



IMMANUEL CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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February 15, 2026 • 11:00 a.m.



Welcome to worship at Immanuel United Church of Christ!

God is Still Speaking,

Immanuel Open and Affirming Statement:

We welcome and affirm all people in celebrating diversity. We welcome to our faith family people of every race, age, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability and those who have doubts or questions.

Thank You for taking the time to turn off your cell phone during the worship service.

Prelude

*Bringing in the Light of Christ

(* denotes those who are able may stand.)

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

Jeff Erno

Choir Anthem "Jesus, Savior"

Immanuel Choir

***Call to Worship**

Chad Hoolihan, Liturgist

One: Climb the mountain with God.

Many: We will watch and wait.

One: Wait for God's glory to shine like the sun.

Many: Wait for Christ to reveal the heart of God.

One: Wait to gain courage for the terror of the night.

Many: Wait for the Spirit to dispel the darkness.

One: Climb the mountain of God.

Many: We will watch for things worth waiting for.

Invocation

Jeff Erno

Source of light and love, reveal to us your glory. As you appeared to your servant Moses in devouring fire on Mount Sinai, appear to us now in power and might during our time of worship. As you revealed Christ's resplendent light to his disciples on the mountaintop, reveal your radiant light to us during our fellowship together. Transform us with your glory, that our souls might shine your light into a world shrouded in darkness.

***Hymn: "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain"**

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Words of Assurance

Jeff Erno

With tenderness and grace, Jesus shows us the power and the glory of God. Walk in the assurance of God's mercy and the promise of Christ's strength for the journey.

The Congregation Prays

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Chad Hoolihan, Liturgist

Congregational Response: "Lord hear our prayers." (Response after each Prayer request)

Silent Meditation

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

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Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1991; alt.

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36;
John 19:30; Matt. 27:50-54; Mark 15:37-40

Unison

1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain, where, with Pe - ter, James, and John,
2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com-pan - ions saw?
3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis - ci - ples heard?
4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain where we see you glo - ri - fied,
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as - cend - ed Christ.

We are daz-zled by your glo - ry, light as blind-ing as the sun,
Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there fills us with the self - same awe,
Once a - gain the voice from heav - en says of the In - car - nate Word:
Where you shout-ed, "It is fin - ished!" where for all the world you died;
Can - not help but tell the sto - ry, all that you have sac - ri - ficed;

There pre-pare us for the night by the vi - sion of that sight,
Clothed in flesh like ours you go matched to meet our dead - liest foe,
"Lis - ten, lis - ten, ev - ery-one, this is my be - lov - ed One!"
Hear the stunned cen - tu - ri - on: "This was God's be - lov - ed One!"
Say with Pe - ter, James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed One!"

Both text and tune were commissioned by St. Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, Maryland, to commemorate its 50th anniversary. The hymnwriter, Jaroslav Vajda, tells of being "as much at a loss for words contemplating the glory of the transfigured Christ as were the disciples."

Tune: SILVER SPRING 8.7.8.7.7.7.
Carl F. Schalk, 1991
Alternate tone: IRBY

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The Lord's Prayer: (use words most comfortable for you)

Chad Hoolihan, Liturgist

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 24:12-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Chad Hoolihan, Liturgist

Page 70 Old Testament

Page 236 New Testament

Pages 18 & 19 New Testament

Sermon: "Jesus Revealed"

Jeff Erno

***Hymn: "Crown With Your Richest Crowns"**

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Stewardship Message

Announcements

(Be sure to read about up-coming events in the back of the bulletin.)

Offering:

Offertory "He"

Duet, Ann McKinley, Piano &
Mary Beth Wiechert, Vocal

***Doxology:** (The tune is found on page 356 of your red hymnal.)

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW...

PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW...

PRAISE GOD, ABOVE, YOU HEAVENLY HOST...

CREATOR, CHRIST AND HOLY GHOST...AMEN.

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

Jeff Erno

Light of Light, even when our dreams grow dark, you bless us with your radiance and your love. Illumine the gifts we bring before you now, that the world may see your light in the shadows of our world. Illumine our very lives, that our souls may shine with Christ and bring his hope wherever we go. Amen

***Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"**

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***The Light of Christ goes into the world**

***Benediction:**

Jeff Erno

One: Climb the mountain of God.

Many: We will walk in the light and truth of God.

One: Do not fear the voice that calls from the heavens.

Many: We will heed our call to follow Jesus.

One: Draw near to God's holy fire.

Many: We will bathe in the warmth of our God.

One: Shine the light of Christ in the world

Many: We will be bold, for God goes with us.

ALL: AMEN

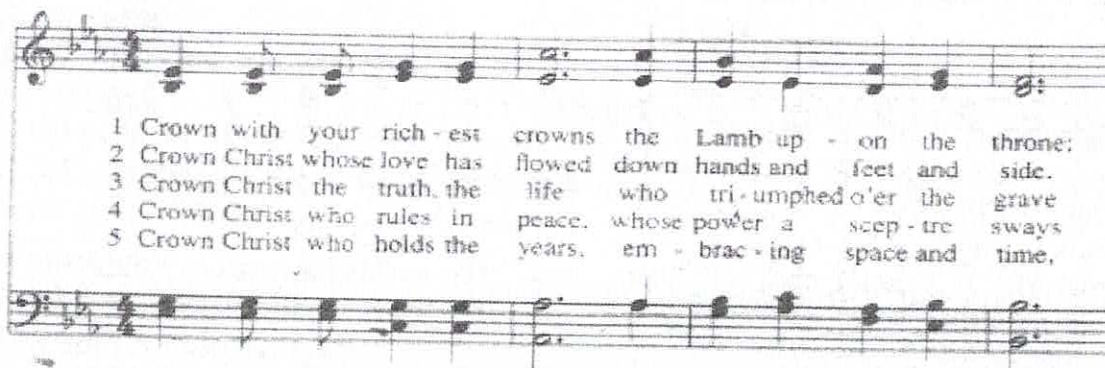
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Crown with Your Richest Crowns

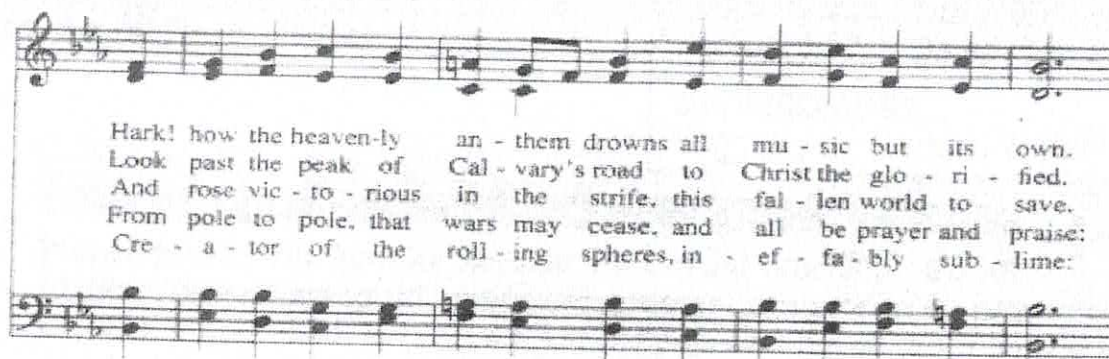
John 19:16-18, 31-34; Rev. 7:9-10

Matthew Bridges 1851 and Godfrey Thring 1874

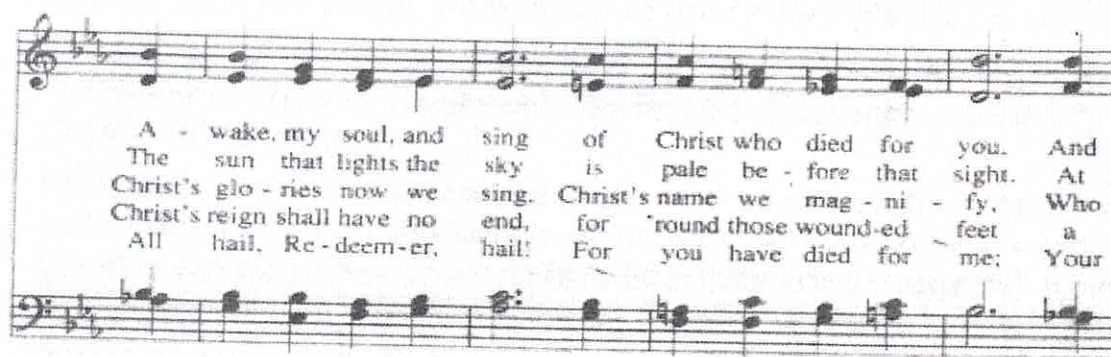
Adapt. Thomas H. Traeger, 1993



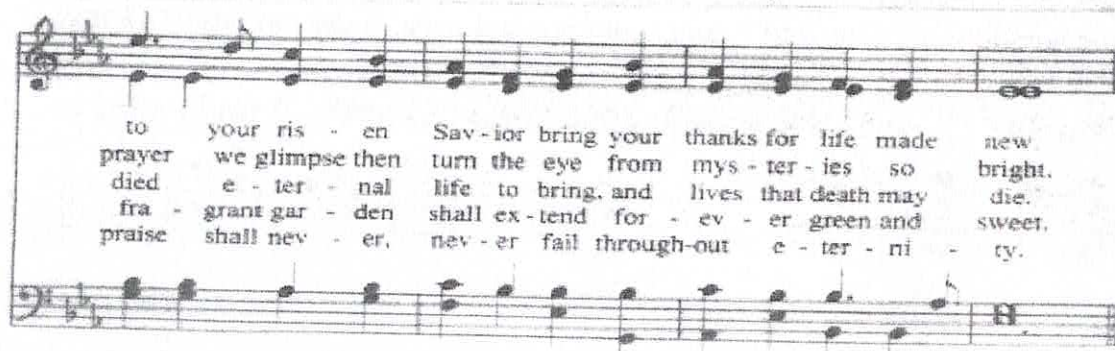
1 Crown with your rich-est crowns the Lamb up - on the throne;
 2 Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.
 3 Crown Christ the truth, the life who tri-umphed o'er the grave
 4 Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a scep-tre sways
 5 Crown Christ who holds the years, em-brac-ing space and time,



Hark! how the heav-en-ly an-them drowns all mu-sic but its own.
 Look past the peak of Cal-vary's road to Christ the glo-ri-fied.
 And rose vic-to-rious in the strife, this fal-len world to save.
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:
 Cre-a-tor of the roll-ing spheres, in ef-fa-bly sub-lime:



A - wake, my soul, and sing of Christ who died for you. And
 The sun that lights the sky is pale be-fore that sight. At
 Christ's glo-ries now we sing. Christ's name we mag-ni-fy. Who
 Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wound-ed feet a
 All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For you have died for me; Your



to your ris-en Sav-ior bring your thanks for life made new.
 prayer we glimpse then turn the eye from mys-ter-ies so bright.
 died e-ter-nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fra-grant gar-den shall ex-tend for-ev-er green and sweet,
 praise shall nev-er, nev-er fail through-out e-ter-ni-ty.

This hymn has evolved as a composite of the original text by Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring's version written twenty-three years later. Diademata was composed for Bridges' text and is titled for the Greek word meaning "crowns."

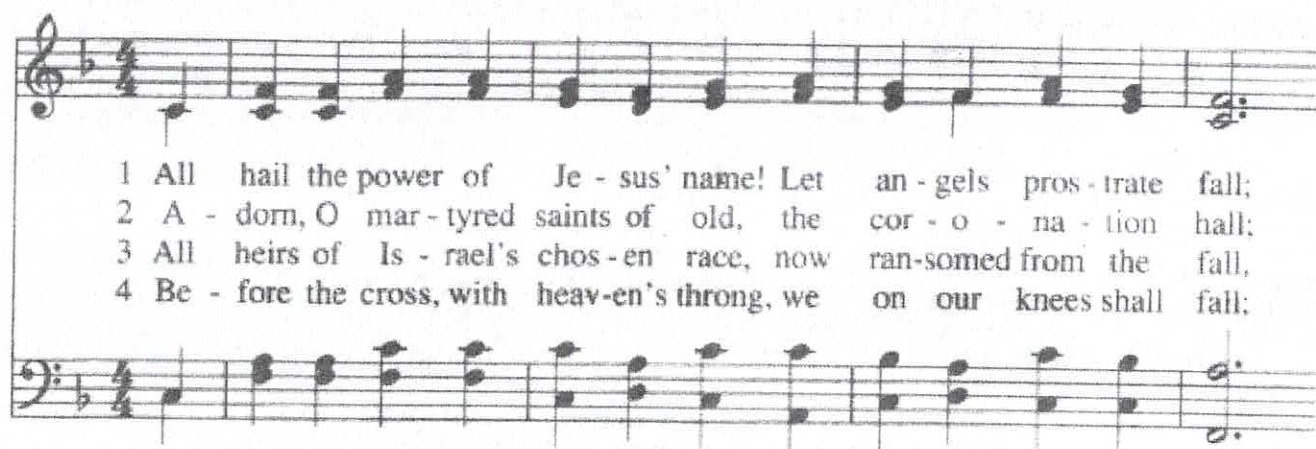
Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1898

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

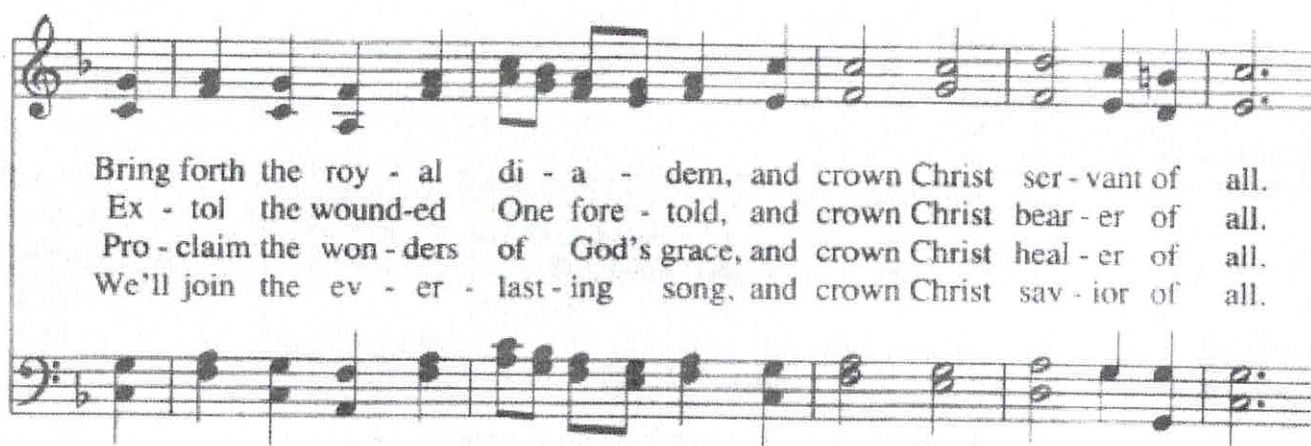
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St. 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780; alt.
St. 4, John Rippon, 1787; alt.

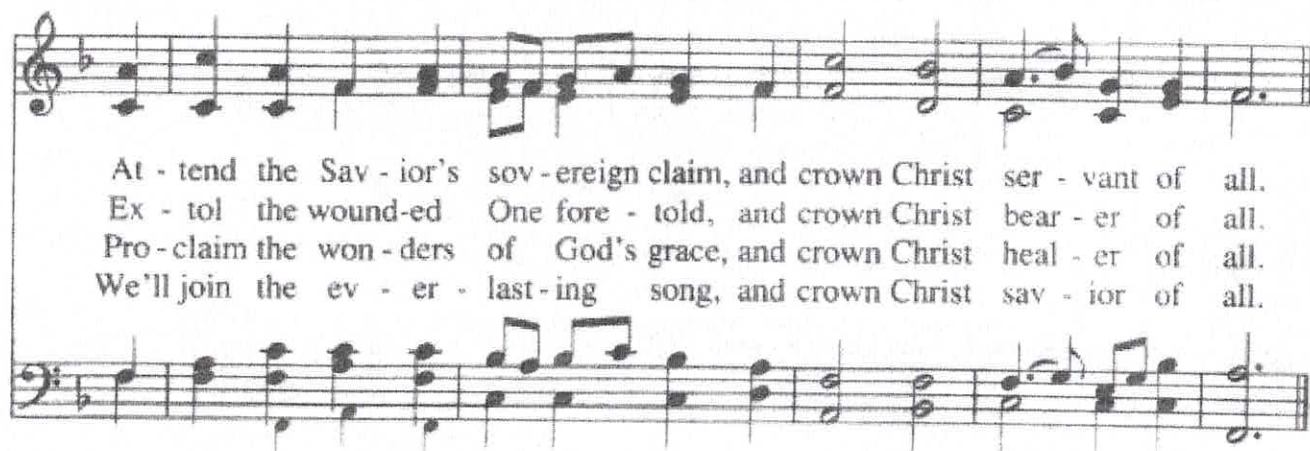
Rev. 19: 5-9; Phil. 2:9-11



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 A - dom, O mar - tyred saints of old, the cor - o - na - tion hall;
3 All heirs of Is - rael's chos - en race, now ran - somed from the fall,
4 Be - fore the cross, with heav - en's throng, we on our knees shall fall;



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.
Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.
Pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Christ sav - ior of all.



At - tend the Sav - ior's sov - ereign claim, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.
Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.
Pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.
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Edward Perronet, long a worker for English Methodism, later became a Congregational minister near Canterbury. John Rippon, an English Baptist minister, wrote more than 1,000 hymns. The tune is by Oliver Holden, an early American carpenter, legislator, musician, and hymnal editor.

Tune: CORONATION C.M.
Oliver Holden, 1793

*Postlude

*We scatter to serve******

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Join together for refreshments in Fellowship

In Worship and Service Today

Sermon: Jeff Erno

Liturgist: Chad Hoolihan

Children's Message: Pastor Liz Wilson

Choir Director: Ken Martin

Accompanist: Ann McKinley

Our Tech team: Tammy & Ken Martin

Floral Arrangements: A gift created by Amy Wilson

Ministers: All the Immanuel Church faith community

Sunday School: Amy Wilson, Liz Wilson, Susanne Waldrep

Church Officers & Staff

Moderator: Ken Martin

Vice Moderator: TBA

Treasurer: Art Nagasaki

Council Secretary: Susanne Waldrep

Clerk: Susanne Waldrep

Church Secretary: Sue Molczyk

Building & Grounds Team Leader: TBA

Calendar at a Glance

Weekly Events

11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship & Fellowship

5:30 p.m. Community Meal every Tuesday

5:00 p.m. Wednesday Free Meals

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Choir practice

6:00 p.m. Thursday Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, February 18

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 19

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Thursday, February 26

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Birthdays and Anniversaries for the month of February:

Birthdays

February 1: Ruth Douglas

February 2: Eric Schuette

February 5: Alex VanHaren

February 6: Danner Wilson

February 7: Willie Ray

February 9: Jeff Erno

February 15: Muriel Beltz

February 16: Tammy Martin

February 23: Ken Martin

February 27: David Ollie Ray

Anniversaries

February 7: Tammy & Ken Martin

- Please be sure to visit Immanuel's website at www.icucc.org
- Please join us for Sunday Service via Virtual Worship. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/oxfordimmanuelucc> You do not have to join facebook, it will ask if you want to join. If not click no and it will still get you to the service.
- **Treasurer's Note:** Our offerings for **February 8 TBA**. We need to **collect \$1,675** each week to fund our approved budget. **Remember to honor your pledge commitments and tithes, especially when you miss any Sundays!** Art Nagasaki, Treasurer
- REMINDER to **bring in old socks & flexible plastic Kroger packaging for recycling.** Call Peggy with questions.
- Please continue to collect and donate your pop can tabs. There's a container in Fellowship Hall. Pop can tabs help support the Ronald McDonald Houses where parents can stay when their child is hospitalized. Tammy will be sending our donation later in May to the Ronald McDonald House in Ann Arbor.
- Please be sure to check the green mailboxes for mail addressed to you. Also, check the yellow wire shelf next to the drinking fountain for anything belonging you. It all wants to go home.
- Knitters, crocheters and crafters: If you need yarn for projects, we have a wide variety of colors and types in our craft room downstairs. Just let Tammy or Ken know

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

February 15, 2026

Matthew 17:1-9

Dazzling Reign

The setting sun cast a warm glow against the wooden beams of the Vermont barn where my wedding reception was being held. As candles flickered on the tables, the music for the father daughter dance began playing. My father's eyes glistened when he realized the song chosen for our twirl on the dance floor was from "The Sound of Music." The movie had always been a favorite in our family as Julia Andrews traipsing through the Alps always tugged at my father's Swiss heart.

Climb every mountain, ford every stream, follow every rainbow until you find your dream.

In the movie, Mother Superior sings this to young Maria — played by Julia Andrews — who is struggling with God's call in her life. The older nun reminds Maria that following God will always mean going in surprising, new directions. There will be struggles, doubts and tears. But search the high and low, Mother Superior says. Follow the dream that will indeed require "all the love you can give, every day of your life for as long as you live."

The season of Lent is upon us, but before we trudge along with Jesus on the way to the cross, we find ourselves having a mountaintop experience. It is here we join Jesus who takes two of his followers to witness divine glory. Jesus is transfigured in dazzling light and the pillars of the faith, Moses and Elijah, stand with him. Jesus' friends are in awe.

It is an amazing moment meant to renew us for the journey ahead, bolstering our waning faith. But we are not meant to stay on the mountain forever. There is life to be experienced. There are mountains to climb, streams to ford, and rainbows to follow.

I chose this song for my dance with my father because I got married later in life. I was at the point where I thought saying "I do" would never come from my lips. Yet through my setbacks, my father would always encourage me to hang on to faith. Follow your dream. Don't give up.

Lent is beginning. Take one last look at the dazzling glory from your mountaintop view. Now grab hold of God's hand and make your way back down into the world. Give your hopes, dreams and desires to God and, as you do, make sure to give them all the love that they will need for as long as you live.

God of mountain highs and valley lows, give us the strength and courage to follow You no matter how difficult or disruptive the path might seem. Help us to trust that where You lead us is to the place where the deepest desires of our hearts are found. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

(Rev. Donna Frischknecht Jackson is a communications specialist for the United Church of Christ and author of today's Sunday Bulletin.)

