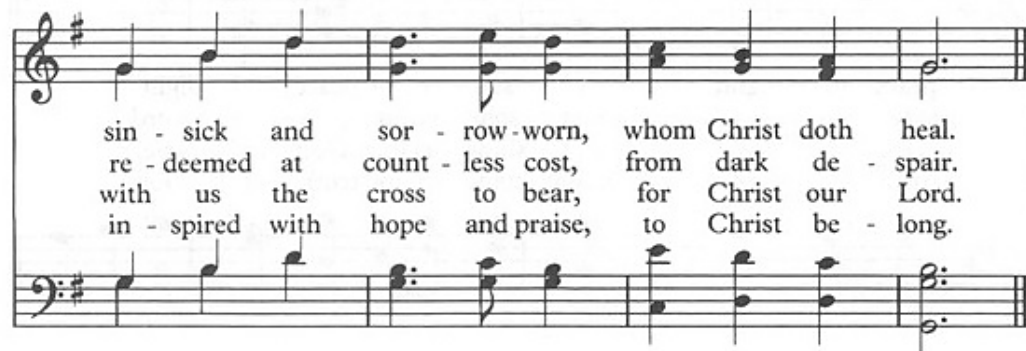
1. Christ for the world we sing, the world to  
 2. Christ for the world we sing, the world to  
 3. Christ for the world we sing, the world to  
 4. Christ for the world we sing, the world to



Christ we bring, with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and  
 Christ we bring, with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward  
 Christ we bring, with one ac - cord; with us the  
 Christ we bring, with joy - ful song; the new - born



them that mourn, the faint and o - ver - borne,  
 and the lost, by rest - less pas - sions tossed,  
 work to share, with us re - proach to dare,  
 souls, whose days, re - claimed from er - ror's ways,



sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.  
 re - deemed at count - less cost, from dark de - spair.  
 with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.  
 in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

## Opening Prayer

Almighty God, our souls magnify you! Our spirits rejoice in you, our savior! You have looked favorably upon us, and we hope to bless every generation. May these words, inspired by Mary, be our mission. Even in the midst of great challenges, we will find joy. To those going through hardship, we will spread joy. This joy comes from knowing that you are always with us. Amen!

## Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

## Hymn

## There's Something About That Name

Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus! There's just some-thing a - bout that

name! Mas-ter, Sav-ior, Je - sus! Like the fra-grance

af - ter the rain. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus! Let all



## Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

### Scripture Lesson

Luke 1:39-56

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.  
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name;  
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones  
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has come to the aid of his child Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

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**

Prelude on an American Hymn

Olive Nelson Russell

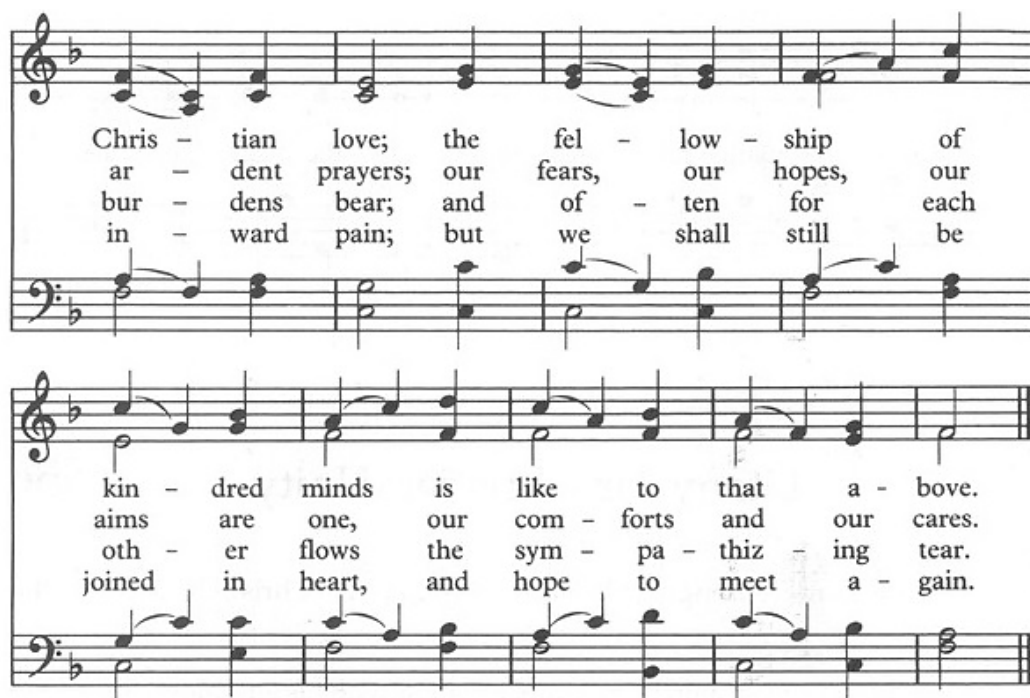
**Doxology**

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**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds





Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of  
ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our  
bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each  
in - ward pain; but we shall still be

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.  
aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

**Benediction****Postlude**

Tollite Hostias

Camil Saint Saens