

Waupun United Methodist Church, Waupun, WI
Worship Supplement – Ash Wednesday/2024

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals
he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.**

**Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!**

**Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me?**

**Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!**

**Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me.**

**Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!**

**O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me.**

**Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

**There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.**

**There is welcome for the sinner, and more grace for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.**

**For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.**

**If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God's word;
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.**

Psalm 103:1-18

¹ My soul, bless the LORD, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

² **My soul, bless the LORD, and do not forget all his benefits.**

³ He forgives all your iniquity; he heals all your diseases.

⁴ **He redeems your life from the Pit;
he crowns you with faithful love and compassion.**

⁵ **He satisfies you^[a] with good things;
your youth is renewed like the eagle.**

⁶ The LORD executes acts of righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

⁷ He revealed his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel.

⁸ **The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in faithful love.**

⁹ He will not always accuse us or be angry forever.

¹⁰ **He has not dealt with us as our sins deserve
or repaid us according to our iniquities.**

¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his faithful love toward those who fear him.

¹² **As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

¹³ As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

¹⁴ **For he knows what we are made of,
remembering that we are dust.**

¹⁵ As for man, his days are like grass—
he blooms like a flower of the field;

¹⁶ when the wind passes over it, it vanishes,
and its place is no longer known.^[b]

¹⁷ **But from eternity to eternity
the LORD's faithful love is toward those who fear him,
and his righteousness toward the grandchildren**

¹⁸ **of those who keep his covenant,
who remember to observe his precepts.**