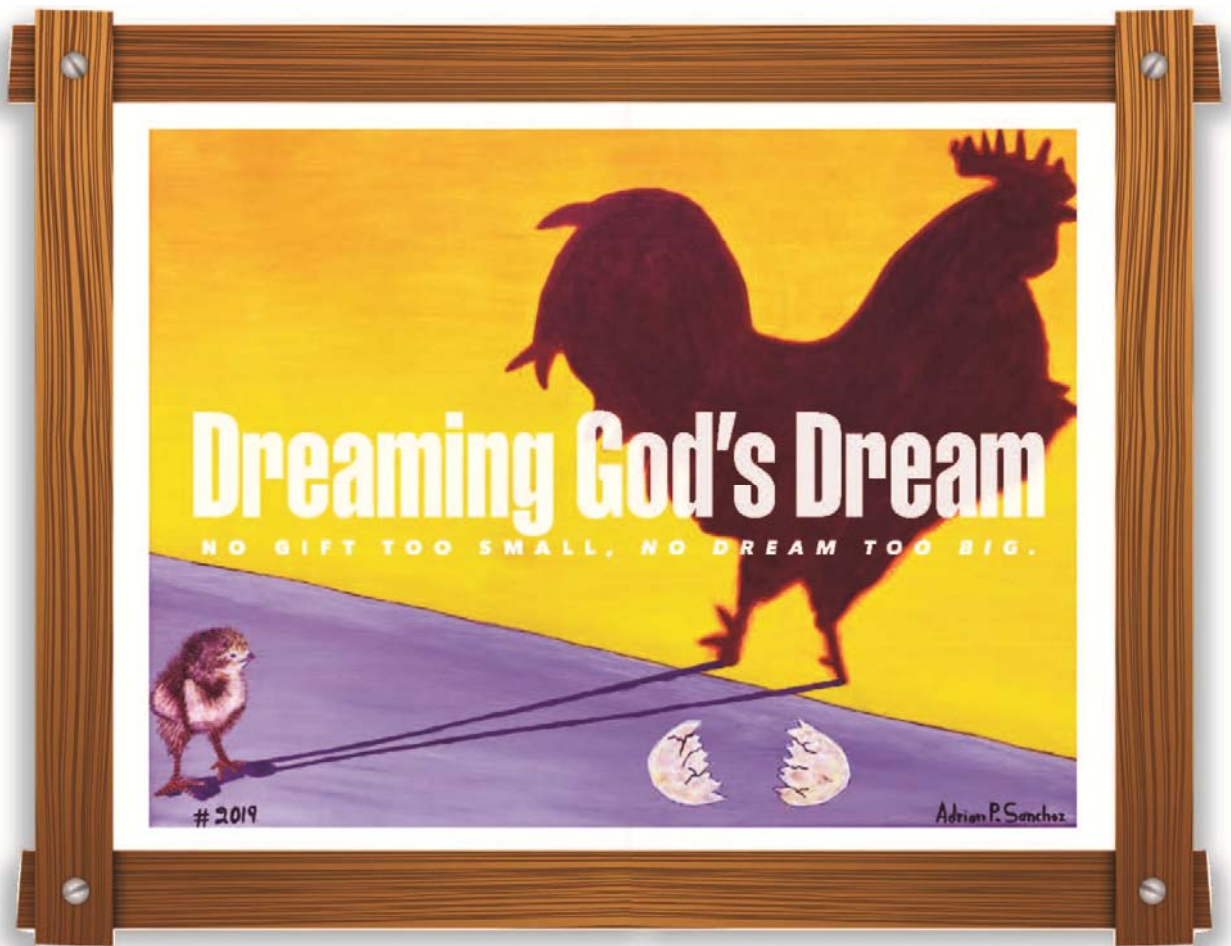


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Generosity Sunday

North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, November 9, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 27

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: C Major Moderato

by G. F. Handel

***OPENING HYMN:** “Sing Praise to God”

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We gather in awe

**People: Standing in the presence of the One who crafted the
stars, the mountains, the seas.**

Leader: We gather in faith,

**People: trusting that the One who has held little children cradles
our lives in the heart of God.**

Leader: We gather in need,

**People: Seeking the One who longs for justice to grace each and
every person in creation.**

A LITANY FOR VETERANS

Leader: We pause to remember those who go to war in our name.

**People: We give thanks for courage, for love of country, for those
who work to bring peace to our world.**

Leader: Remind us, Oh God, that the goal of any war need be justice
and peace.

**People: On this day, we pause in worship to give thanks to God
for veterans.**

Leader: And seek to bind up the wounds of those who served.

**People: Enable us to know how to comfort, how to bind up their
wounds.**

Leader: And remind us, Dear God, that the widow, the orphan, the
widower, and the veteran – all know the cost of war.

People: Challenge us to love the warrior but hate the cost of war.

Leader: And we pray for a time when peace will reign and swords
become plowshares once more, that war be known only in
history books.

People: And we give thanks, Gracious God, that you remain with us as we celebrate the service of all who dared to go forth in our name. Remind us that such service is not a movie, an adventure, nor something to be glorified. Remind us that war is a failure by us to overcome hatred with love, injustice with righteousness, violence with peace. We give thanks for those who protect us from such failures. May we truly be Your people and be makers of peace. AMEN.

By The Rev. Tom Williams, Whitefish Bay, WI

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea!

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

Holy One, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for the day when you will judge between the nations, and settle disputes of mighty nations, when they will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning tools, the time when nation will no longer take up sword against nation; when the knowledge and practice of making war has long been forgotten. Until then we trust you to guide our feet on the path toward 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.

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

¹³⁷ You are righteous, O Lord,
and your judgments are right.
¹³⁸ You have appointed your decrees in righteousness
and in all faithfulness.
¹³⁹ My zeal consumes me
because my foes forget your words.
¹⁴⁰ Your promise is well tried,
and your servant loves it.
¹⁴¹ I am small and despised,
yet I do not forget your precepts.
¹⁴² Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
and your law is the truth.
¹⁴³ Trouble and anguish have come upon me,
but your commandments are my delight.
¹⁴⁴ Your decrees are righteous forever;
give me understanding that I may live.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***HYMN: “Spirit of the Living God”**

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Jesus and Zacchaeus

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: Glorify Your Name

Words & Music:

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Donna Adkins

V1 God, we love You, we worship and adore You, Glorify Your name in all the earth. Glorify Your name, glorify Your name, glorify Your name in all the earth

V2 Jesus...

V3 Spirit...

SERMON: “A Better View”

Rev. Cindy

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIFT OF MUSIC: “Dream God’s Dream”

Sung by all

Words & Music: Bryan Sirchio

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.

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 of the Offering and Our Pledges**

O God, in whose every creation we discover a gift freely given: help us to understand that all we have comes from the outpouring of your wildly abundant generosity. Inspire in our hearts a deep sense of gratitude, and move us to share what we have received with the same immensity of spirit in which you have given. May your dream become written on our hearts. Give us courage, insight and grace to use these gifts join you in remaking the world as you would have it; healed and whole. God in community, Holy in one, hear our prayers and bless this offering. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

VU 481

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Sonata: Rondo Allegretto Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

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

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

*** Rev. Cindy Stasko based on Isaiah 2:1-4
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Deacon is Joan Bennett. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson. **Scripture Reader** is Jim Bennett. **Camera Operator** is Sue Cifelli. **Please join us for Fellowship Hour in Carroll Hall immediately following the service.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	11/9	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	WORSHIP: Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Generosity Sunday Tibetan American (K,CR)
Monday	11/10	9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:00 p.m. 4:00	Music Together (DBL) Sorting non-perishable food FOOD PANTRY OPEN BIBLE STUDY (L)
Tuesday	11/11	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 3:30 4:30 6:00	Music Together (DBL) Al-Anon (K) Sorting non-perishable food Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) United Girls Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Ukulele (DBL) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	11/12	9:30 a.m. 10:00 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN MLB (L)
Thursday	11/13	4:30 p.m. 7:00 7:00	Ukulele (DBL) Garden Club (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
Friday	11/14	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	11/15	7:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m.	MENS FELLOWSHIP Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Tibetan American (K,CR)
Sunday	11/16	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

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: Max Scoppetto 11/09, Annette Grant 11/10, Paul Ford 11/12, Theodore Manzo 11/13.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Carmen & Melissa DeLuca 11/09, William & Mary Ellen Adams 11/10, George & Flo Coulston 11/14, Jim & Joan Bennett 11/14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry needs

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

Food Pantry Donations: NOW is the Time!

Donate before Sunday, November 16th and your donation will be matched \$0.25 for every \$1. The North Haven Rotary Club is once again working with Liberty Bank to support our Food Pantry. Each year they generously match a portion of our donations for 6 weeks.

If you have been thinking about making a donation to the food pantry, NOW is the time. You can send a check to the church, use online giving on our website Northhavenucc.org (choose Food Pantry), or Venmo.

We have seen an increase in food insecurity and can use everyone's support. Thank you for considering supporting the food pantry.

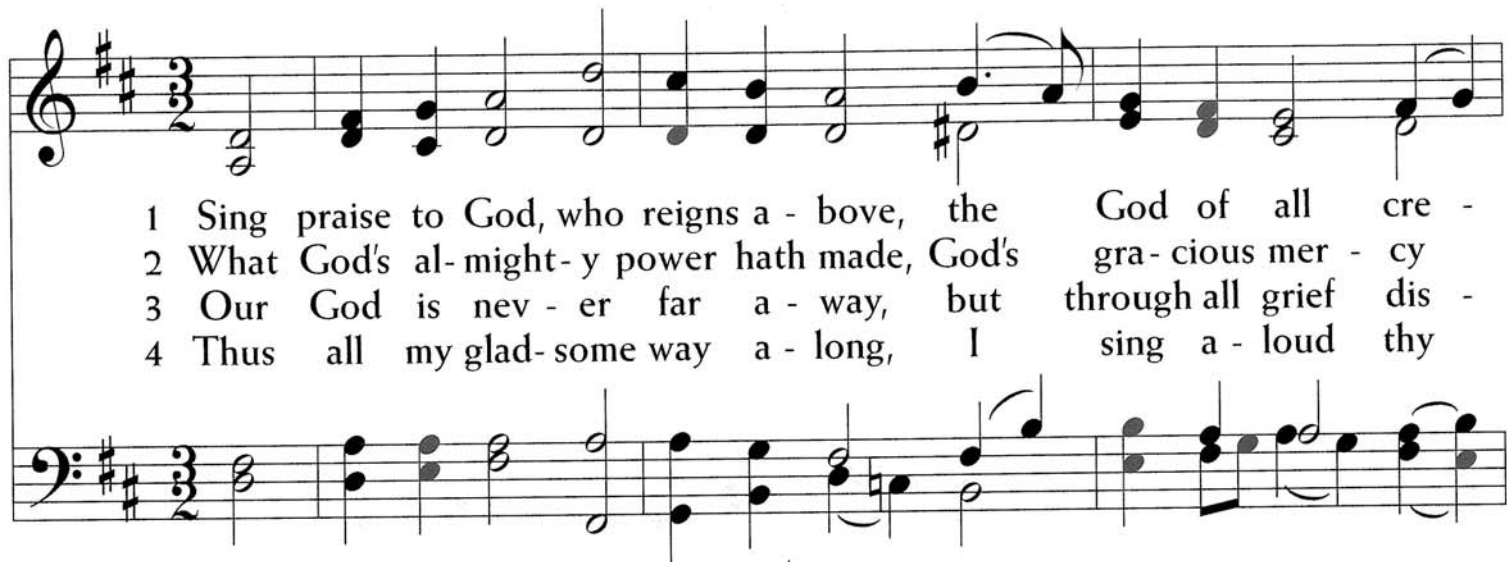
Socks and Underwear Collection to benefit Columbus House:

We will be collecting men's and women's underwear (all sizes and boxer shorts for men) and crew socks for men and women again this season for Columbus House. The North Haven Rotary Club has agreed to collect these items with us again this year. There is a great need for these items and the Ministry Leadership Board is asking for your support. Last year we collected 16 bags of clothing. I am asking that we collect this amount or more this year. This clothing drive will extend from November 1- December 25.

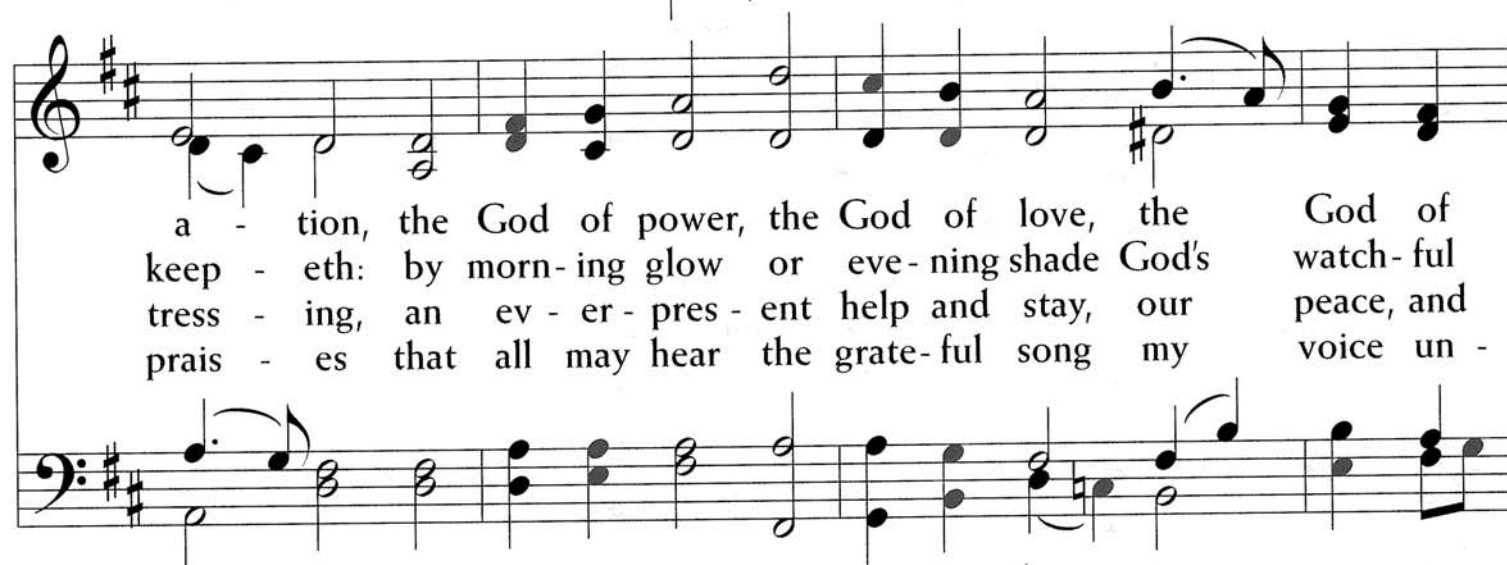
It is a part of our Church Mission to extend our generosity into the community and we are asking for your help.

*OPENING HYMN: "Sing praise to God"

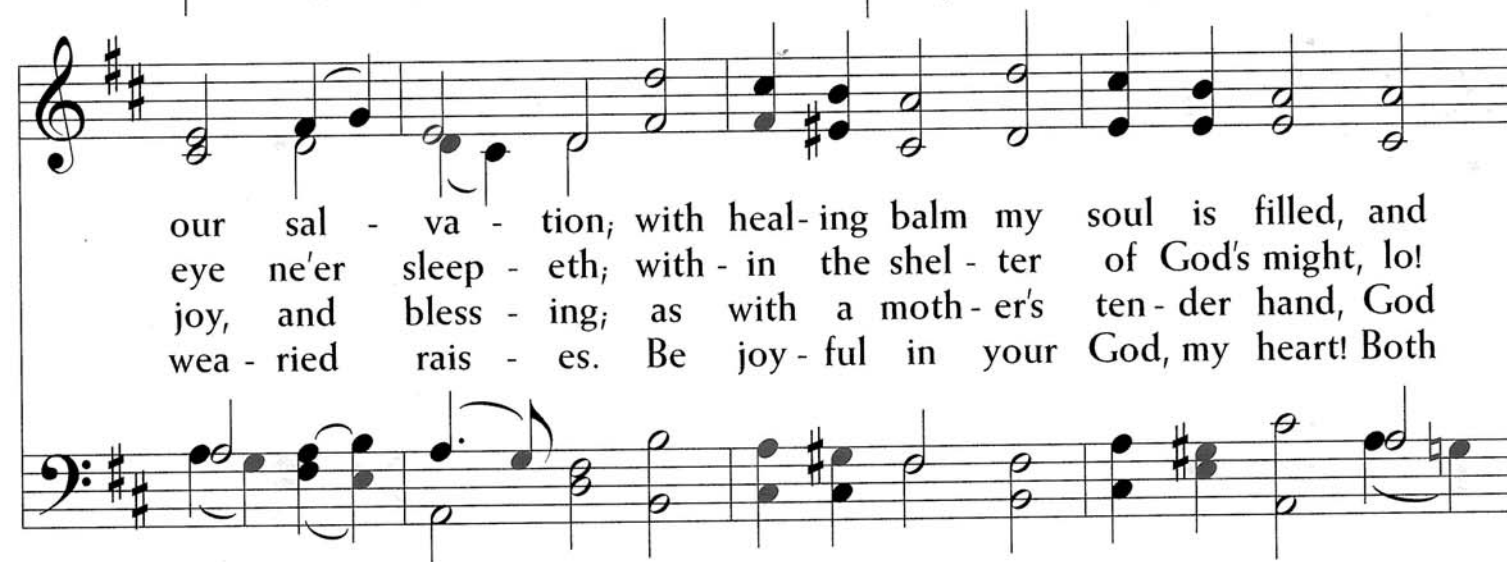
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1 Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al-might-y power hath made, God's gra-cious mer - cy
 3 Our God is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -
 4 Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud thy



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth: by morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch-ful
 tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay, our peace, and
 prais - es that all may hear the grate-ful song my voice un -



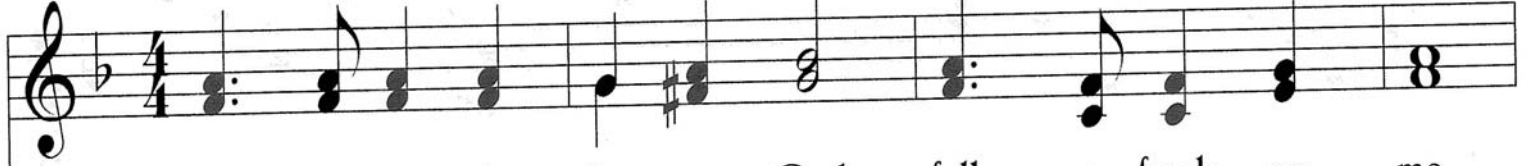
our sal - va - tion; with heal-ing balm my soul is filled, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth; with - in the shel - ter of God's might, lo!
 joy, and bless - ing; as with a moth - er's ten - der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in your God, my heart! Both



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled:
 all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 gent - ly leads the cho - sen band:
 soul and bod - y take your part:

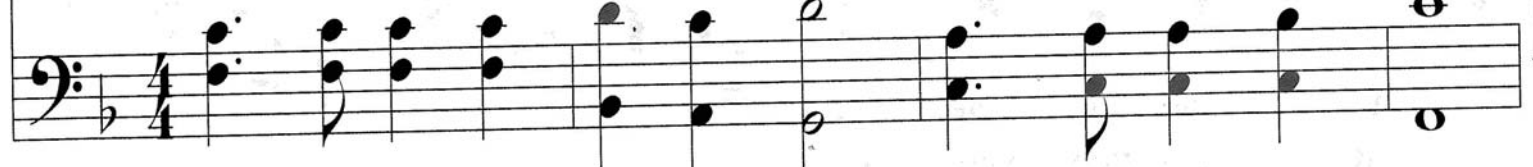
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Gm (D7) Gm F C F

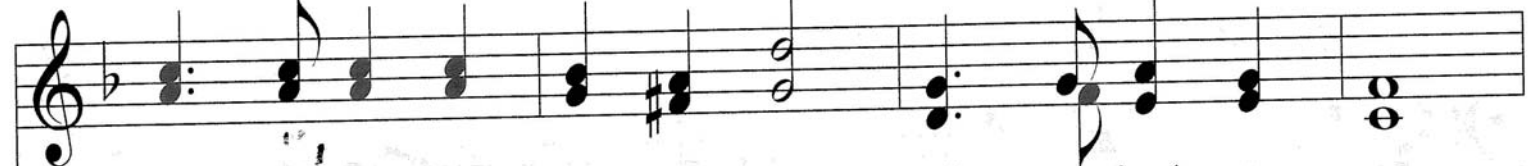


1 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

2 Spir - it of the liv - ing God, move a - mong us all;



F F7 Gm (D7) Gm Gm7/C C7 F

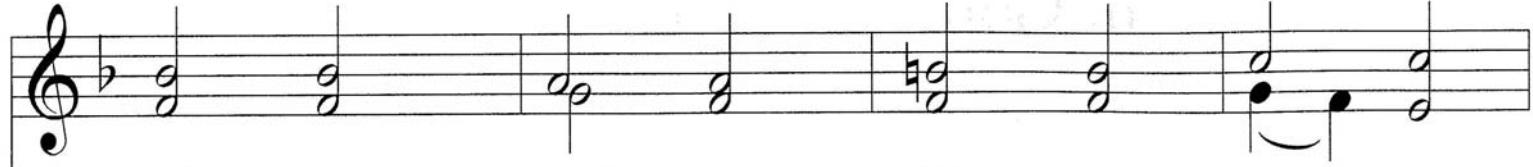


Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:



Bb F G G7 C C7

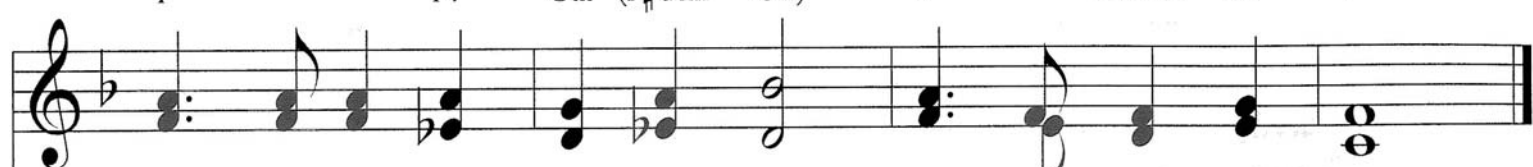


Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.

hum - ble, car - ing, self - less, shar - ing.



F F7 Gm (F#dim Gm) F C7sus4 C7 F



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fill our lives with love!



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

God's grace did in - vite us, God's love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for the king - dom and an - swer its call.
 give hon - our to Christ and the name that we bear.

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.

Feeding the 5000

CAN ONE SMALL GIFT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE AT ALL?

All the Gospels tell the story of Jesus feeding 5000 people (John 6:1-14) with only five loaves and two fish. But the Gospel of John focuses our attention on the role of a little boy. Faced with a crowd of hungry people, Jesus looked for help feeding them. The little boy stepped forward with a modest gift, improbably small when set against the size of the crowd.

Jesus blessed the small gift and distributed it to the crowd. As Rev. Dr. Leah D. Schade observes, "Like the folk story of Stone Soup where travelers ask for a large kettle and a stone as a starter for the community stew, we might imagine Jesus calling for a basket to pass around the food. It may have looked comical to see such a tiny amount of food in such a large basket. But then something interesting happened. As he passed the basket to his disciples, suddenly more baskets appeared. Surprisingly, there was food in those baskets as well!"

We dream big in church. The Gospel moves us to imagine addressing poverty, stopping conflicts, reconciling enemies, and building the kin-dom of God. Our gifts may seem small next to the big dreams of our congregation. But like the Feeding of the 5000, God's amazing work begins with our small gifts.

What might God do with what you have to offer?

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.