

**Congregational Church of Westminster West**  
**a United Church of Christ**  
Second Sunday in Lent  
March 16, 2025

[\* = *those who are able, please rise*]

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude:** “Ukraine Has Not Yet Perished” (M. Verbytsky, arr. D. Light)

**\* Call to Worship** (Psalm 122)

One: I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

**All: Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

One: Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together.

**All: To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed  
for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. For there  
the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the  
house of David.**

One: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

**All: “May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers.”**

One: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”

**All: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek your good.**

**\* Hymn:** “God the All-Terrible ” (1-3; Chorley, Lvov: score on the back of this page)

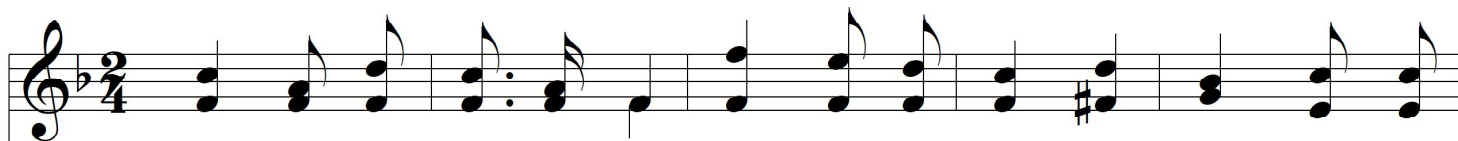
God the All-Terrible! Thou who ordainest,  
Thunder they clarion, and lightning Thy Sword!  
Show forth Thy pity on high where Thou reignest;  
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord!

God the Omnipotent! mighty Avenger,  
Watching invisible, judging unheard!  
Save us in mercy, O save us from danger;  
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord!

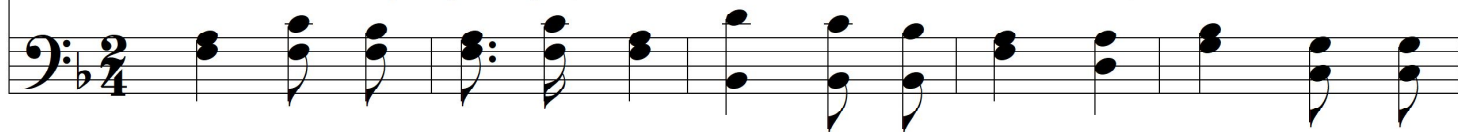
God the All-Merciful! earth hath forsaken  
Thy ways all holy and slighted thy Word;  
Let not Thy wrath in its terror awaken;  
Give to us peace in our time, O Lord!

# God, The All-Terrible!

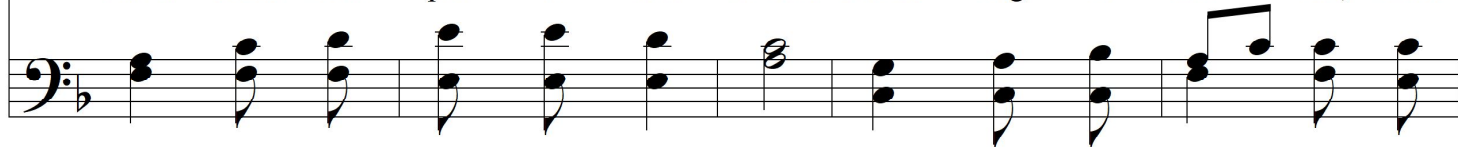
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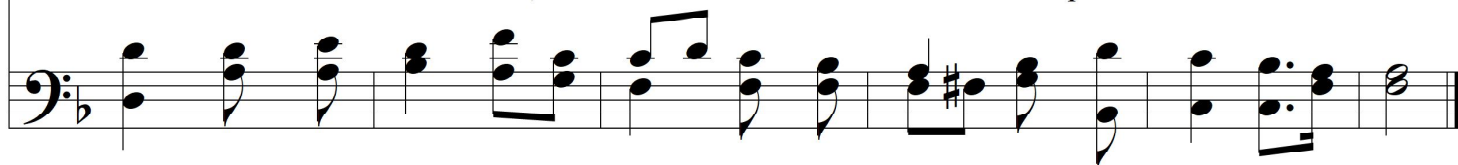
1. God, the All - Ter - ri - ble! Thou who or - dain - est Thun - der Thy  
2. God, the Om - nip - o - tent! might - y A - veng - er Watch - ing in  
3. God, the All - Mer - ci - ful! earth hath for - sak - en Thy ways all  
4. So will Thy peo - ple, with thank - ful de - vo - tion, Praise Him who



clar - ion, and light - ning Thy sword! Show forth Thy pit - y on  
vis - i - ble judg - ing un - heard! Save us in mer - cy, O  
ho - ly, and slight - ed Thy word; Let not Thy wrath in its  
sav'd them from per - il and sword! Shout - ing in cho - rus, from



high where Thou reign - est; Give to us peace in our time, O Lord!  
save us from dan - ger; Give to us peace in our time, O Lord!  
ter - ror a - wak - en; Give to us par - don and peace, O Lord!  
o - cean to o - cean, Peace to th' na - tions and praise to the Lord!



## **Prayer of Confession:**

Most merciful God, I confess that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what I have done and by what I have left undone. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved my neighbors as I love myself. For the sake of my brother Jesus Christ, have mercy on me and forgive me; that I may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

**All: May the Lord show you mercy, raise you to new life, and move you to live in love.**

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One: May the Lord show you mercy, raise you to new life, and move you to live in love.

## **Assurance of Pardon:**

Hear the good news: we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\* **Gloria No. 756** (inside the back cover of of the NCHymnal)

## **Prayers of the People**

One: May the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer, ending in the Lord's Prayer: *Our Father (Mother/Creator) 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And let us not fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.*

**Scripture: Luke 11: 14, 17, 23-26, 29, 30, 32; 37-41;**

**Luke 12: 51-53a, 54-56; Luke 13: 31-35a**

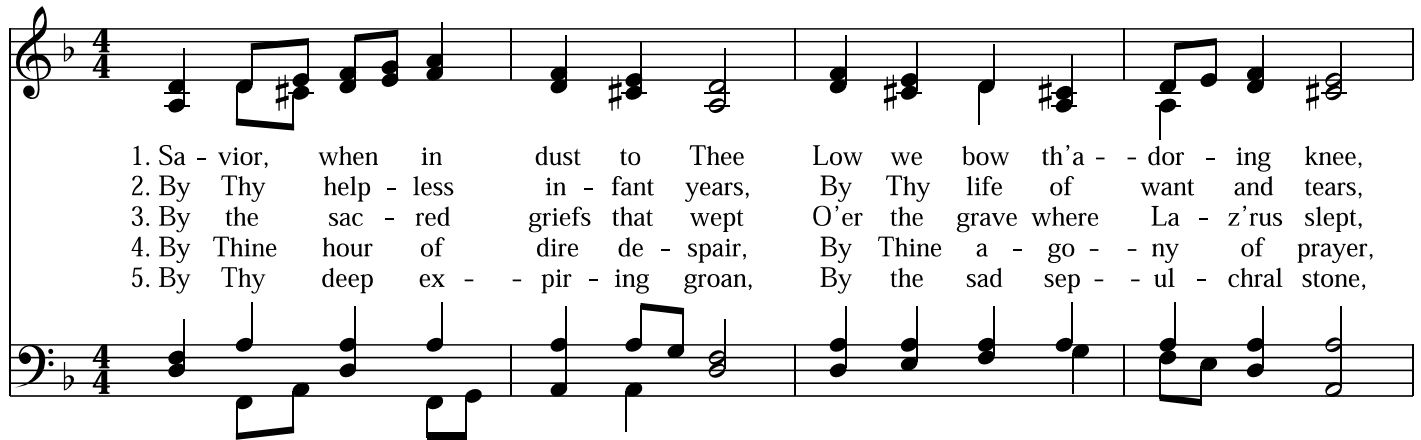
# Savior When In Dust To Thee

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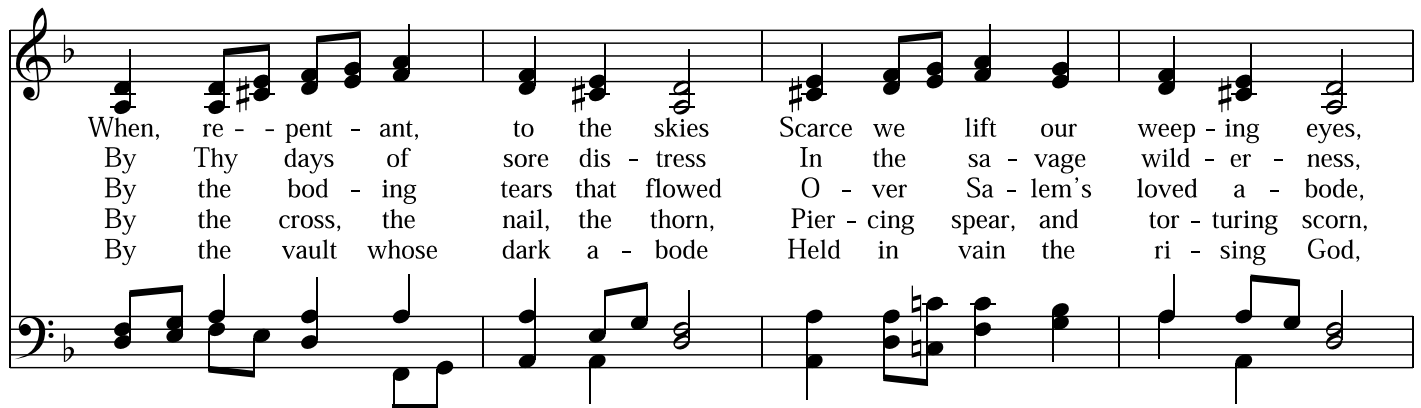
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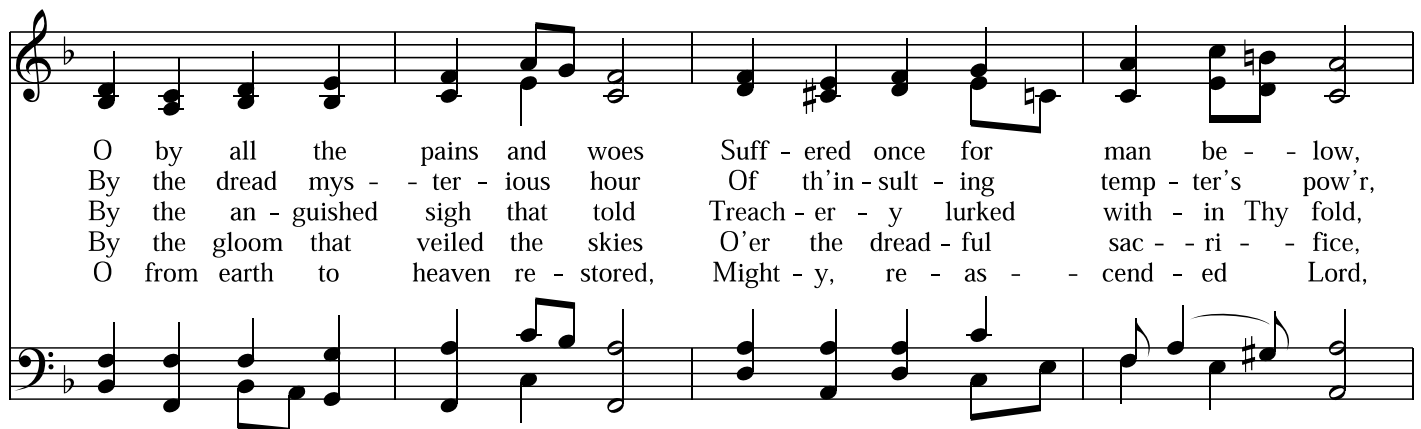
♩ = 100



1. Sa - vior, when in dust to Thee Low we bow th'a - - dor - ing knee,  
2. By Thy help - less in - fant years, By Thy life of want and tears,  
3. By the sac - red griefs that wept O'er the grave where La - z'rus slept,  
4. By Thine hour of dire de - spair, By Thine a - go - - ny of prayer,  
5. By Thy deep ex - - pir - ing groan, By the sad sep - - ul - chral stone,



When, re - - pent - ant, to the skies Scarce we lift our weep - ing eyes,  
By Thy days of sore dis - tress In the sa - vage wild - er - ness,  
By the bod - ing tears that flowed O - ver Sa - lem's loved a - bode,  
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Pier - cing spear, and tor - turing scorn,  
By the vault whose dark a - bode Held in vain the ri - sing God,



O by all the pains and woes Suff - ered once for man be - - low,  
By the dread mys - - ter - ious hour Of th'in - sult - ing temp - ter's pow'r,  
By the an - guished sigh that told Treach - er - y lurked with - in Thy fold,  
By the gloom that veiled the skies O'er the dread - ful sac - ri - - fice,  
O from earth to heaven re - stored, Might - y, re - as - - cend - ed Lord,



Bend - ing from Thy throne on high, Hear our pen - - i - - ten - tial cry!  
Turn, O turn a fav'r - ing eye, Hear our pen - - i - - ten - tial cry!  
From Thy seat a - - bove the sky, Hear our pen - - i - - ten - tial cry!  
Lis - ten to our hum - ble cry, Hear our pen - - i - - ten - tial cry!  
Lis - ten, lis - ten to the sigh Of our pen - - i - - ten - tial cry!

**Hymn:** “Savior, When in Dust to Thee”

(Grant, Parry; score on the back of previous page)

Savior, when in dust to Thee low we bow the bended knee,  
When, repentant, to the skies scarce we raise our weeping eyes,  
O, by all the pains and woes suffered once for us below,  
Bending from Thy throne on high—hear our penitential cry!

By Thy helpless infant years, by Thy life of want and tears,  
By Thy days of sore distress in the savage wilderness,  
By the dread mysterious hour of the, insulting tempter’s power,  
Turn, O turn a fav’ring eye—hear our penitential cry!

By the sacred griefs that wept o’er the grave where Laz’rus slept,  
By the boding tears that flowed over Salem’s loved abode,  
By the anguished sigh that told treachery lurked within Thy fold,  
From Thy seat above the sky—hear our penitential cry!

By Thine hour of dire despair, by Thine agony of prayer,  
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Piercing speark and torturing scorn,  
By the gloom that veiled the skies o’er the dreadful sacrifice,  
Listen to our humble cry—hear our penitential cry!

By Thy deep expiring groan, by the sad sepulchral stone,  
By the vault whose dark abode held in vain the rising God,  
O from earth to heaven restored, Mighty, reascending Lord,  
Listen, listen to the sigh of our penitential cry!

**Sermon:** “Whoever is not with me is against me?”

One: May the words of my mouth

**All: and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

**Offertory:** “Prelude in E minor,” Op. 28, No. 4 (Frédéric Chopin)

**Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God for all that Love has done:  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

**Hymn:** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

(Hoffman, Showalter; score on the back of this page)

# Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

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

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms!  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms!  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms!  
Leaning, leaning, eaning on the everlasting arms!

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms!  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms!  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms!  
Leaning, leaning, eaning on the everlasting arms!

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms!  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms!  
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms!  
Leaning, leaning, eaning on the everlasting arms!

## **Benediction**

**Postlude:** “And the Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed” (G.F. Handel)



## **Worship Participants:**

Musician: Eric Robinson  
Preaching: Ray Huessy  
Deacons: Charlotte Gifford, Sue Venman  
Ministers to the World: the Congregation

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments downstairs  
following the worship service.



## **Upcoming Services:**

### **Sunday, March 23rd:**

Preaching: Adrienne Major

Musician: Eric Robinson

### **Sunday, March 30th:**

Preaching: Karen Blanchard

Musician: Fred Gray

### **Sunday, April 6th:**

Preaching: Sharon Easterling

Musician: Fred Gray



While we are without a pastor, the Deacons will do their best to meet the basic pastoral needs of the congregation. In circumstances that require more than such basic support, they will contact an area pastor to provide it.

Please ask one the Deacons for support if you need it: Charlotte Gifford, Karen Blanchard, Sue Venman, Adrienne Major, or Ray Huessy.