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Lent at Lakeside:  
My Heart as Sanctuary  
My Life as Prayer  
Devotion for Sunday,  
March 4, 2018

**Give Me Jesus**  
African American Spiritual

In the morning, when I rise  
In the morning, when I rise  
In the morning, when I rise  
Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world  
Give me Jesus

When I am alone  
When I am alone  
Oh, when I am alone  
Give me Jesus

Give me Jesus  
Give me Jesus  
You can have all this world  
Just give me Jesus

When I come to die  
When I come to die  
Oh, when I come to die  
Give me Jesus

A video of the spiritual can be seen at  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cb0XrmVSa9I>

You may need to cut and paste the link into your web browser in order to view the video

\*On the Sundays of this Lenten season, we will highlight the spirituals that will be a part of the worship service for that day. You are encouraged to reflect on the text and to make it your prayer as you prepare for worship.

## 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

### **Prayer:**

O God of our Hearts

You yearn to be so close to us  
that we can know you in every breath,  
in every hope, in every relationship.

Meet us here today and  
teach us to recognize  
the covenant of justice, peace and love  
you have written on our hearts.

So may our desires become your desires,  
our work become your work,  
and our community  
the place where you are sought and found.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

From <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/year-b/le/lent-service-prayers-1.html>