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Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
 Of our life's wild restless sea
 Day by day his sweet voice
 soundeth,
 Saying, 'Christian, follow me';

2 As of old apostles heard it
 By the Galilean lake,
 Turned from home, and toil, and
 kindred,
 Leaving all for his dear sake.

3 Jesus calls us from the
 worship
 Of the vain world's golden store,
 From each idol that would keep
 us,
 Saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

4 In our joys and in our
 sorrows,
 Days of toil and hours of ease,
 Still he calls, in cares and
 pleasures,
 'Christian, love me more than
 these.'

5 Jesus calls us; by thy mercies,
 Saviour, make us hear thy call,
 Give our hearts to thy obedience,
 Serve and love thee best of all.

1852. C. Frances Alexander.

O For a closer walk with God,
 A calm and heavenly frame;
 A light to shine upon the road
 That leads me to the Lamb!

2 Where is the blessedness I
 knew,
 When first I saw the Lord?
 Where is the soul-refreshing view
 Of Jesus and his word?

3 What peaceful hours I once
 enjoyed,
 How sweet their memory still;
 But they have left an aching void
 The world can never fill.

4 Return, O holy Dove, return,
 Dear messenger of rest;
 I hate the sins that made thee
 mourn,
 And drove thee from my breast.

5 The dearest idol I have
 known,
 Whate'er that idol be,
 Help me to tear it from thy
 throne,
 And worship only thee.

6 So shall my walk be close
 with God,
 Calm and serene my frame;
 So purer light shall mark the road
 That leads me to the Lamb.

1772. W. Cowper.

Sharon Moravian Church

**Lenten Midday
 Meditations 2017**

Wednesdays 12:15—12:45 pm.

THEME: A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

**Wednesday
 March 22, 2017**

Filling the Void

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Hymn: # 460—*ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL*

Daily Text and Prayer

Welcome

Hymn: # 474—*COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING*

Bible Reading: Matthew 16:21–27

Hymn: # 186—*JESUS CALLS US O’ER THE TUMULT*

Meditation

Hymn: # 329 — *O FOR A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD*

Prayer & Benediction

Matthew 16:21-27

21 ¶ From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

24 ¶ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

25 "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

27 "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father

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Psalm c (100).

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful
voice:
Him serve with joy, his praise
forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God
indeed;

Without our aid he did us make:
We are his folk, he doth us feed;
And for his sheep he doth us
take.

3 O enter then his gates with
praise,
Approach with joy his courts
unto;
Praise, laud and bless his name
always,
For it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? The Lord our God is
good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age
endure.

1561. W. Kethe.

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Come, thou fount of every
blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy never-ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some celestial measure,
Sung by ransomed hosts above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
Of my Lord's unchanging love!

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thine help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

3 O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace, now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
Prone to leave the God I love;
Take my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it from thy courts above!

1758. R. Robinson.

So far we have looked at:

1. **First Steps** — making relationship with God a priority
2. **The Closer Walk** — a life of peace, direction and purpose
3. **Longing For Home** — recognizing our spiritual poverty