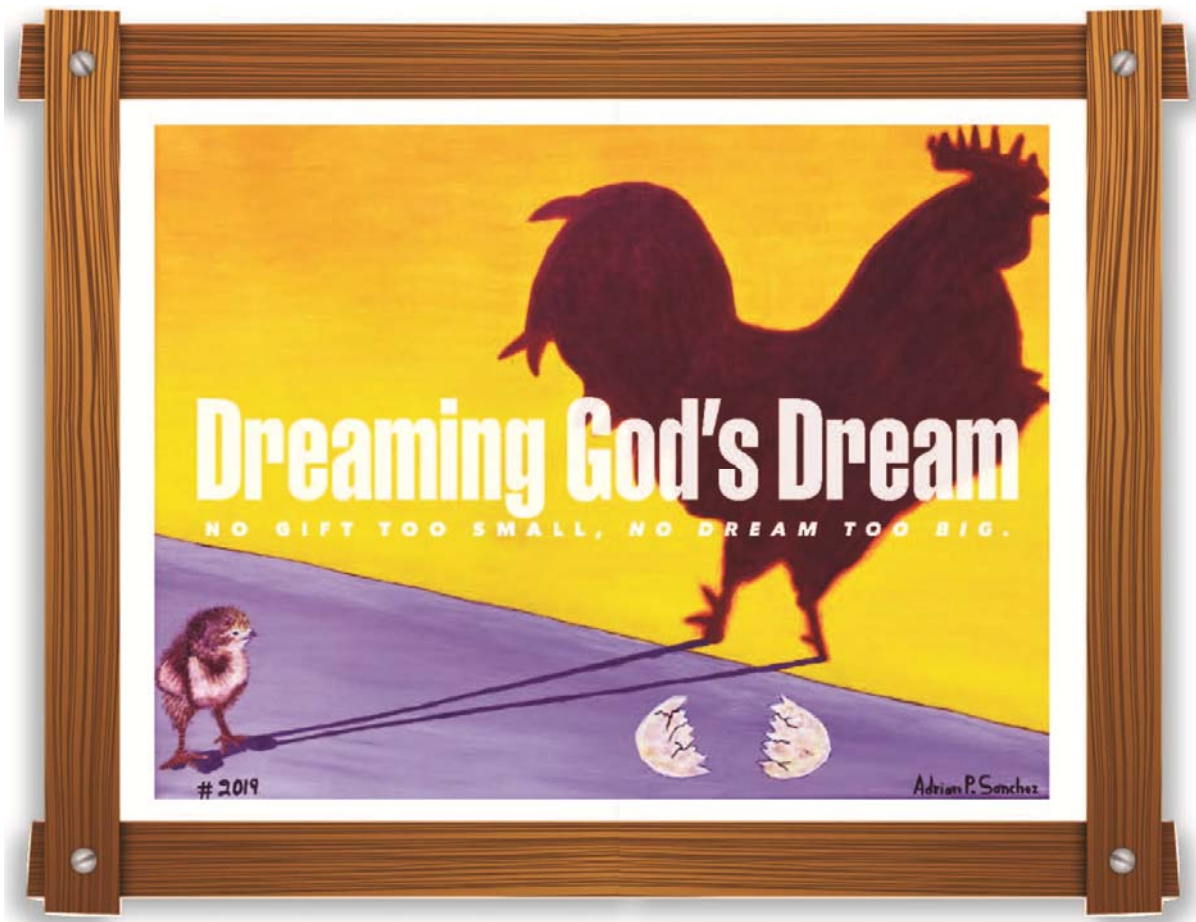


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All Saints Sunday



Season of Generosity

North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, November 2, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 26

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: " C Major Sostenuto"

by A. E. Muller

***OPENING HYMN: "For All the Saints"**

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: See how God loves us!

People: God loves us enough to swallow up death forever.

Leader: See how Christ loves us!

People: Christ loves us enough to share our loss and grief.

Leader: See how the Spirit loves us!

People: The Holy Spirit loves us enough to offer us words of hope we can trust.**

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison

Let us open our hearts to the love of God. Let us break open the doors and let the stranger in. Let us embrace rich and poor, the beautiful and the bruised, both tears and laughter, for God's arms are wide and in Her there is no stranger! Let us walk the way of the open heart.***

***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 CONFESSION:~unison

We come to you, Listener of our broken lives, with our hands soiled with the pain we have caused, with our ears stuffed with the words of those who speak falsely, with our hearts stained with those desires and hungers we would be embarrassed for others to know.

Forgive us and have mercy on us, Wiper-of-tears. As we seek to journey from the baptismal waters towards the feast you prepare in glory, may we turn our faces toward you in every moment, listen to your words in the depths of our hearts, and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, every step of the way.

Silence is kept

Lift up your heads, saints of God! Your sin is gone, your hands once full of foolishness are now empty. God has clothed you with garments of joy to wear to the feast.

Our former life has passed, our new life in Christ has begun. All things are new- including us! Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

***GREETING OF PEACE ~unison**

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share with each other signs of Christ's peace.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 25:6-8

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⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*** HYMN: "Shall We Gather at the River"**

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

The New Heaven and the New Earth

21 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. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ 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;

⁴ 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."

⁵ 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.” ⁶ 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.**

Gift of Music “Blest Are They”

By David Haas & Michael Joncas

Sung by the Chancel Choir

MEDITATION: “Precious Tears”

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. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***Preparation Hymn:** “I Come With Joy”

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Invitation

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Prayer

Remembering

We remember those who have died in the past year. Today we celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

We remember:

Michael Brown Dec. 1st
Son of Warren and Trisha Brown,
cousin once removed of Beth
Anderson. Lost in Alaskan Sea in
the sinking of a commercial fishing
boat.

Marion Dorothy Smith Dec. 28th
Mother of Stephen Baraquin, and
grandmother of Aaron & Stephen,
Jr..

Edward Harris Jan. 15th
Husband of Vivian Shipley Harris,
Father of Erik Jokl, Sr., Todd Jokl,
and Matthew Jokl.

John Randolph Rice Jan. 23rd
Brother of Laurel Rice Gray,
Brother-in-law to Mark Bessette.

Joyce Bellonio* Feb. 1st
Joyce was the senior Heritage
Member of the Church, having
joined in 1946. Wife of the late
Anthony Bellonio, mother of late
David Bellonio, sister to Gloria
Bellonio & Linda Lacobelli,
mother-in-law to Marlene
Bellonio.

Linda Serfillippi Feb. 17th
Wife of Joseph Serfillippi, and the
mother of Vincent and Michael
Serfillippi. Linda was the daughter
of David and Edna Chapman,
sister to Eileen Chapman,
Elizabeth Angelone, and Wendy
Burton.

Shirley Ryan * Feb. 19th
Wife of late Thomas P. Ryan,
mother of Mark, Jeffrey, &
Jonathan Whipple, and Kimberly
Sceggel. Step-mother of David,
Meg, John and the late Jane Ryan.

Audrey Reardon Tilley * March 10th
Heritage member of the church,
wife of the late James Reardon and

George Tilley. Mother of Jeanne
Reardon, James Reardon, Jr., Lynn
Reardon, and Neil Reardon.

Anthony Solecki* April 10th
Long-time church member, Tony
was a beloved husband of Cheryl,
father, grandfather, & friend.

Robert Shea April 19th
Friend of Carla and Michael Hill.

Robert "Coach Bob" Demayo July 9th
Husband of Bette, Father of Gary,
Robing & Kristen.

Walter Marks July 15th
Beloved husband of Catherine
(Kay Griffin Marks). Father of
John Marks & wife Lisa.

Curtis Andrews, Sr.* July 21st
Long-time church member,
Husband of Jane, Father of Curtis,
Jr., Kimberlee Andrews Moore,
and Dana.

Marguerite Schweickert Aug. 24th
Mother of Adam, mother in law of
Julie, grandmother of Bradley &
Evan.

Betsy Gumbart* Aug. 21st
Long-time church member. Wife
of William and mother of William
Thomas Edward, and David.

Ronald Trasavage Sept. 19th
Friend of Carla and Michael Hill.

Muriel Tiedemann Oct. 17th
Mother of Nancy Mahoney,
mother-in-law of Ken Mahoney,
gradmother of Kristen & Erin, wife
of Fred Tiedemann.

Joan Mellilo Oct. 26th
Long time church member.
Beloved wife of Fred Melillo.
Mother of Beth Connors &
husband Robert, and Brian Melillo
& wife Tara, and Brenda Tyrrell &
husband Michael.

And we remember all those who have gone before us. (*bell tolls*)

This is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Consecration

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***CLOSING HYMN: “Amazing Grace”**

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THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE: Sonata: Andante (abridged)

by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Those who are able, please stand.

** Thom Shuman, Playing Hopscotch in Heaven: Lectionary Liturgies for Year A

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Deacons are Peter Hall & Sandy Carter. **Scripture Reader** is Jim Bennett. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson. **Camera Operator** is Damon Quinn. **Join us for Fellowship Hour** following the service.

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.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	11/2	9:30 a.m. 11:30 2:00 p.m.	WORSHIP: All Saints Sunday Baptism Tibetan American (K,CR)
Monday	11/3	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00 4:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Retired Federal Employees (CH) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Tuesday	11/4	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 4:30 6:00	Music Together (DBL) Al-Anon:60 th Anniv. Celebration (CH) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) United Girl's Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Ukulele (DBL) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	11/5	9:30 a.m. 10:00 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Lions Club (CH)
Thursday	11/6	2:30 p.m. 4:30 6:30 7:00	Food Council (CH) Ukulele (DBL) Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
Friday	11/7	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 5:45 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Military Whist (CH)
Saturday	11/8	8:00 a.m. 9:00 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m.	FALL CLEAN UP Boy Scout Food Delivery (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Tibetan American (K,CR)
Sunday	11/9	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: GENEROSITY SUNDAY

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Laura Alden 11/02, Cheryl Bogert 11/02, Onna Gott 11/04, Samuel Gott 11/04, Eliza Stewart 11/05, Jason Petrucci 11/05, Gary Snowbeck 11/07, Bette DeMayo 11/08, Cheryl Solecki 11/08, Peter Hall 11/08, Harper Mickolyzck 11/08, Max Scoppetto 11/09.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Carmen & Melissa DeLuca 11/09.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Save the date:

The Women's Fellowship and the Lions Club will hold a Military Whist Card Game on Friday, November 7. Tickets are available for purchase at Fellowship Hour (\$12 per person). Singles, couples, and teams of four are welcome. Please call or text Carol Mitchell at 203-668-0608 or email cdmitchell60@yahoo.com information. Light refreshments will be served. There will be a variety raffle prizes and a 50/50 raffle! This fundraiser will help support church projects, local organizations, and the Lions Club in their mission. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and the game begins at 6:30 p.m. It's fun and easy to play. Come join the fun! Bring a friend!

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.

*OPENING HYMN: "For All the Saints"

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Unison

1 For all the saints, who from their la - bours rest,
 2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might:
 5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day
 6 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,
 all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, your
 you were their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 the saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray: as
 through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,
 name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 you, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 God to glo - ry calls them all a - way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:
 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
 (verses 3 and 4 follow)

Harmony

3 O blest com-mun-ion, fel-low-ship di-vine! We fee-bly struggle,
4 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful

they in glo-ry shine; yet all are one with-in your great de-war-riors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the

sign. Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah!
blest. Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah!



1 Shall we ga-ther at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod;
 2 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;
 3 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er, soon our pil-grim-age will cease,



with its crys-tal tide for ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?
 grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.



Refrain



Yes, we'll ga-ther at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



ga-ther with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.



*Preparation Hymn: “I Come With Joy”

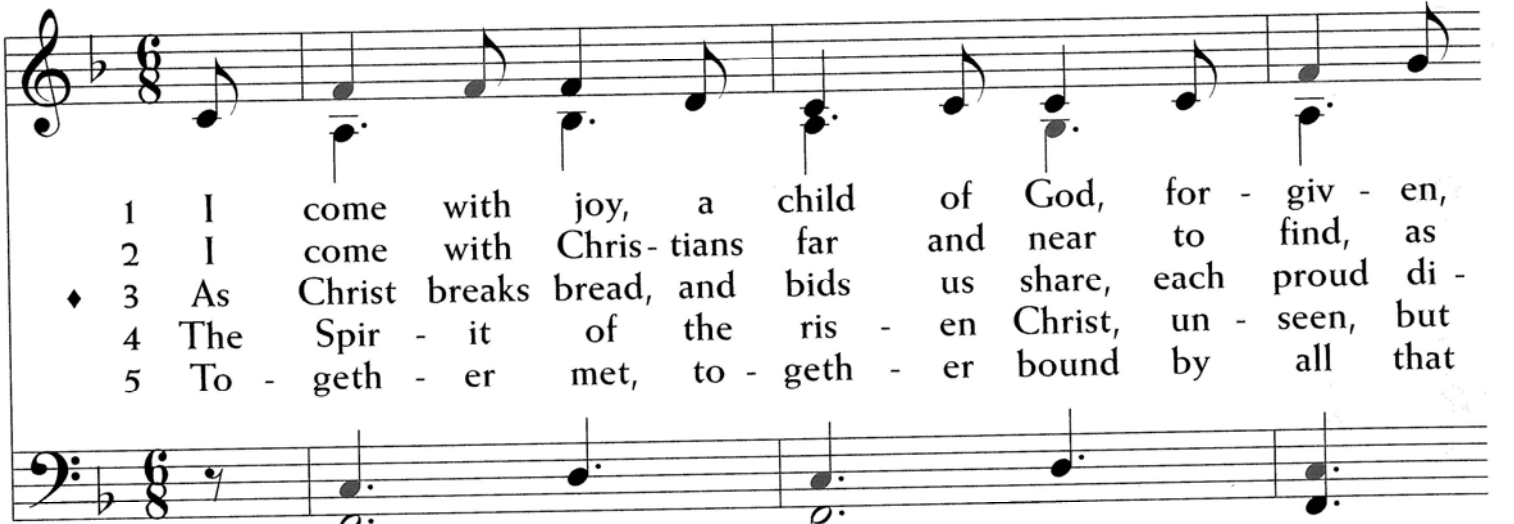
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Unison

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,

2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as

♦ 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -

4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but

5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that

Dm

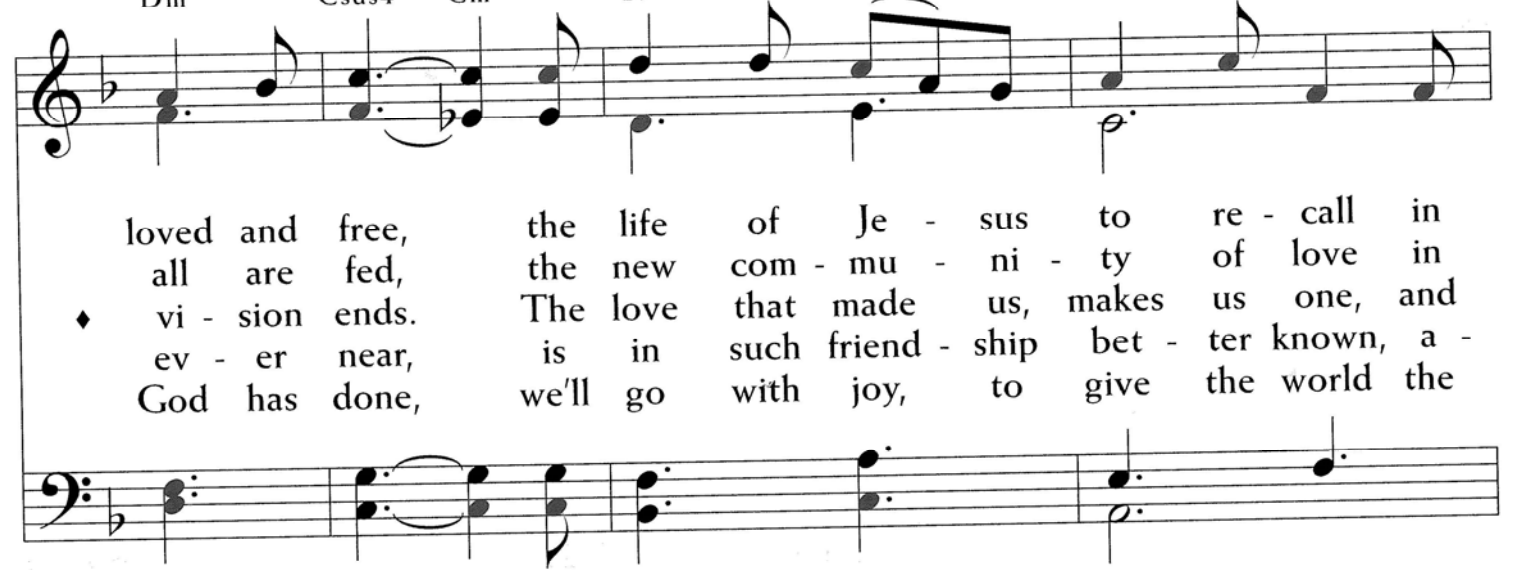
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Cm

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Am

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loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in

all are fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in

♦ vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and

ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -

God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

Gm

Am

B♭

C

Cm7

F



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.

♦ stran - gers now are friends, and stran - gers now are friends.

live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.

love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Deciding on a Financial Commitment

While there are many ways to support the congregation, our annual campaign provides a chance to think in a particular and prayerful way about the choices we make with our money in support of the church.

Your financial gifts make possible all the programs, projects, ministry and worship experiences that define our community life.

Deciding how much of our income to donate to charitable organizations can be difficult. Our faith tradition lifts up the model of a tithe, a gift of 10% of one's income to charity. There are a variety of ways to think about a tithe. Some view a tithe as 10% of one's income given to the church. Gifts given over and above that 10% are offerings to other meaningful organizations. Others think of a tithe as giving 5% of income to the work of our congregation and 5% to the work of other charities.

We see tithing as the goal in our practice of abundant generosity.

Some in our community already tithe, providing 5% or more of their annual income to our congregation. We are grateful for the leadership and example giving at this level sets.

Many more of us are on the journey towards abundant generosity.

As you think about your resources, could you take a step towards greater sharing? That might look like giving half-a-percent or one percent more of your income in the coming year.

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.