

Walk With Me

If you're sure or if you're lost, love.

Nutshell:

It's the invitation in John 15 to "abide" with Jesus. To hang, to stick around, journey with.

Songleader's notes:

Stay with me, and I'll stay with you.

To quote Neo in *The Matrix*: "That sounds like a really good deal."

Though the metaphor is walking, Jesus isn't really talking about travel. In the *Torah* tradition in which Jesus was trained, walking is a metaphor for faithful life. Consider the story of the walk to Emmaus: Jesus journeys with his heartbroken companions for miles without them recognizing him.

John 15 is an intimate invitation to "abide" with Jesus, even to be identified with Jesus Christ. What does it look like in your life to be branch extensions of Jesus' vine?

The song lists three signs and symbols of the Christian life: water (for Holy Baptism, God's claim on us), meal (Holy Communion, God's generosity and nourishment) and the cross (the sign and signal of God's solidarity with creation's suffering).

How to lead it:

Teach by singing through the song and then inviting the assembly to sing with you, prompting the phrases as you go.

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D A D Em A

Walk with me on your way step by step as you go

D A D Em A D

Walk with me for to-day, com-pan-ions on the road In the

G Em D A

wa-ter, meal and cross If you're sure or if you're lost, love,

D A G D

Walk with me, walk with me

Detailed description: The image shows four staves of musical notation for the song 'Walk With Me'. Each staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some dotted notes. Chord symbols (D, A, D, Em, G) are placed above the staves to indicate the harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines.


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