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

Sunday, October 27, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost - Proper
The Noisy Offering Bible Sunday
The Season of Generosity**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: C Minor *Andantino*

Fr. Walczynski

CHORAL INTROIT: *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*

Anne Bartlett Warner

Sung by Choir and Congregation

***OPENING HYMN:** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God calls people from the farthest places of the earth.

**PEOPLE: From east and west, from north and south, the people
of God are gathered.**

Leader: God invites those with disabilities and the parents of small
children – anyone who may be left behind.

**PEOPLE: From all ways of life and every experience the people of
God are gathered.**

Leader: Those who are weeping will be consoled, those who are
thirsty will be led by water brooks, those who stumble
shall find a straight path.

**ALL: We hear God’s call through prophet words, and we
come as a congregation to be the gathered people of
God.****

Maren C. Tirabassi

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

Creator God, gentle in power and strong in tenderness: kindle we
pray, in the hearts of all people your passion for peace and your will
for justice, that we may fearlessly contend against the powers of death
and restrain evil’s rage with your love.## Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

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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*

Our gracious God, like a loving parent you nurture and encourage and challenge us to grow in grace. Grant that, by sensing your Spirit's presence in our midst, we may be enabled to mature in our commitment to you. Forgive our failures and show us once again our possibilities. Prepare us to be servants of your will and agents of your love in all the world.** Amen. *Margaret Gay MacKinnon Godfrey*

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 NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Steve Peterson

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Karlee Etter & Scott Morrow

THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY

Jackie Jennings

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Page 480

Then Job answered the LORD: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this

Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

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

* **HYMN:** "Unto the Hills"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 10:46-52 Page 1192

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Taste and See*

James E. Moore, Jr.

Sung by the Chancel Choir

SERMON

Gary Ferner

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:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: D Major *Allegretto*

L. Bottazzo

*Those who are able, please stand.

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We welcome the Rev. Gary Ferner as our preacher this morning. Gary was baptized and confirmed in the North Haven Congregational Church. He studied at Colgate Rochester Crozier Divinity School and received a Master of Divinity degree in 2001. He was ordained in 2002. Gary lives in Syracuse, NY with his wife Betsy, and their daughter Grace.

Deacon is Nancy Mahoney. **Scripture Reader** is Steve Peterson.

Today's flowers are given by Sue Tibor in loving memory of Sue's mom, Marie DeSpelder Banta, who transitioned to her new life in heaven 25 years ago. She was dearly loved and admired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall Back! Daylight Savings Time ends Saturday night, November 2. Remember to turn your clocks back and savor an extra hour of sleep! Next Sunday's worship service begins at 9:30am Eastern **Standard** Time.

All Saints Observance

We will observe All Saints Sunday during our worship service on November 3rd, when we will read the names of church members, and church members' family, who have died in the past year. If you would like someone's name included on All Saints Sunday, please call the church office.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, November 2, 2024 Women's Fellowship (church) Fair, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Your help is needed!

We are accepting donations for "Grandma's Attic," "Nearly New Room," and "Christmas Room." Items can be dropped off in the elevator entranceway during office hours or after Sunday service until October 27. Please mark donations "Women's Fellowship."

We also need bakers for the "Bakery Table"—pies, cakes, cupcakes, breads, or any other baked goods you like to make. "Cookie Walk"

needs lots of cookies to fill the L O N G table. Items for the “Jewelry Table” are needed. We will also need help sorting and setting up, as well as help during and after the fair!

Sorting will begin on Monday, October 28, at 10:30 a.m., and setup will be every day through Friday, November 1. Please see Carol Mitchell to sign up! Thank you in advance for your help in making OUR Church Fair a success!

Urgent Need: Clothing Items for Columbus House

We are asking for donations of new essential clothing items to be given to patrons at Columbus House. We will be collecting new men’s and women’s crew socks, new women’s underwear, sizes 7-12 and new men’s boxer shorts sizes medium-Xlarge. During this Season of Generosity we are asking for your help to supply these basic items for our brothers and sisters. We will be collecting these items during the months of November and December on Sunday mornings. A bin will be placed in the Narthex along side the donation basket for the Food Pantry. Please make a difference in someone’s life. Jesus taught us to love one another and to share and give to those in need.

Thank you. Ministry Leadership Board

TURKEYS NEEDED

The hunger needs in our community have never been greater. In response, the North Haven Lions Club last year established a Second Saturday Service Project at which club members collect non-perishable foodstuffs for the town’s two Food Pantries on the second Saturday of each month (from March to November) in North Haven Congregational Church’s parking lot.

This year, as it has for the past thirty years, the Lions Club has pledged to provide turkeys for the Ecumenical Churches Thanksgiving Food Baskets distribution. The number committed to this year is seventy-five (75). To help accomplish this goal, **the North Haven Lions have expanded their wish list of desired foodstuffs this coming month to include frozen turkeys**, so please consider dropping by the church parking lot on **Saturday, November 9th** to donate a frozen turkey (or two) between the hours of 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. Our club, and our community, will be very thankful you did.

Jim Bennett, President

North Haven Lions Club



Imagine Together: A World Made Whole

**The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus
it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and shouting.** (Isaiah 35: 1-2)

Isaiah 35 reflects on the intricate relationship between human activity and the environment, drawing parallels between the biblical narrative and contemporary ecological challenges. The passage emphasizes the profound impact of human actions on the landscape, illustrating how the expansion of deserts and ecological mismanagement contribute to famine and wildfires. Despite technological advancements, the text contends that human greed, indifference, and hopelessness impede necessary environmental healing. The theme of "A World Made Whole" calls for a collective responsibility to address ecological crises, urging a shift from destructive practices to stewardship.

Rev. Dr. Patricia K. Tull observes, "The apostle Paul pointed out once that 'hope that is seen is not hope' (Rom 8:24). If this is true, it is also true that hope that is left unseen, unimagined, undared, is not hope either...Underlying Isaiah 35's

dramatic imagery, hope is being expressed not simply for divine acts, but for those the prophet seeks to inspire from a small band of Judeans who could recultivate the burned land and push back the chaos, and thus strengthen their own weak hands, feeble knees, and fearful hearts."

How can we Imagine Together A World Made Whole? Can we be physicians of the environment? Caregivers of the land? Our collective stewardship and generosity can be healing. Together we can actively recreate healthy environments in our yards, churches, and towns. It is our collective effort that instills order in chaos and fosters hope in hearts that may be steeped in despair.



12 Cornerstones

For a Just and Sustainable Development

- Passing on the Gift
- Accountability
- Sharing and Caring
- Sustainability and Self-Reliance
- Improved Animal and Resource Management
- Nutrition and Income
- Gender and Family Focus
- Genuine Need and Justice
- Improving the Environment
- Full Participation
- Training, Education and Communication
- Spirituality

Heifer International's mission is to end hunger and poverty while caring for the Earth. For more than 70 years, Heifer has provided livestock and environmentally sound agricultural training to improve lives of those who struggle daily for food and income. Heifer currently works in 25 countries, including the United States, to help families and communities become self-reliant.

The hallmark of our model is Passing on the Gift, in which each family that receives an animal gift passes on the first female offspring to another in need. Whether farmers pass on animals, time, money, or knowledge, the practice doubles the impact of the original gift, transforming recipients into donors.

This year the children of North Haven Congregational Church have selected the following gifts to Heifer International:

Rabbits



Easy to take care of, this high-in-protein gift helps Heifer families increase their income and improve upon their health. Families can Pass on the Gift quickly, too, since a female rabbit and her daughters can have as many as 800 babies combined in one year.

Fun Fact: A bunch of rabbits is called a warren

Trees for Tomorrow



Trees are an essential part of our ecosystem and help keep the Earth together. They purify the air, renew the soil and help create a healthy environment that protects the sustainable model that helps make Heifer work.

Fun Fact: Trees are one of the longest living organisms on Earth.

Water Pump



In impoverished communities, many homes lack running water, and some families do not even have a well nearby. Often children – especially girls – must spend each day fetching water, leaving no time for school. Irrigation pumps lessen the burden and provide clean water.

Fun Fact: Water for irrigation can come from wells, rivers, canals, lakes, ponds and reservoirs.



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 is a physician associate specializing in HIV care who has worked at Hospital of St. Raphael, Yale New Haven Hospital, and now Yale School of Medicine. 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**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	10/27	9:30 a.m. 10:45 6:00 p.m.	WORSHIP: BIBLE SUNDAY FAITH FORMATION (K) Consociation Annual Meeting (CH)
Monday	10/28	9:30 a.m. 10:30 1:00 p.m. 4:30	Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) Food Pantry Open Music Together (Dbl)
Tuesday	10/29	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) PLP United Girls Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	10/30	10:00 a.m. 10:00 5:15 p.m.	WINDOW MAILING FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl) PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom)
Thursday	10/31	4:30 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (Dbl) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	11/1	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (Dbl) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl)
Saturday	11/2	7:30 a.m. 9:00 9:30 10:30	MENS FELLOWSHIP HARVEST FAIR Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl)
Sunday	11/3	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Betsey Reid 10/28, Dan Lafleur 11/01, Laura Alden 11/02, Cheryl Bogert 11/02.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Daniel & Paige Mickolyzck 11/01.

Quote of the day: A Sunday School teacher asked his class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. One confident child replied, "They couldn't get a babysitter."

Church Chuckles

*OPENING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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Descant

4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

them, a - bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours

fail - ing; our help - er sure a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed the
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

through Christ, who with us sid - eth; let goods and kin - dred go,

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing: for still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us: the prince of dark - ness grim, we
 Christ, who with us sid - eth: let goods and kin - dred go, this

mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:
 seek to work us woe; with power and mal - ice great, and
 Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill: God's

God's truth a - bid - eth still, God's king - dom is for - ev - er.

armed with cru - el hate, on earth he has no e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still, God's king - dom is for ev - er.

* HYMN: "Unto the Hills"

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F Bb F C7 F C F Dm

1 Un - to the hills a - round do I lift up my
 2 God will not suf - fer that thy foot be moved; safe
 3 Je - ho - vah is in - deed thy keep - er true, thy
 4 From ev - ery ev - il shall God keep thy soul, from

Bb C7 F F Bb F

long - ing eyes: O whence for me shall
 shalt thou be. No care - less slum - ber
 change - less shade; Je - ho - vah thy de -
 ev - ery sin: Je - ho - vah shall pre -

C7 F C F Dm Gm C7 F

my sal - va - tion come, from whence a - rise?
 shall those eye - lids close who keep - eth thee.
 fence on thy right hand, thine own true aid.
 serve thy go - ing out, thy com - ing in.

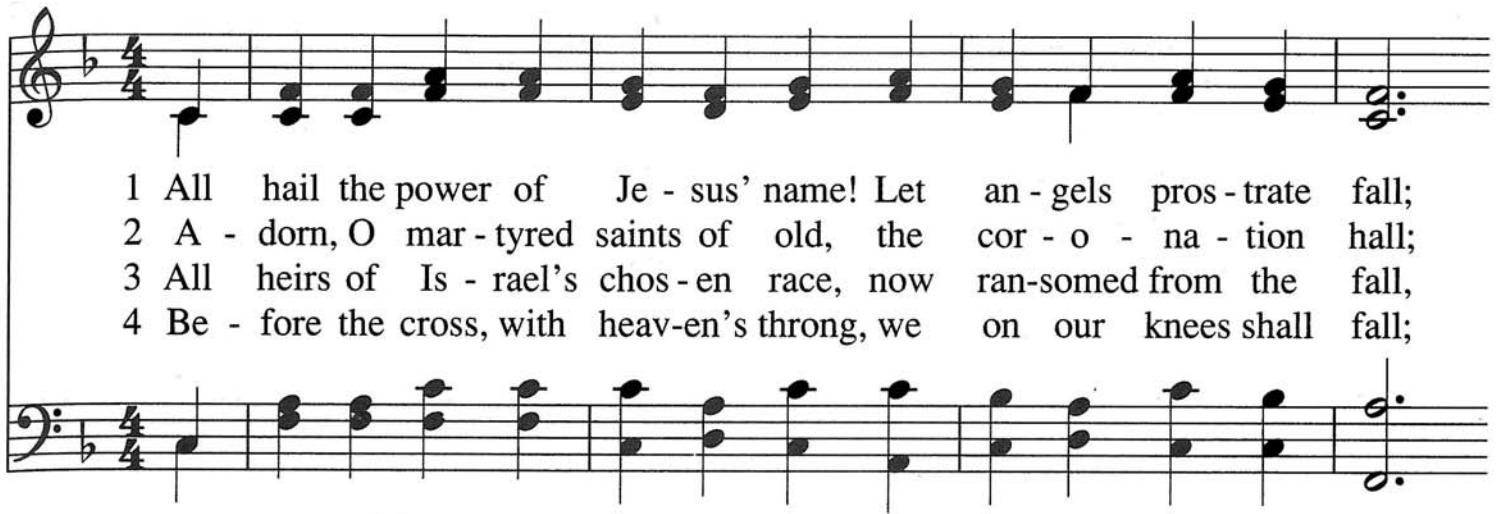
C F C7 C F C7 F C F

From God the Lord doth come my cer - tain aid, from
 The One who sleep - eth not, who slum - bereth ne'er, shall
 And thee no sun by day shall ev - er smite; no
 A - bove, thee watch - ing, God whom we a - dore shall

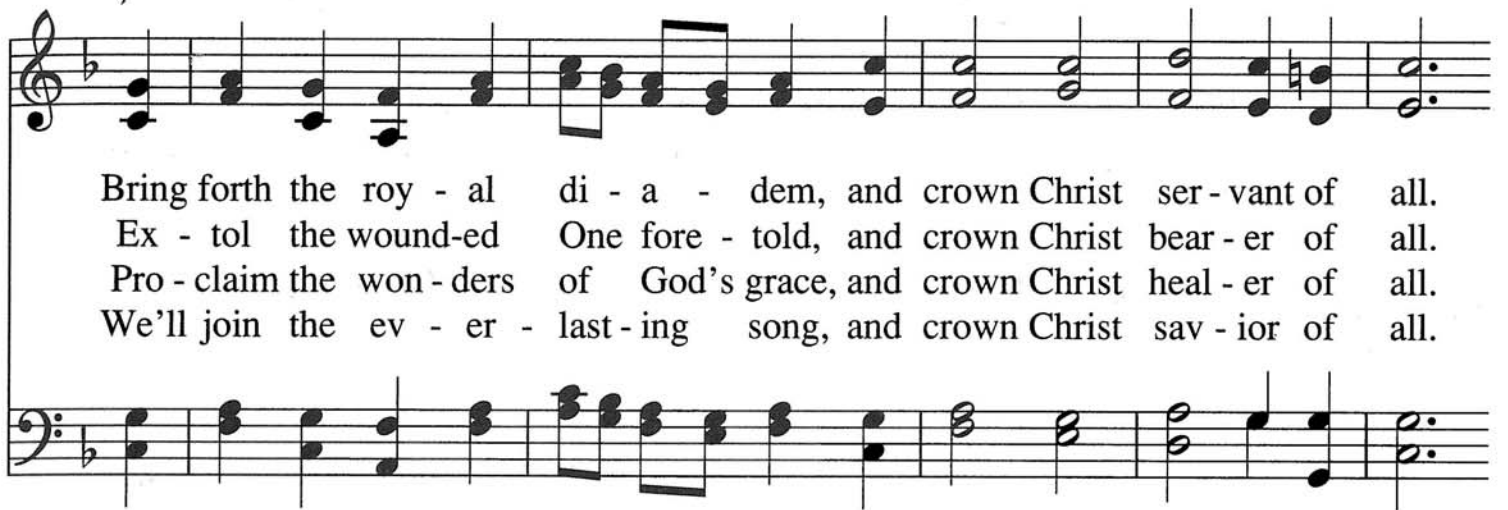
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God the Lord who heaven and earth hath made.
 guard thee, Is - rael, with most ho - ly care.
 moon shall harm thee in the si - lent night.
 keep thee hence - forth, yea, for ev - er - more.

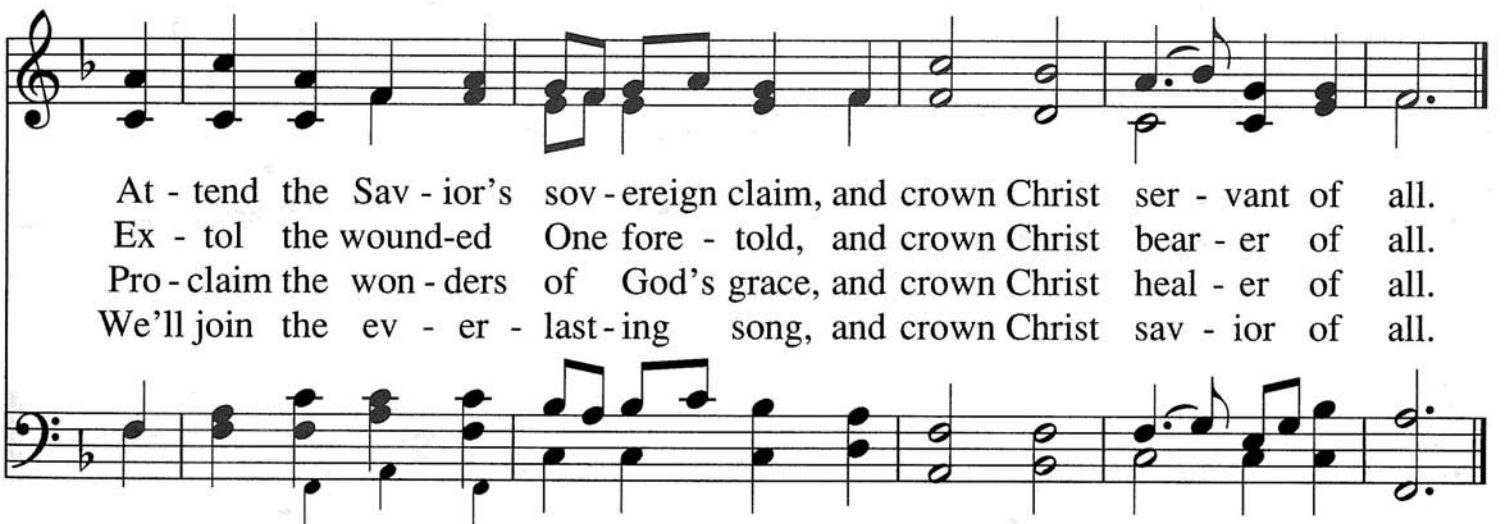
***CLOSING HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"** insert



1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 A - dorn, O mar - tyred saints of old, the cor - o - na - tion hall;
3 All heirs of Is - rael's chos - en race, now ran - somed from the fall,
4 Be - fore the cross, with heav - en's throng, we on our knees shall fall;



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.
Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.
Pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Christ sav - ior of all.



At - tend the Sav - ior's sov - ereign claim, and crown Christ ser - vant of all.
Ex - tol the wound - ed One fore - told, and crown Christ bear - er of all.
Pro - claim the won - ders of God's grace, and crown Christ heal - er of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown Christ sav - ior of all.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider, and Sarah.

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.

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