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.



June 6, 2021

The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Elizabeth Smith.

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

* OPENING HYMN "When in Our Music God is Glorified" #68 (insert) (vs. 1-4)

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ministry Matters)

L: In the times of trouble, when all seemed hopeless, I cried out to God.

P: And the Lord heard my pleas and answered me.

L: When I felt lost and alone, I looked for God.

P: And God found me and brought me home.

L: When my life was filled with joy and blessing, I danced and praised God.

P: And God danced and rejoiced with me. Thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

O God, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. AMEN.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35

SERMON

"Crazy Jesus"

Pastor Nancy Wichmann

* HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs. 1, 2, 4, 6)

#700 (insert)

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; indicate whether or not they should be shared.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Too often, we look around us and fail to see our mothers and brothers and sisters. We follow those who would impose their authority instead of the one we should listen to. Forgive us, O God, and lead us on right paths for the sake of this world that you have given us.

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.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here No. 94 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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST God be with you. And also with you Lift up your hearts. We lift them to our God. Let us give thanks to our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...

... we lift our voice to join their eternal song:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest.

... As we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Christ, you died, are risen, and will come again. We await your kin-dom

come on earth, when your peace and justice will reign.

... And now, as children of God, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us: 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.

SENDING

"Take my Life and Let it Be" HYMN

#399 (insert)

- **BENEDICTION**
- BENEDICTION RESPONSE "This is the Feast of Victory" #638 (insert) 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

"Le Banquet"

Joseph Franck

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

13 But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture — "I believed, and so I spoke" — we also believe, and so we speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised Christ Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into Christ's presence. 15 Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

16 So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18 because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

(New Revised Standard Version, adapted)

Mark 3:20-35

20 [Jesus went home] and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. 21 When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." 22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." 23 And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. 27 But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

28 "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— 30 for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

31 Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32 A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." 33 And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34 And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35 Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." (New Revised Standard Version)

Prayer List

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 asylumseekers 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

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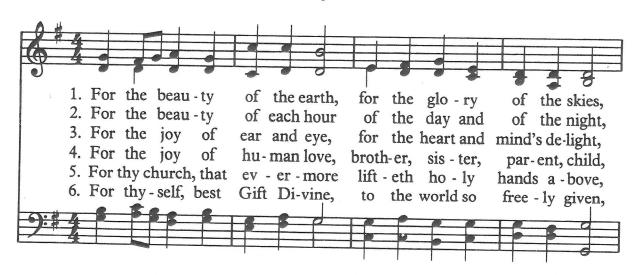
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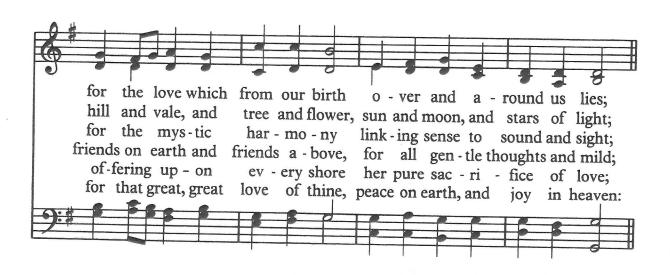
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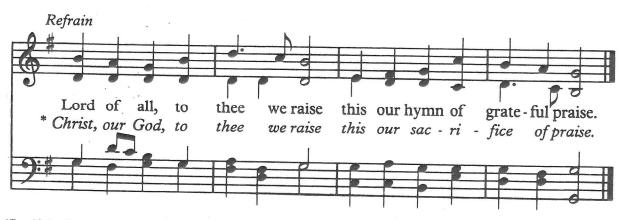
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*For Holy Communion

WORDS: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864

MUSIC: Conrad Kocher, 1838; arr. by W. H. Monk, 1861

