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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

OCT  BER

Pink
Sunday

North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, October 12, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 23

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *C Major Mosso*

by A.F. Hesse

CHORAL INTROIT: “Dream God’s Dream”

Words & Music: Bryan Sirchio

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Dream God's Dream Holy Spirit, help us dream of a world where there is justice and where everyone is free to build and grow and love and to simply have enough. The world will change when we dream God's dream.

***OPENING HYMN: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

VU 232

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Whether we live in an apartment or a house; if we reside in the suburbs or the city:

People: God tells us to pray for the places where we live.

Leader: whether we are exiles or prisoners for the gospel; if we are young, old, insider, or outcast:

People: God says, ‘when you search for me, you will find me.’

Leader: Whether we have been wandering and lost; or if we have lived in the same town all our lives:

People: God says, ‘I will gather you from all your places and bring you home.’

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

Bring us back from the edge, O Lord, the edge where our humanity frays. Draw us closer to your everlasting light, as our lives are impacted again by the violence that pulses around us. Grant us wisdom to lower the guns and to eliminate the rhetoric which has become a relentless stream of violence. Provide us with words of hope where hope feels elusive and our desire for change seems long in coming.

Cleanse from us the toxic hate which fills our media, oozes into our town halls and public squares, and seeps into our schools and faith communities. May your love find us in new ways as we wrestle with the anger and animosity surrounding us.

We know that your light still shines, your path of peace remains close by, your Spirit is ever ready to guide us beyond the edge and into your love. Open our hearts to seek, find, and follow you. End the violence. Bring us back from the edge, O Lord we pray. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister & President/CEO, UCC

***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

Source of grace and peace, you call us into being; you keep us in safety; you hold us in life. Far too often, we turn from you, placing our trust in the frail promises of other human beings and the insecurity of wealth. Be with us now. Bring us into your presence. Comfort our pain. Challenge our pride. Enter into our prayer and our praise, that our worship may be pleasing to you. We pray these things in the name of the one who loved us first, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.

NOISY OFFERING

SEASON OF GENEROSITY MESSAGE

Kevin Studley

Psalm 111

Praise for God's Wonderful Works

¹ Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.

⁸ They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***HYMN:** "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

VU 570

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 17:11-19 Page 1225

Jesus Cleanses Ten Men with a Skin Disease

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶

He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.

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

SERMON: “Showing Gratitude” Rev. Cindy

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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Be Thou My Vision” VU 642

***THE BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

Words: Henry Smith

Sung by the Chancel Choir Music: Don Moen

POSTLUDE: *Polonaise in G Minor: Allegro Maestoso*
by Frederic Chopin

***Those who are able, please stand.**

**** Thom Shuman, Bearers of Grace and Justice**

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Deacon is Nancy Mahoney. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson. **Camera Operator** is Damon Quinn. **Join us for Fellowship Hour and Pink Sunday Bake Sale** following Service.

Flowers are given by Carol Mitchell in recognition of Pink Sunday and with love and in celebration of her granddaughter Jenna Ruth Mitchell today, on her 23rd birthday.

In Our Prayers This Week are: The Rev. Deb Ruotolo, Lee Guckert and her Family, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider, and Charlotte Shea.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Barbara Joslyn 10/14, Gary Czajkowski 10/16, Kerry Stewart 10/17, Isabelle Meachen 10/18, Kim Natoli 10/18, Nancy Mahoney 10/19.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Ray & Cynthia Geissler 10/14, Curt & Carolyn Thalken 10/16.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	10/12	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	WORSHIP: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – PINK SUNDAY Tibetan American (K,CR)
Monday	10/13	9:00 a.m. 9:30 1:00 p.m.	PARKING LOT REPAVING AAA (K) Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	10/14	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 4:30 6:00	PARKING LOT REPAVING Music Together (DBL) Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) United Girl’s Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Ukulele (DBL) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	10/15	9:30 a.m. 10:00 7:00 p.m.	PARKING LOT REPAVING Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN MLB (L)
Thursday	10/16	4:30 p.m. 7:00 7:00	PARKING LOT REPAVING Ukulele (DBL) CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL Garden Club (CH)
Friday	10/17	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	PARKING LOT REPAVING Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	10/18	9:30 a.m. 10:30	PARKING LOT REPAVING Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	10/19	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	PARKING LOT REPAVING WORSHIP: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Tibetan American (K,CR)

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PINK SUNDAY is TODAY!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. The Women's Fellowship will have a Pink Bake Sale during Fellowship Hour in Carroll Hall today. All donations will go to "After the Storm." Thank you for your support!

Church Parking Lot Paving Schedule Confirmed – Start Date TOMORROW - Monday, October 13th

Parking will be available :

In the town parking lot next door

In the Recreation Center parking lot by the pool

On Linsley Street

Next to the Green

We will be using Church Street in front of the building to deliver Food.

Food Pantry needs

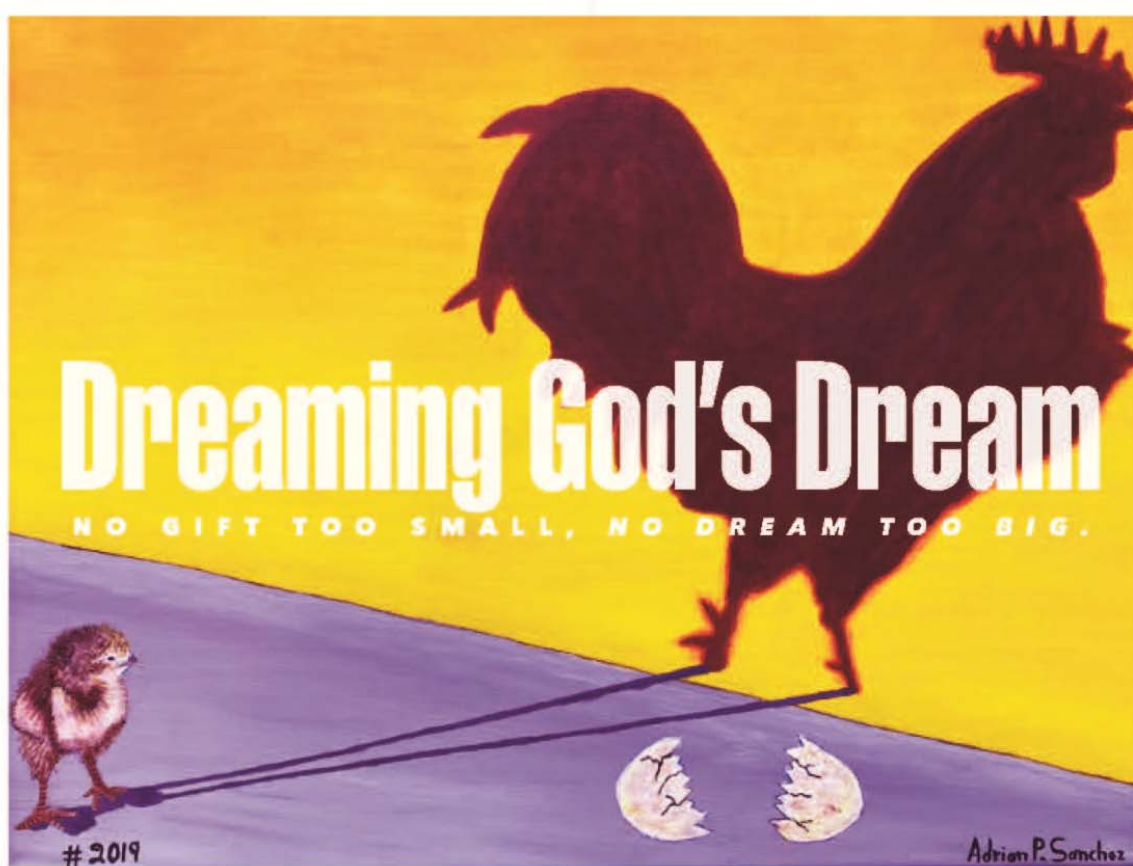
The Food Pantry is in need of canned meals: Beefaroni, Spaghettio's, Beef stew, Chili and Chili with beans. Please bring to the church.

Honor Them With A Flag

The North Haven Republican Town Committee is sponsoring "Honor Them with a Flag", a fundraiser to benefit the American Legion Post 76. It is a salute to our country's military personnel, veterans and first responders. The public is invited to participate by purchasing a U.S. flag dedicated to a member of our military, first responder or anyone else close to your heart. The flags will go on display on the North Haven Town Green from the weekend before Veterans Day on Sunday November 9, 2025 and displayed until November 29, 2025. Each flag, 12" x 18", will have a white ribbon attached to it inscribed with the name and rank of the soldier, first responder or loved one. Flags will be available for collection by purchaser until November 29th from the lawn at the North Haven Town Green. Proceeds will benefit the local veterans' projects. The cost per flag is \$10. There is no limit on purchases, but all forms must be received no later than October 27th. For more information, please contact Nick Mastroianni at snm1986@yahoo.com or 203-430-0411.

A ceremony honoring our veterans and first responders has been scheduled for Sunday, November 9th at 12:00 pm on the North Haven Town Green. Please come and join us for this moving ceremony.

Deadline for purchases is Wednesday, October 27, 2025.



Why Pledge

WHY DO WE MAKE A COMMITMENT OF SUPPORT TO CHURCH?

We can give to our congregation without turning in a commitment card. So, why write down our intention for the coming year? Of course, telling the church about our intention helps leaders plan. But we ask you to write down your intentions for another reason.

Jesus told us to love God with our heart, mind, soul, and strength; and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

A commitment card can engage us in all those ways as we express our love of God and neighbor.

Heart: we feel the love and support of people in the congregation. This is the place where we belong.

Mind: we think about our resources, both our income and our accumulated assets when deciding on what commitment to make in the coming year.

Soul: we experience the hope that comes from making a commitment to the future. A commitment card symbolizes our confidence in God’s future and makes us part of helping that future come about.

Strength: we do what we can to help support our community.

We ask you to return a commitment card because it connects you to the mission and ministry of our congregation to our neighbors, near and far. Returning your commitment card affirms with all of your being that you are part of our response to God’s dream.

**CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT
OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.**

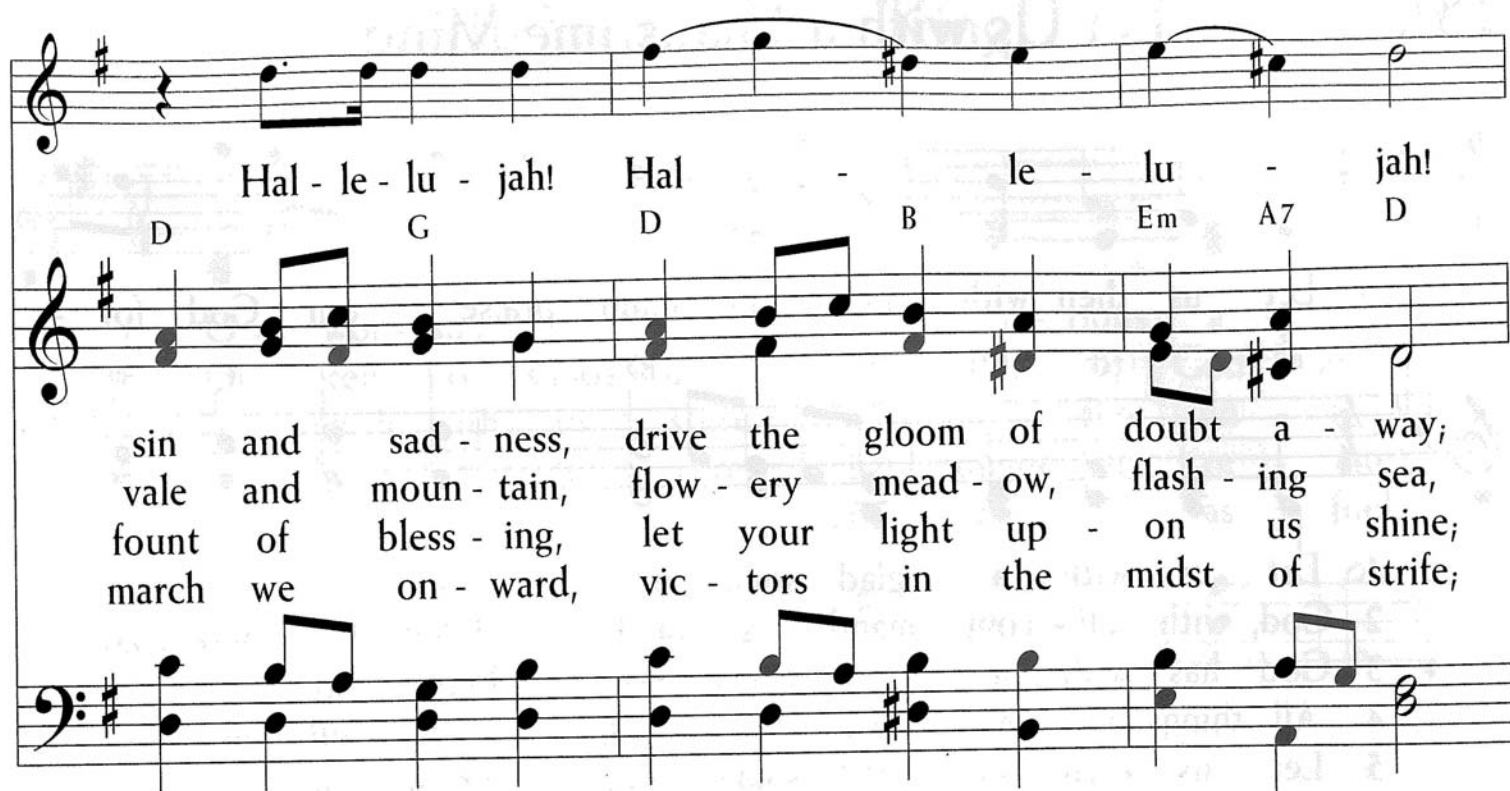
Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042
150,000	12,500	250	375	500	625	1250
200,000	16,667	333	500	667	833	1667

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity.
Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.



Dreaming God’s Dream

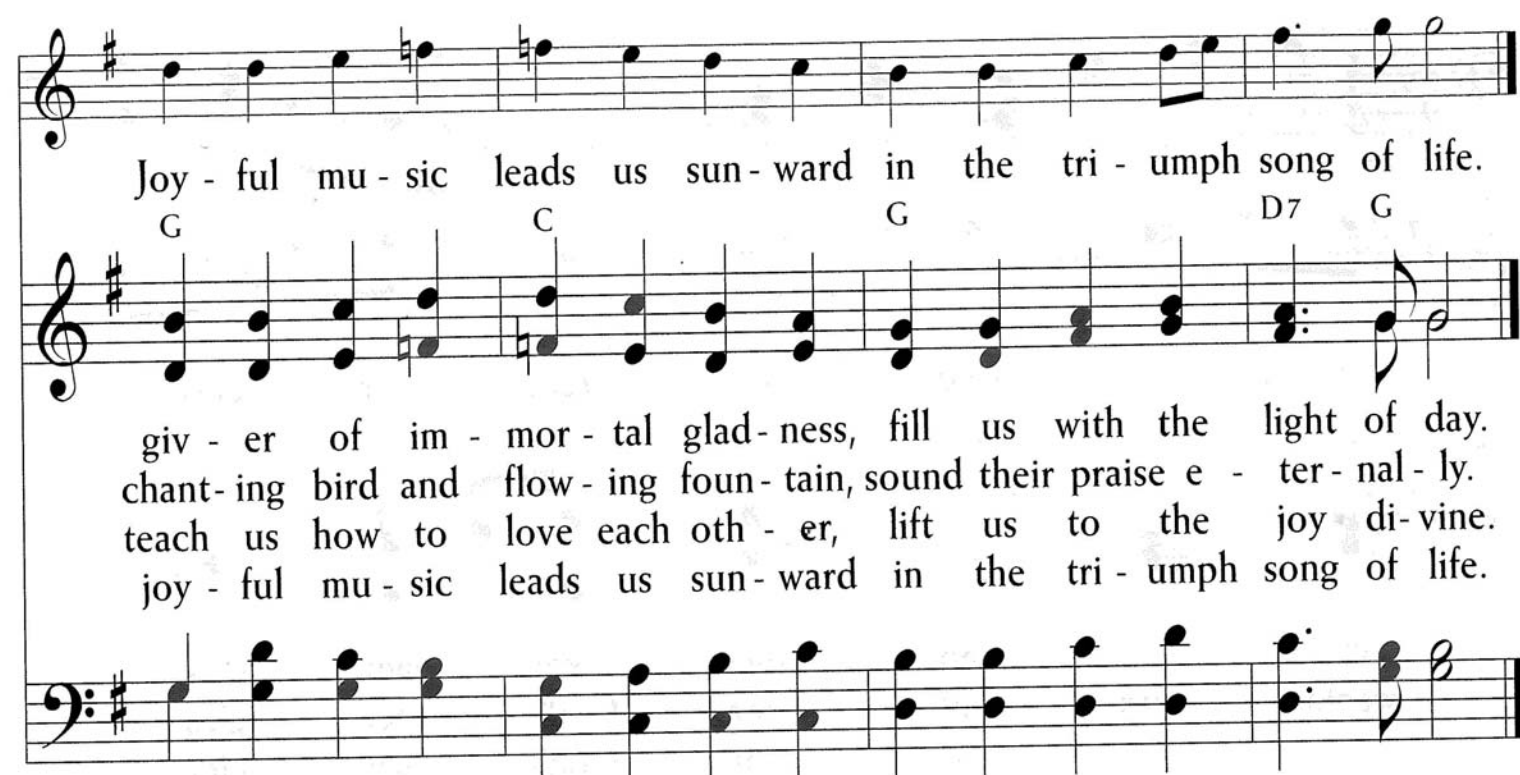
NO GIFT TOO SMALL, NO DREAM TOO BIG.



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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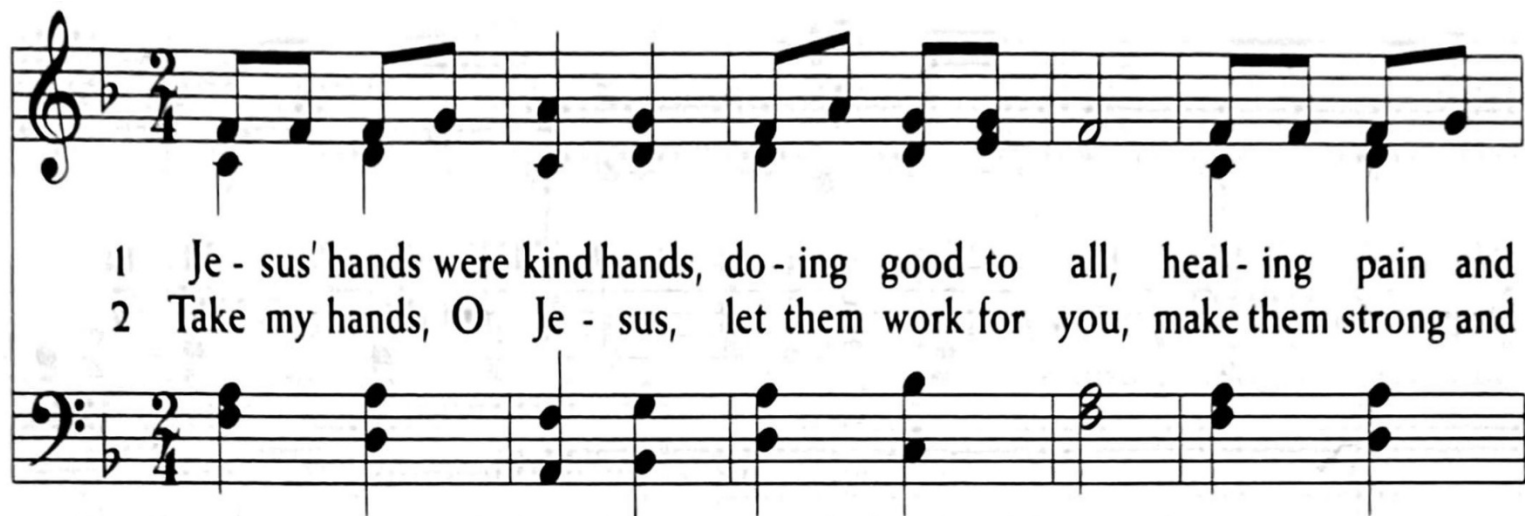
sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
 vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 fount of bless - ing, let your light up - on us shine;
 march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



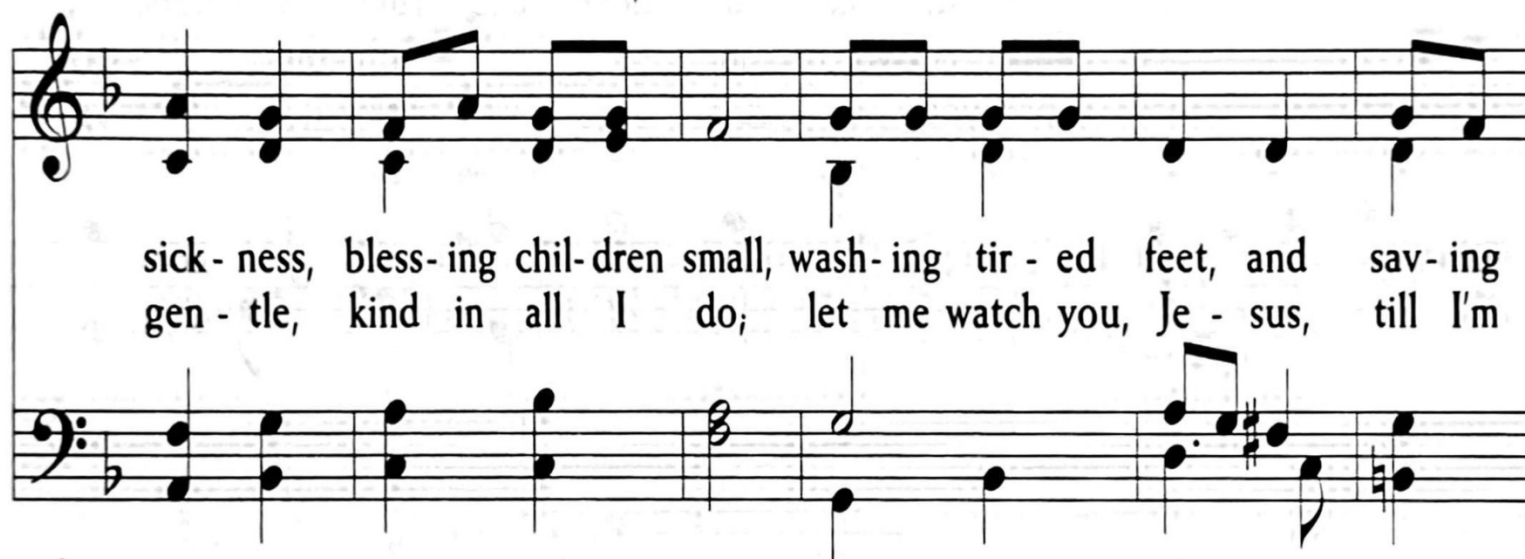
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

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giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, sound their praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.



1 Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all, heal - ing pain and
2 Take my hands, O Je - sus, let them work for you, make them strong and



sick - ness, bless - ing chil - dren small, wash - ing tir - ed feet, and sav - ing
gen - tle, kind in all I do; let me watch you, Je - sus, till I'm



those who fall; Je - sus' hands were kind hands, do - ing good to all.
gen - tle too, till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision"

VU 642

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O joy of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, my calm in all strife;
 ♦ 3 Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for the fight;
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,
 5 Great God of heav - en, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me save that thou art,
 I ev - er with thee, and thou in my life;
 ♦ be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou lov - ing par - ent, thy child may I be,
 ♦ thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 ♦ raise thou me heav - en - ward, O power of my power.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vis - ion, O rul - er of all.



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Please fill out the following information and make a check payable to the American Legion Post 76 and mail to The American Legion Post 76, P.O. Box 366, North Haven, CT 06473.

Deadline for purchases is Wednesday, October 27, 2025.

Name and Rank: _____

(As you would like it to appear on the flag's ribbon --- please print)

Branch of Service: _____ Dates of Service: _____

Name and Rank: _____

(As you would like it to appear on the flag's ribbon --- please print)

Branch of Service: _____ Dates of Service: _____

Name of Purchaser: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Number of Flags: ____ x \$10 per flag = Total Donation: _____

Photocopies or similar copies of this form are acceptable.

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 Cindy Stasko, Bridge Pastor

Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children

Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music

Heather Meachen, Organist

Julie Schweickert, Office Manager

Dave Nelson, Sexton

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