

# East Parish United Methodist Church

Established 1834

*East Parish is a Church open to all, which nurtures and enables people to experience God's transforming love and serve others in Jesus' name.*



“Proclaim  
the gospel  
to the  
whole  
creation.”

Mark 16:15, ESV

***Seventh Sunday of Easter***  
**May 16, 2021**

*The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of God,  
in loving memory of Imogene Barron Currier.*

## PRELUDE

*"Preludio"*

*JS Bach*

## WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you wish to become a member of our church family, or to be baptized, contact Pastor Wichmann at [nan\\_wich@bellsouth.net](mailto:nan_wich@bellsouth.net)  
Pentecost is next week, so wear **RED**.

## OPENING HYMN

*"Help Us to Accept Each Other"*

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## CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 47)

L: Clap your hands, all you people!

**P: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

L: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**P: Sing praises to our sovereign Lord!**

L: God is sovereign over all the earth!

**P: Sing praises to God, sing praises!**

L: Let everything that has breath sing praises.

**P: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

## OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Gracious and merciful Christ, We may not have been with you since the beginning, but you have been with us since our beginning. Help us to be faithful witnesses to your resurrection. You made us holy and sent us into the world but not to be of the world as you are not. Guard us and lead us, that God's sacred name shall be known and glorified throughout the world. Amen.

## READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

John 17:6-19

## SERMON

*"In the World"*

Pastor Nancy Wichmann

## \* HYMN

*"A Charge to Keep Have I"*

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to share your prayers of thanksgiving or petition. You may also send them to Pastor Wichmann at [nan\\_wich@bellsouth.net](mailto:nan_wich@bellsouth.net); indicate whether they should be shared.

## PRAYER THAT JESUS TAUGHT

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O God, you revealed yourself through Jesus, our Christ. We have not always shared you with those around us. Your grace preceded our receiving you, and your Spirit is ever with us to teach us your will. Too often we fail to hear or heed your call. Guide us in this world in which we are aliens. Employ our hands, feet, and tongues for your glory here, then receive us into your eternal arms. Amen.



## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L. Please greet your neighbors with the blessing: "The peace of Christ be with you."

P. And also with you.

## GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

*"Grave"*

*P. Magri*

### \* DOXOLOGY

No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### SENDING

### \* HYMN

*"This Little Light of Mine"*

**#585 (insert)**

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *"This is the Feast of Victory"*

**#638**

*vs. 3 – Antiphon*

***Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

### POSTLUDE

*"Postlude in D"*

*Carl Maria Von Weber*

***\*Indicates that we rise in body or in spirit.***

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## **Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

<sup>15</sup> During this time, the family of believers was a company of about one hundred twenty persons. Peter stood among them and said, <sup>16</sup> “Brothers and sisters, the scripture that the Holy Spirit announced beforehand through David had to be fulfilled. This was the scripture concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> This happened even though he was one of us and received a share of this ministry.”

<sup>21</sup> “Therefore, we must select one of those who have accompanied us during the whole time Jesus Christ lived among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John until the day when Jesus was taken from us. This person must become along with us a witness to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup> So they nominated two: Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

<sup>24</sup> They prayed, “God, you know everyone’s deepest thoughts and desires. Show us clearly which one you have chosen from among these two <sup>25</sup> to take the place of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup> When they cast lots, the lot fell on Matthias. He was added to the eleven apostles.

(Common English Bible, Adapted)

L: The word of God for the people of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

## **John 17:6-19**

<sup>6</sup> “I have revealed your name to the people you gave me from this world. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> This is because I gave them the words that you gave me, and they received them. They truly understood that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

<sup>9</sup> “I’m praying for them. I’m not praying for the world but for those you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> Everything that is mine is yours and everything that is yours is mine; I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> I’m no longer in the world, but they are in the world, even as I’m coming to you. Holy God, watch over them in your name, the name you gave me, that they will be one just as we are one. <sup>12</sup> When I was with them, I watched over them in your name, the name you gave to me, and I kept them safe. None of them were lost, except the one who was destined for destruction, so that scripture would be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> Now I’m coming to you and I say these things while I’m in the world so that they can share completely in my joy. <sup>14</sup> I gave your word to them and the world hated them, because they don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. <sup>15</sup> I’m not asking that you take them out of this world but that you keep them safe from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They don’t belong to this world, just as I don’t belong to this world. <sup>17</sup> Make them holy in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> I made myself holy on their behalf so that they also would be made holy in the truth.

(Common English Bible, Adapted)



# Help Us Accept Each Other

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Unison

1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;  
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life  
 3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved  
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,

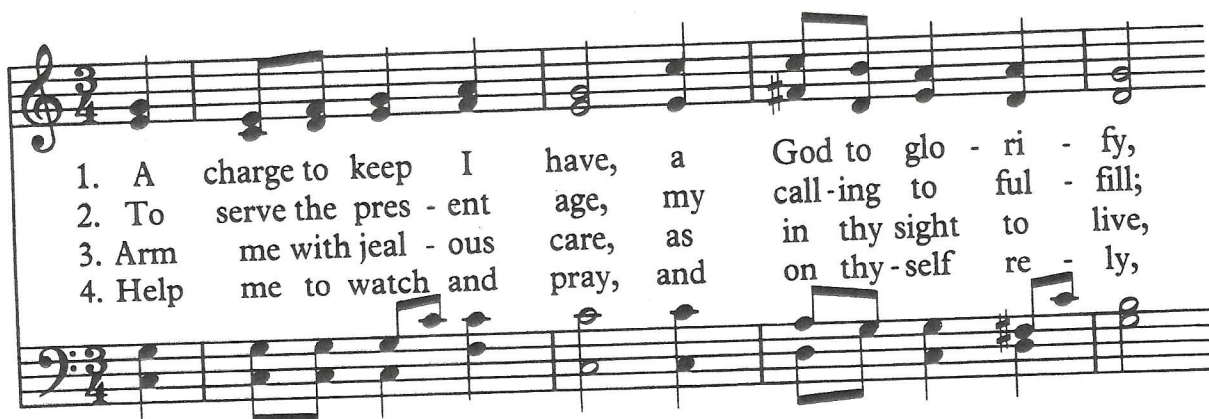
teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.  
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.  
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;  
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,

Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve  
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,  
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart  
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;

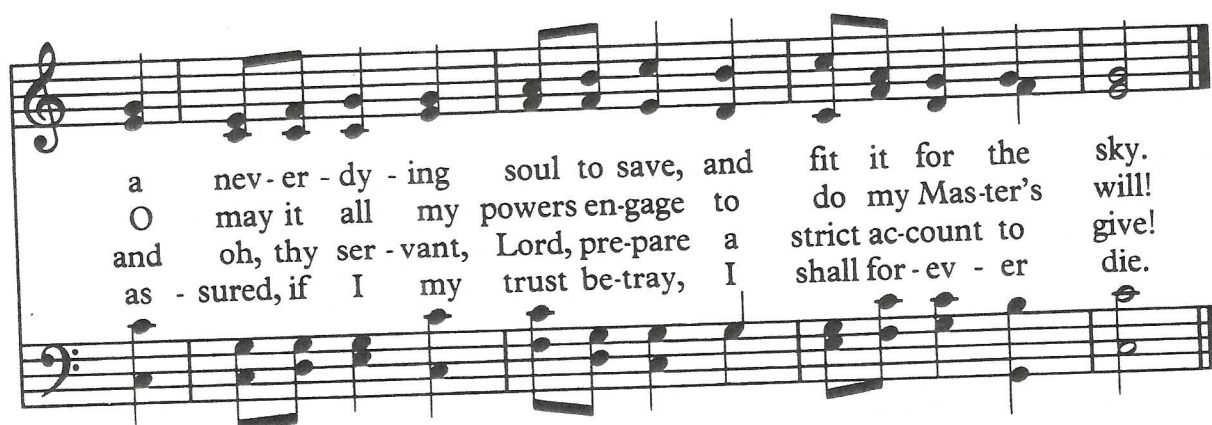
we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.  
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!

# A Charge to Keep I Have

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1. A charge to keep I have, a God to glo - ri - fy,  
2. To serve the pres - ent age, my call - ing to ful - fill;  
3. Arm me with jeal - ous care, as in thy sight to live,  
4. Help me to watch and pray, and on thy-self re - ly,



a nev - er - dy - ing soul to save, and fit it for the sky.  
O may it all my powers en - gage to do my Mas - ter's will!  
and oh, thy ser - vant, Lord, pre - pare a strict ac - count to give!  
as - sured, if I my trust be - tray, I shall for - ev - er die.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1762 (Lev. 8:35)  
MUSIC: Lowell Mason, 1832

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# This Little Light of Mine

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1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
 this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
 this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin'- a let it shine,  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine)

2. Everywhere I go

3. All through the night

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual (Mt. 5:14-16)

MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. by William Farley Smith, 1987

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## Please Keep in Your Prayers

Church of Christ, Ministries of East Parish United Methodist Church, For the slain everywhere, Vicki Hall, for a kidney, Ashley Fowler (Craig's brother), Deb McAdams, Steve Smith, Candice Short, Joni McPhee, Ken Eaton, Julie Allred, Corey Amlin (BIL of Martha Murray), Linda Murphy (friend of Samantha Stanton), Victims of sexual abuse and assault, Victims of natural disasters, Division in The United Methodist Church, Deplorable treatment of refugees and asylum-seekers on the southern border of the US, For those whose voices are so often ignored, All who have suffered with, because of, or died from COVID-19, For our country, desperately in need of unity and humanity.