



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

11:00 AM

**Opening Hymn**      *In The Cross of Christ I Glory*

### Call to Worship

*Psalm 121 Adapted*

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where will my help come?

*All: My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.*

One: God will not let our footing be moved;

*All: God who keeps us will not slumber.*

One: God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

*All: God is our keeper;*

One: God is our shade at our side.

*All: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*

One: God will keep us from all evil;

*All: God will keep our lives, will grant us true life.*

One: God will keep our going out and our coming in.

*All: It shall be so from this time on and forevermore.*

One: so that the peace of God may be with you.

*All: And also with you.*

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

*Gracious God, we hear your call to the cross, to a willingness to suffer for the sake of your truth, and we confess our faltering. We confess we prefer to be safe than to be saved, to be respected than to be vulnerable. We'd prefer to secure our own power than to follow in your way of love and self-giving. We'd prefer to keep our heads down and hold our tongues than to stand in your truth and speak forth your grace.*

*Forgive us all this. Forgive us our desire not to participate in our own atonement, but to have you do it for us—to suffer the cross. Or maybe even not that? Maybe you could join us on a path of least resistance?*

*No: strengthen us instead to live our salvation now, though this would have us lose our lives so*

*we can find them. Strengthen us to live amidst your realm starting now, though this puts us at odds with so much of the world.*

*Little matter: true life and your love appeal more than anything of the world could do. Thank you for these things, which challenge and save.*

*In Christ, our crucified Lord, we humbly and gratefully pray. Amen.*

**Sung Response**

19<sup>th</sup> c. Shaker text & tune adapted.

*Flow, repentance. Flow; roll on. Roll on, thou blessed power.*

*I want to see by Godly wisdom, to follow in the way of love.*

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**Reading**

Romans 4:13-28; Mark 8:31-38

**Anthem**

*Zion & Babylon*

Josh Garrells

*Oh, great mammon of form and function; Careless consumerist consumption*

*Dangerous dysfunction disguised as expensive taste*

*I'm a people disgraced by what I claim I need and what I want to waste*

*I take no account for nothing If it's not mine*

*It's a misappropriation of fund. Protect my ninety percent with my guns*

*Whose side am I on? Well, who's winning?*

*My kingdom's built with the blood of slaves, orphans, widows, and homeless graves*

*I sold their souls just to build my private mansion*

*Some people say that my time is coming.*

*Kingdom come is the justice running down, down, down on me*

*I'm a poor child, I'm a lost son, I refuse to give my love to anyone, fight for the truth*

*Or help the weaker ones because I love my Babylon.*

*I am a slave. I was never free. I betrayed you for blood money.*

*Oh I bought the world, all is vanity. Oh my Lord I'm your enemy.*

*Come to me, and find your life. Children sing, Zion's in sight*

*I said don't trade your name for a serial number!*

*Priceless lives were born from under graves where I found you.*

*Say, my name ain't yours and yours is not mine. Mine is the Lord, and yours is my child.*

*That's how it's always been*

*Time to make a change. Leave your home, give to the poor all that you own.*

*Lose your life, so that you could find it.*

*First will be last when the true world comes, Livin' like a humble fool to overcome*

*The upside-down wisdom of a dying world*

*Zion's not built with hands and in this place God will dwell with man*

*Sick be healed and cripples stand. Sing Allelu!*

*My kingdom's built with the blood of my son, selfless sacrifice for everyone.*

*Faith, hope, love, and harmony*

*I said let this world know me by your love. By your love!*

*Oh my child, daughters and sons, I made you in love to overcome  
Free as a bird, my flowers in the sun on your way to Mount Zion.  
All you slaves, be set free. Come on out child and come on home to me  
We will dance, we will rejoice. If you can hear me then follow my voice.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

Psalm 19:14

One: May the words of my mouth

*All: and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength  
and our Redeemer. Amen.*

**Sermon**

**Hymn**        *“Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said*

**Pastoral Prayer**

Joys and Concerns

One: God be with you.

*All: And also with you.*

One: Lift up your hearts.

*All: We lift them to God.*

One: Let us pray.

Spoken Prayer

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*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, the power, and the glory, forever and  
ever. Amen.*

**Offering**        Please don’t forget to make your offering! (Church on the Hill: 55 Main Street,  
Lenox, 01240; Monterey Church PO Box 182, Monterey 01240 or online)

**Announcements**

**Closing Song**        Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!*

*I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

**Benediction**

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**About the Monterey United Church of Christ**

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host, Jesus Christ, welcomes all who seek to know God and invites everyone to join in our

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## In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Gal. 6:14

John Bowring, 1825

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing  
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the  
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of  
 ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the  
 love up - on my way, From the cross the  
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that  
 o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers 'round its head sub - lime.  
 cross for - sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.  
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.  
 sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers 'round its head sub - lime.

*John Bowring's goal "to do something which may connect my work with the literature of the age" was attained with this enduring hymn. The gifted Bowring studied 200 languages and wrote extensively in many fields.*

Tune: RATHBUN 8.7.8.7.  
 Ithamar Conkey, 1849  
 Alternate setting: TOMTER

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# "Take Up Your Cross," the Savior Said

Charles W. Everest, 1883; alt.

Mark 8:34

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said, "if you would  
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak  
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your  
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ, nor think till

my dis - ci - ple be; Take up your cross with  
spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength will bear your  
fool - ish pride be still; For Christ did not re -  
death to lay it down, For on - ly those who

will - ing heart and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
spir - it up and brace your heart, sup - port your arm.  
fuse to die up - on a cross on Cal - vary's hill.  
bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Charles Everest, after graduating from Trinity College, Hartford, was rector of a parish in Hamden, Connecticut, for thirty-one years. This sermon in verse is from his collection of hymns titled *Visions of Death and Other Poems*.

Tune: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM L.M.  
Grenoble Antiphoner, 1753