

Friday - February 16

O Come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1.

Songs of Lent

One of the many things I enjoy about Powell UMC is the music. I have loved to sing since I was a little girl. Lent has so many meaningful songs for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. The titles almost say it all.

In the Garden, by Charles Austin Miles paints a picture of what that night might have been like with the disciples as Jesus prayed.

Bill Gaither and The Gaither Vocal Band wrote and recorded many powerful lyrics about the Crucifixion of Christ, including *I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary*, *At the Cross*, and *It is Finished*. Then there is the classic hymn, *The Old Rugged Cross* by George Bennard.

There are many Gospel songs to celebrate The Resurrection of Christ. Two of my favorites are *Then Came the Morning* and *Because He Lives*, by Bill and Gloria Gaither. Then there are the traditional hymns like, *He Lives* and *He Arose*. Other inspirational Gospel songs for Easter Morning include, *Rise Again*, by Dallas Holmes and *I've Just Seen Jesus* by Sandy Patty.

If you prefer Classical music, The "*Hallelujah*" chorus proclaims Christ's Resurrection and makes a splendid finale to Part Two of the Messiah.

I would encourage you to search out and discover the heartwarming and touching music of Lent. I know you will be blessed.

Lori Kipfer

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for the gift of music that helps us through the dark times of The Crucifixion on Good Friday and to help us celebrate Your Resurrection on Easter Sunday Morning. Amen