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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, September 22, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 20

The Sacrament of Christian Baptism

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Interlude*

Thomas Adams

***OPENING HYMN:** "Morning Has Broken"

V409

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God's wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity.

PEOPLE: Our wisdom is none of these things. We compete for knowledge, and our learning fosters belligerence. Our understanding is insufficient and our compassion is limited. We long for certainty and sacrifice too much for its sake. We strive for conditional sincerity.

Leader: The harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

PEOPLE: We do not fully comprehend God's wisdom or achieve God's righteousness, but we come together to share insight, read Scripture, sing, pray, and make peace.

ALL: Let us worship together.**

Maren C. Tirabassi

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison**

The fruit of silence is prayer,

The fruit of prayer is faith,

The fruit of faith is love

The fruit of love is service

The fruit of service is peace.

Oh God, make us a people of peace!## Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

P513

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~*unison*

O God, you create a tabernacle for the sun, the moon, and all the lights of heaven and are present to all things in all times and yet can never be contained. We know you are not limited by the houses of worship we build, but rather that your love always shelters our worshipfulness. Bless and consecrate our gathering in this place and the love we share in this time. May your peace be upon our restless hearts, and may we always find you in our midst, especially in the least likely of our brothers and sisters.** Amen. *Maren C. Tirabassi*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*) Choral Amen

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM OF VIOLET JOLIE NIXON Insert

***HYMN:** "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" vs 1-2 Insert

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 1 Page 482

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous, for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

HERE ENDS THE READING. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

* **HYMN:** "I Sing A Song of the Saints of God" P481

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 9:20-37 Page 1190

And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if

you are able to do anything, help us! Have compassion on us!” Jesus said to him, “If you are able! All things can be done for the one who believes.” Immediately the father of the child cried out, “I believe; help my unbelief!” When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!” After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “This kind can come out only through prayer.”

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Words & Music: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Sung by the Chancel Choir

SERMON: “Who Are You?”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

***CLOSING HYMN:** "The Church of Christ in Every Age" V601

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Presto*, 4th movement of Organ Concerto , Op.4 No. 5

G.F. Handel

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Jim Bennett. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson. **Scripture Reader** is Cathy Welch.

Today's flowers are given today by Joyce and Ted Manzo to celebrate Joyce's birthday on the 30th and our sweet niece Alyssa's birthday on September 21st.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Greg Brenner 09/22, Patience Benassi 09/23, Jennifer Coulston 09/23, Linda Simonson 09/23, Brooklyn Mastracchio 09/23, Lexie Cooper 09/23, Raj Rose 9/26, Barbara Scheidecker 09/27, Jennifer Russo 09/27, Jillian Russo 09/27, Sarah Struk 09/28, Stephen Baraquin 09/29.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: John & Rhonda Masnato 09/21

Quote of the day:

Sign on laundromat next door to a church: Here's where cleanliness really is next to godliness!

Church Chuckles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dates and times to be announced soon!!

Craft workshops for the Women's Fellowship Fair on November 2 will be held starting at the end of August and continuing through September and October. Dates and times to be announced soon.

Planning for the Fair has begun. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome. Sign up to help at Fellowship Hour or contact Carol Mitchell (203) 668-0608. Thanks!

Be The Help Until Help Arrives!

Emergencies happen anywhere and at anytime. Rescuers respond as soon as possible, but sometimes it's too late. Your help can save the life of a loved one or a friend. The church is offering a class called "Stop the Bleed and Hands Only CPR." The class is two hours long and is open to everyone age 11 and older and in good health. Please join us on Thursday, October 17th at 7:00pm. The cost is \$5 per person and pre-registration is required since the class size is limited. Please register by email with Ed Collett , ecollett54@gmail.com.

Archdiocese Of Hartford Human Trafficking Task Force

Human Trafficking is occurring in our state and across the globe and YOU can do something about it. Awareness is the first step!

Please join St. Elizabeth Of the Trinity Social Action Group on **Thursday, October 3 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in St. Barnabas Church** for a presentation given by the Archdiocese of Hartford Human Trafficking Task Force.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Women's Fellowship will be hosting "Pink Sunday" on October 6, 2024. We are asking EVERYONE (men included) to wear pink on that day, In person at church or at home watching the service Virtually! There will be baked goods available for purchase after the service! Please consider supporting "After The Storm" by sending your check Payable to Women's Fellowship! Your donation is greatly appreciated! All funds raised will be donated to "After The Storm" again this year! Honor those survivors you know and love, WEAR YOUR PINK!!

In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, Sarah, and the family of Larry Ballantyne.

**THE SACRAMENT
OF
CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**

September 22, 2024

Violet Jolie Nixon



**THE NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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28 Church Street
North Haven, Connecticut 06473**

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The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Minister

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is a moment in the Christian community when we recognize the grace of God living in each newborn creation.

INTRODUCTION

Minister: People were bringing little children to Jesus that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them:

PEOPLE: “LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, DO NOT STOP THEM; FOR IT IS TO SUCH AS THESE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS. TRULY, I TELL YOU, WHOEVER DOES NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE A LITTLE CHILD WILL NEVER ENTER IT.”

Minister: And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

PEOPLE: JESUS SAID; “UNLESS WE ARE BORN ANEW, WE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD; UNLESS WE ARE BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, WE CANNOT ENTER GOD'S NEW ORDER.”

PRAYER AND BLESSING

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

***QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION**

(The Congregation will please stand)

Deacon: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Violet Jolie Nixon, about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

PEOPLE: WE PROMISE OUR LOVE, SUPPORT, AND CARE TO VIOLET JOLIE NIXON AND TO CHELSEA NIXON AS SHE RAISES HER CHILD IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH.

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BAPTISM

NAMING OF THE CHILD AND THE BAPTISM

PRAYER OF PRAISE FOR THE BAPTIZED

BENEDICTION: (Unison) ... VIOLET JOLIE NIXON, MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU. MAY THE LORD'S FACE SHINE UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU. MAY THE LORD'S COUNTENANCE BE LIFTED UP UPON YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

We celebrate the baptism of:

Violet Jolie Nixon

Born: January 21, 2020

Parents:

Chelsea Nixon and Joel Nixon

Sponsors:

Damon and Gressa Quinn

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	9/22	9:30 a.m. 10:45	WORSHIP: In Person/Live Stream NEWCOMER DISCUSSION (K)
Monday	9/23	9:30 a.m. 10:30 1:00 p.m. 4:30 6:00	Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) Food Pantry Open Music Together (Dbl) New Haven Camera Club (CH)
Tuesday	9/24	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 5:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) PLP United Girls Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (RR) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	9/25	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 1:00 p.m. 7:00	WINDOW MAILING Music Together (Dbl) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl) Danish Sisterhood (K) CHURCH SAFETY TEAM (L)
Thursday	9/26	4:30 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (Dbl) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	9/27	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (Dbl) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl)
Saturday	9/28	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl)
Sunday	9/29	9:30 a.m. 11:00	WORSHIP: In Person/Live Stream Food Delivery (Catholic Church)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Heather Meachen, Organist
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
Dave Nelson, Sexton



North Haven Congregational Church
Celebrates
Rev. Scott Morrow and Carol Amico
for their 30 years of service

Please join us:

November 17, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
(guest preacher: The Rev. Lucia Jackson)

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Reception
Carroll Hall - Light lunch

R.S.V.P. to churchoffice@northhavenucc.org or 203-239-5691.

Scott came to North Haven Congregational Church (NHCC) in November of 1994 from the Orange Congregational Church where he was the Associate Minister for five years. While at NHCC, he has become integral to the community supporting organizations beyond our congregation.

Carol worked at Yale Health Services in AIDS clinic until her retirement in 2023. She is active in the chancel choir and the New Haven Chorale.

Their children, Jesse and Amy, grew up in the church and are now living in Brooklyn New York and Portland Maine respectively.

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30 YEARS **ANNIVERSARY**

*OPENING HYMN: "Morning Has Broken"

V409

C Am Dm Em Fmaj7 C

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
 3 Ours is the sun - light! Ours is the morn - ing

Am Em Fmaj7 Em7 Gsus4 G

black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

Em Am Dm C Am Gsus4 G

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Em C Am Dm7 G Csus4 C

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

1 Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap - tized with the Spir-it's sign;
2 Child of love, our love's ex-pres-sion, love's cre - a - tion, loved in-deed!
3 Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came.
4 Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
Back to God we hum-bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

MISSION

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

VISION

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

VALUES

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

In unison

1 I sing a song of the saints of God Patient and brave and true,
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And his love made them strong;
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, There are hun-dreds of thou-sands still;

Who toiled and fought and lived and died For the Lord they loved and
 And they fol-lowed the right, for Je - sus' sake, The whole of their good lives
 The world is bright with the joy-ous saints Who love to do Je - sus'

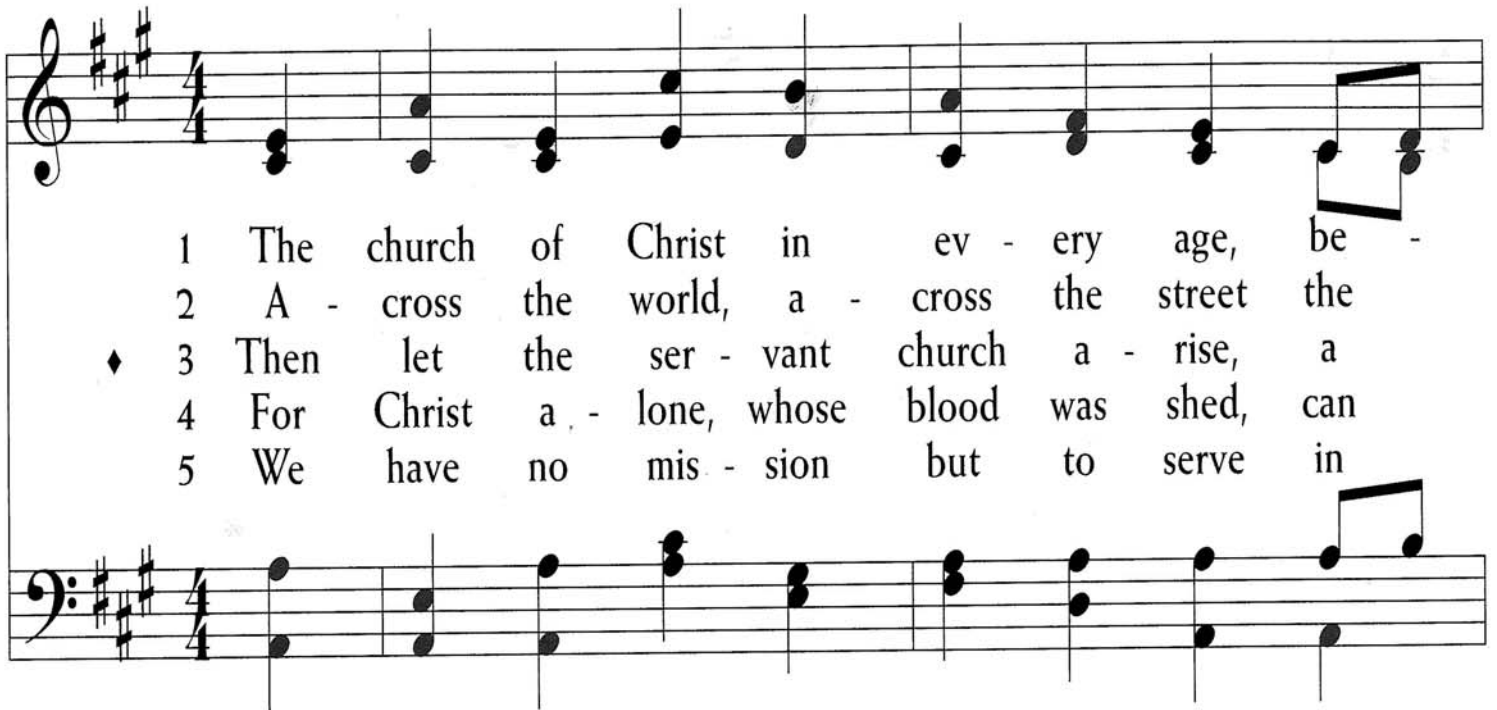
knew. And one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, And
 long. And one was a sol - dier, and one was a priest, And
 will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, In

one was a shep-herd-ess on the green: They were all of them
 one was slain by a fierce wild beast: And there's not an - y
 church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; For the saints of

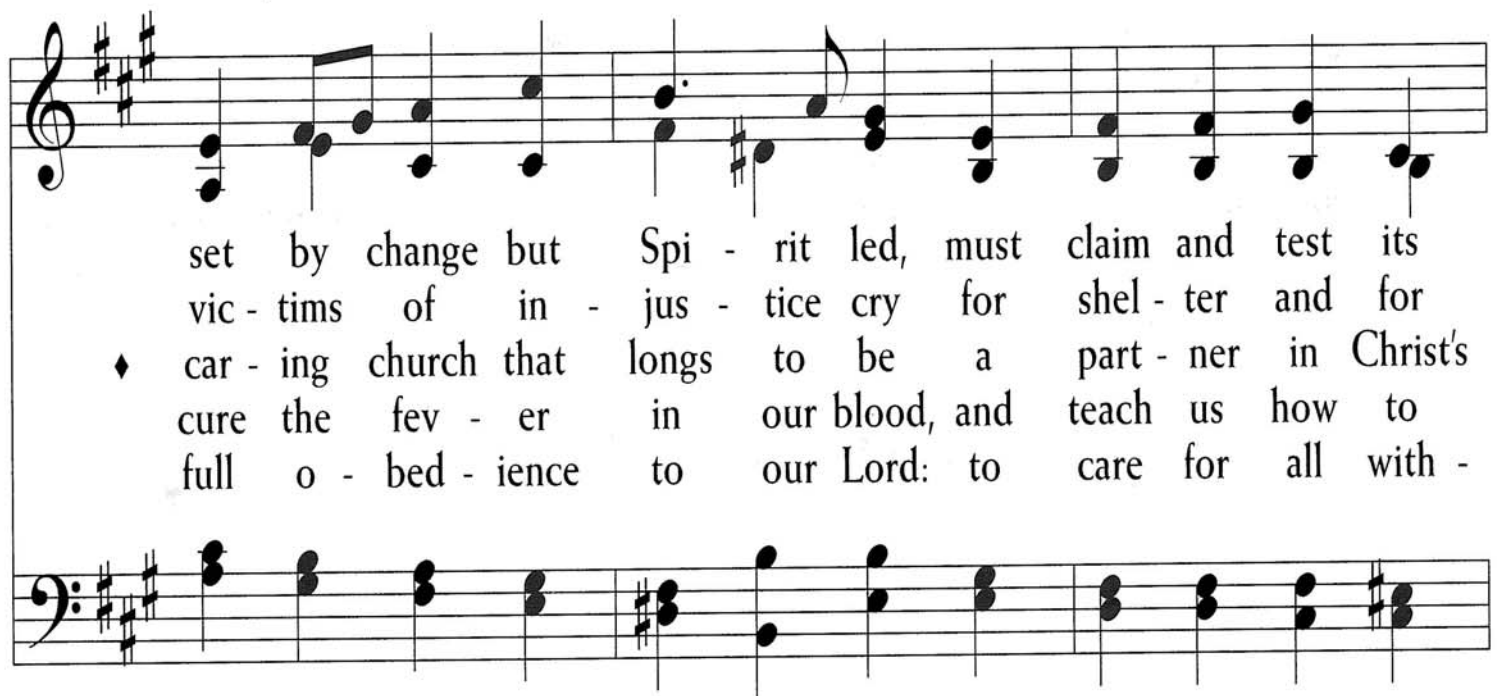
saints of God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 rea - son, no, not the least, Why I shouldn't be one too.
 God are just folk like me, And I mean to be one too.

*CLOSING HYMN: "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

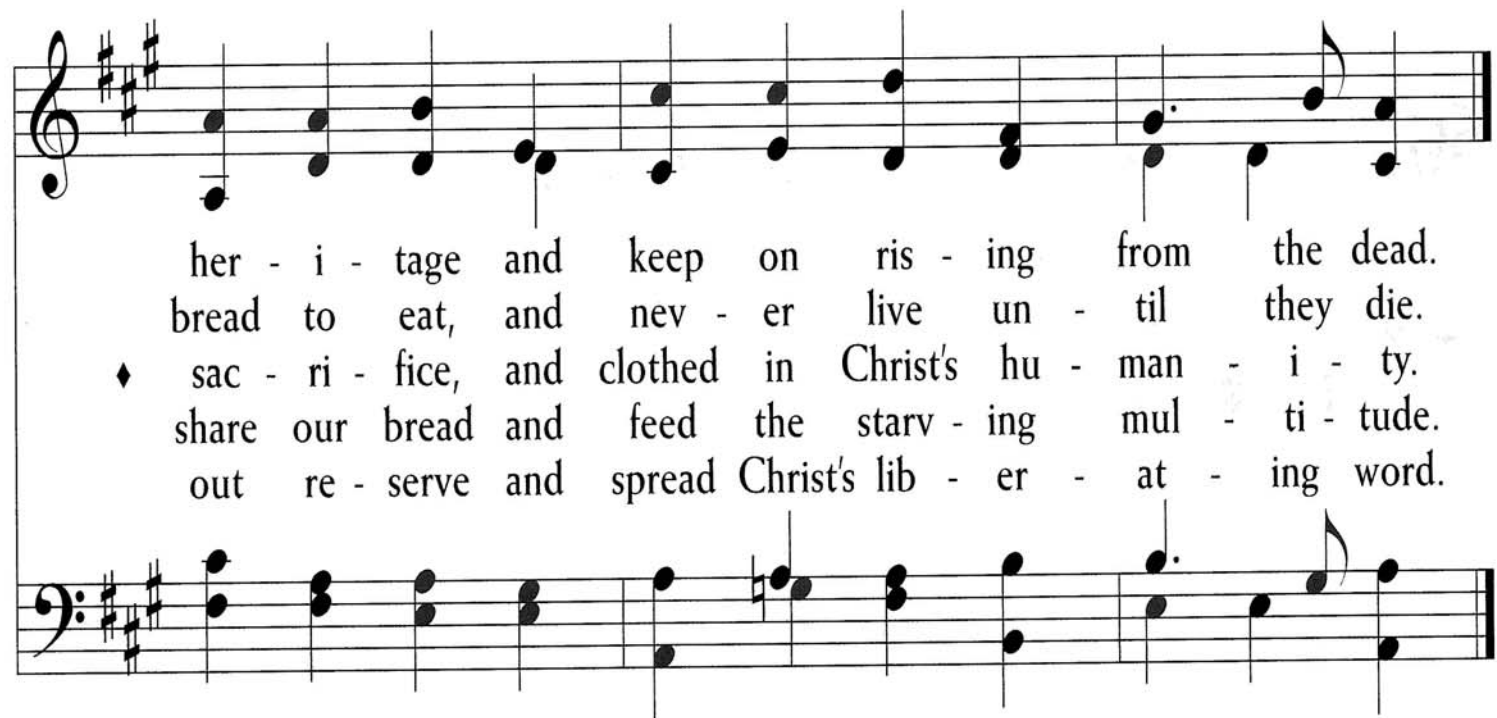
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1 The church of Christ in every age, be -
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street the
♦ 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in



set by change but Spi - rit led, must claim and test its
vic - tims of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
♦ car - ing church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
cure the fev - er in our blood, and teach us how to
full o - bed - ience to our Lord: to care for all with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live un - til they die.
♦ sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.