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North Haven
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

Youth Sunday



Sunday, May 18, 2025

9:30 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday after Easter – Youth Sunday
The Sacrament of Baptism**

North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Preludio*

C. Adolfo Bossi

***OPENING HYMN:** “This Is the Day”

Insert

CHORAL INTROIT: *Jesus Loves Me This I Know*

Traditional

Children’s Choir w/ASL

Anna Bartlett Warner (1859)

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God has made this day.

PEOPLE: Let us rejoice and be glad.

Leader: The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us
to new life daily.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

**ALL: Glory be to God our Creator, to Jesus our risen Christ,
and to the Spirit our Comfort.** Amen.**

Ruth C. Duck

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

Gabriella D.

Heavenly Mother, we could do this forever...

cradle our children to our hearts and whisper:

Peace...Peace

May the only shadow in their lives

be the shadow of Your wings, O God.

For children everywhere,

Let there be love,

Let there be Christ,

Let there be peace!## 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*

God, you are the source of our life. Gather us now together, we pray. Form us into a holy community of your own people, molding us by the breath of your Holy Spirit, and revealing in this corporate body the face of your anointed Christ.** Amen.

Caren L. Caldwell

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 SAVANNAH DIANNE FEATHER

insert

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 148

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Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** “Seek Ye First the Kingdom”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6 Pg 1403

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

TEACHER APPRECIATION Jen Febroriello & Scott Morrow

GIFT OF MUSIC: Siyahamba' ekukhanyeni kwenkos

Zulu pronunciation: Si ya hom ba ku kan yen kwen kos

We Are Marching In the Light of God

Trad. South African Freedom Song

arr. & adpt by Anders Nyberg (1984)

Sung by the Children's Choir & Chancel Choir

Thomas Jennings, percussion

MEDITATION: “Comfort and Hope”

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:** “Come, Children, Join and Sing”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Sandy Carter. **Youth Participants** in this service are Tyler G., Brianna G., Gabriella D., Patricia J., and Thomas J.. **Greeters** are the Maldonado family. **Fellowship Hour** will be in Carroll Hall after the fire drill.

Today's flowers are given by Sandy Carter, in loving memory of my parents Richard & Carmel DeCola, my niece Cindy and grandson Jack.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Family of Tony Solecki, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Jody Gallagher 05/22, Dorothy Pierce 05/22, George Gladkosky 05/22, Gene Kloszewski 05/24.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Kathi & Robert Mickolyzck 05/25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, June 7th, 6 p.m. B I N G O

is coming to NHCC Carroll Hall for an evening filled with great prizes—6 designer handbags or \$100 gift cards. Door prizes, raffle gifts, 50/50 raffle, and lots of fun! All proceeds will be donated to the Parking Lot Paving Project! For more information, please see Dot Pierce or call 203-634-6695. Come and join the fun! Dot Pierce, Women's Fellowship

Food Pantry – Items needed – canned vegetables, baked beans, and mayonnaise. Please bring these items to the church.

6th Annual On-Line Fundraising Auction

Sunday June 22 is the date for bringing items to church to donate to our 6th annual On-Line Fundraising Auction.

After worship on June 22, items can be brought to the chapel. The auction will go live on-line on July 7 and close July 14.

We have already received generous donations including 14 karat gold rings, necklaces and bracelets, Lenox cake plates, a lovely set of china, a Hitchcock rocking chair, a kayak and two paddle boards!

In preparation for the auction, please send photos of items you could donate to Patience. Items needed include mid-century modern items, just about anything teak, record albums, receiver, lift chair in good condition, sterling silver items, kayak, antiques, small occasional table, anything unusual. Items that have done very well in our first five auctions includes a canoe, Thule car-top carrier, antique license plate, fur coats, fly rods, turntable, liftchair, Karastan rugs, antique wagon, sought-after pyrex, turquoise, unique large dollhouse, ceramic Christmas tree, fine jewelry, oil painting, captain's chairs. If you know a neighbor or relative downsizing, please ask if they have something they would donate. Funds raised go to this year's church budget as voted at our annual meeting (fundraising income). Contact a member of the B Team with any questions: Patience Benassi, Martin Benassi, Priscilla Bradford, Martha Butterworth.

Recommendations for Silver Lake Conference Center

The Southern New England Conference UCC has engaged a consulting group to consider the viability of Silver Lake Conference Center going forward and make recommendations. There are two opportunities to attend a listening session to learn and offer feedback: Sunday, May 25, 3-4:30pm at Southington Congregational Church, and Tuesday, May 27, 7-8:30m at First Congregational Church, Glastonbury. Please see the Conference website for more information.

North Haven PRIDE Day will be Saturday, June 14, from Noon-4pm. We anticipate opening up the Church once again as a calm space. We want to gather a group of members to sit outside the Church, share our new brochure and information about the Parking Lot Campaign, and welcome visitors. Please speak with Patience Benassi, Sandy Carter, or Scott Morrow if you'd like to join us. The PRIDE flag-raising will be Friday, May 30th, at 10am at the North Haven Memorial Library.

THE SACRAMENT
OF
CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

May 18, 2025

Savannah Dianne Feather



THE NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
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 Savannah Dianne Feather, about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

PEOPLE: WE PROMISE OUR LOVE, SUPPORT, AND CARE TO SAVANNAH DIANNE FEATHER AND TO JONATHAN AND SARA FEATHER AS THEY RAISE THEIR 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) ... SAVANNAH DIANNE FEATHER, 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.

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We celebrate the baptism of:

Savannah Dianne Feather

Born: February 27, 2025

Parents:

Jonathan and Sara Feather

Sponsors:

Jamie Hicks and Nicholas Scewczul

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	5/18	9:30 a.m. 10:30 4:30 p.m.	WORSHIP: Fifth Sunday of EASTER FIRE DRILL CONFIRMATION CLASS (CH)
Monday	5/19	9:30 a.m. 10:30 1:00 p.m. 4:30 6:00 6:00	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Food Pantry Ukulele (DBL) New Haven Camera Club (CH) CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	5/20	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 5:30 6:00 7:00	Al-Anon (K) 10-11:30 Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) United Girls' Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (RR) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) TRANSITION TEAM (L) Wedding Consult (H)
Wednesday	5/21	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 4:30 p.m. 5:15 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Ukulele (DBL) COMMUNICATIONS MT (Zoom) PARKING LOT CAMPAIGN (L) Al-Anon District Family (K)
Thursday	5/22	4:30 p.m. 5:30 7:00	Ukulele (DBL) Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	5/23	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	5/24	9:30 10:30 11:30 3:00 p.m.	MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Rhythm Kids (DBL) Tibetan American (K, CR)
Sunday	5/25	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Sixth Sunday of EASTER
Monday	5/26	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 4:30 p.m.	OFFICE CLOSED (Memorial Day) Music Together (DBL) AA (K) Music Together (DBL) Ukulele (DBL)


*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.




This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the





Lord hath made, we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be





glad in it, and be glad in it; This is the day that the





Lord hath — made, we will re-joice and be glad in — it;





This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.



Descant

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and God's
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread a - lone, but by

le - lu - jah, hal - le -

D Em A7 D F#m

right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
ev - ery word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

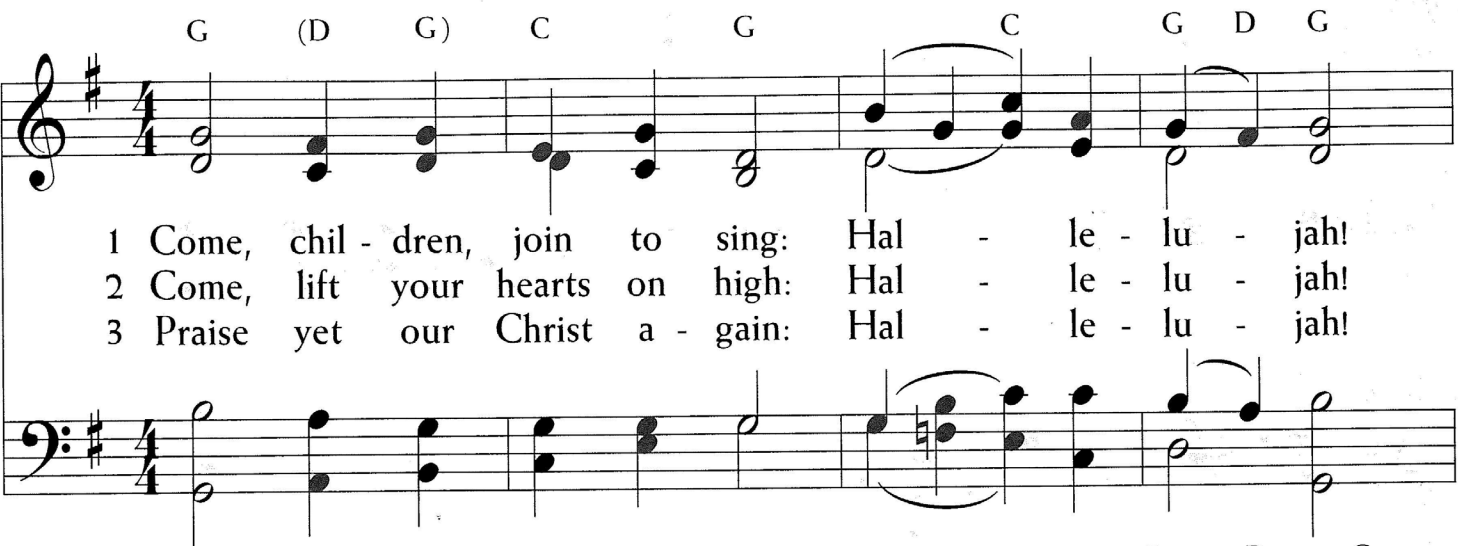
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add - ed un - to you.
o - pened un - to you. Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah.
mouth of God.

*CLOSING HYMN: “Come, Children, Join and Sing”

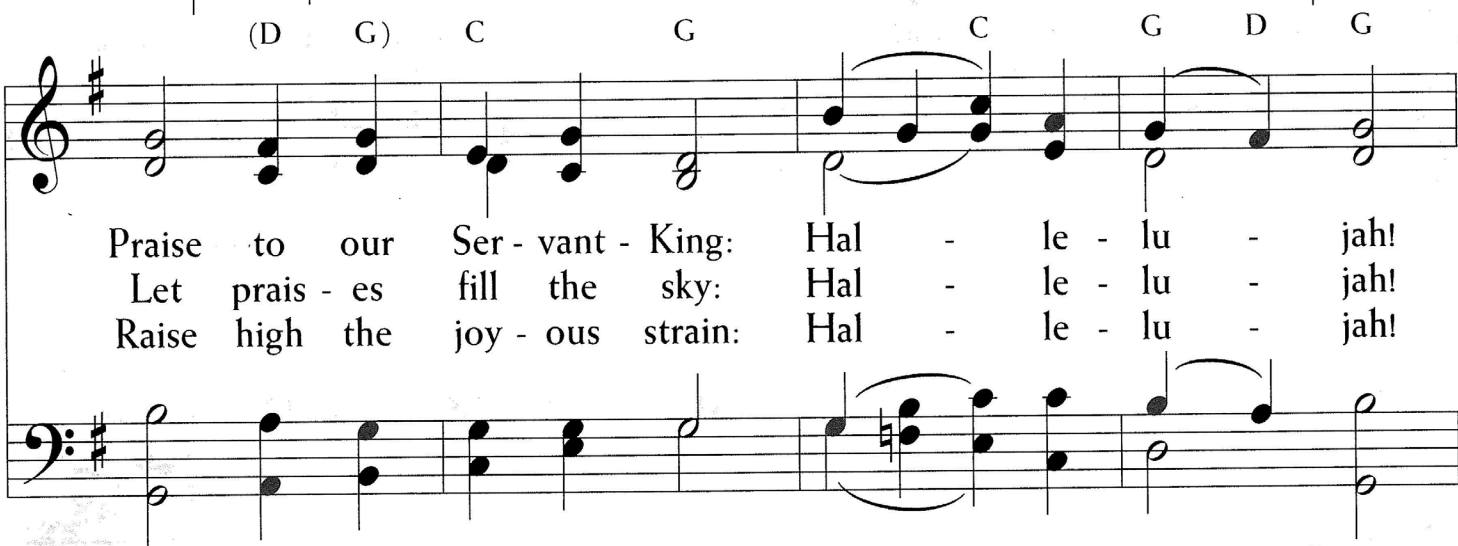
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G (D G) C G C G D G



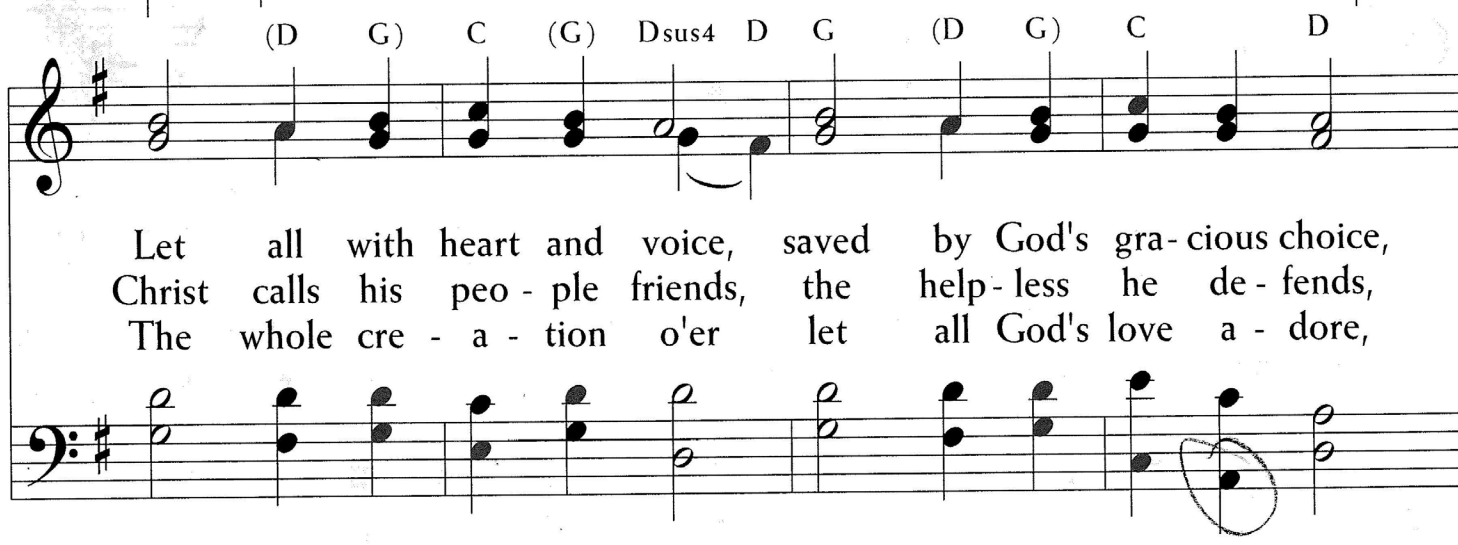
1 Come, chil - dren, join to sing: Hal - le - lu - jah!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Hal - le - lu - jah!

(D G) C G C G D G



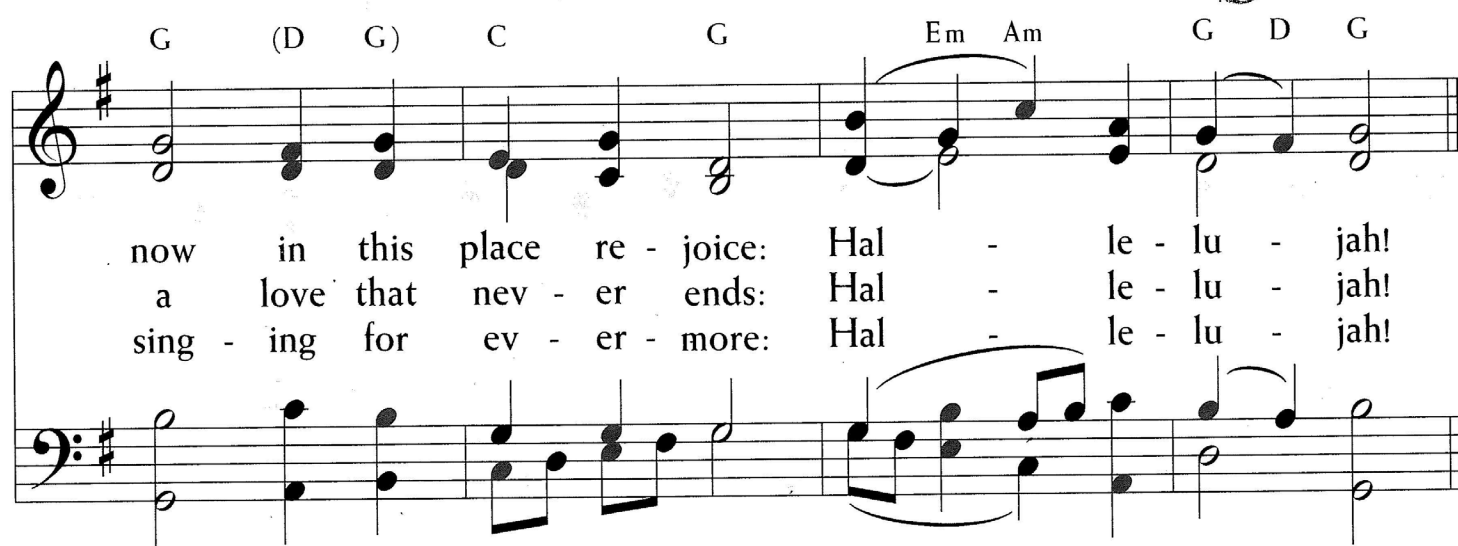
Praise to our Ser - vant - King: Hal - le - lu - jah!
Let prais - es fill the sky: Hal - le - lu - jah!
Raise high the joy - ous strain: Hal - le - lu - jah!

(D G) C (G) Dsus4 D G (D G) C D



Let all with heart and voice, saved by God's gra - cious choice,
Christ calls his peo - ple friends, the help - less he de - fends,
The whole cre - a - tion o'er let all God's love a - dore,

G (D G) C G Em Am G D G



now in this place re - joice: Hal - le - lu - jah!
a love that nev - er ends: Hal - le - lu - jah!
sing - ing for ev - er - more: Hal - le - lu - jah!

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

