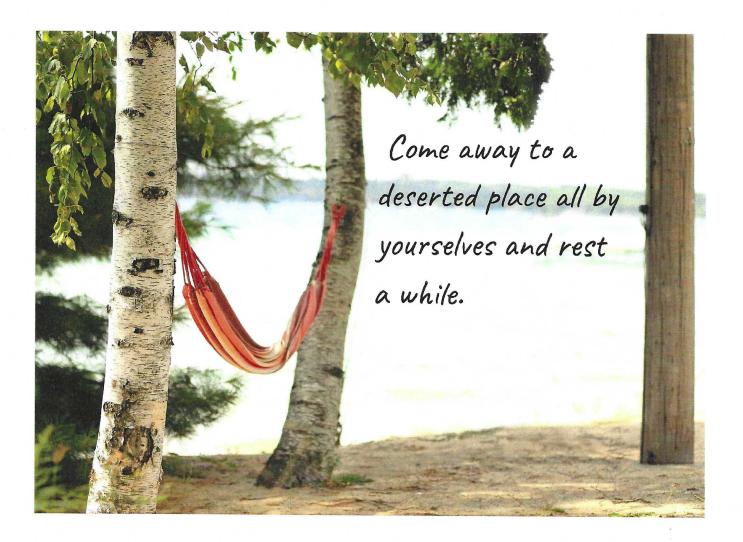
East Parish United Methodist Church

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.



July 18, 2021 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Betty McDonald.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 23)

L: Come, walk in green pastures.

P: We follow the Shepherd.

L: Come, lie down in green pastures.

P: We trust the Shepherd.

L: Come, dine at the table of abundance.

P: We are fed by the Shepherd.

L: Come, dwell in God's house.

P: We live in the Shepherd's care.

* OPENING HYMN "The Church of Christ in Every Age" #589

OPENING PRAYER ((K. Compston/edited, Unison)

Shepherd God, you call us into a rhythm of work and rest that our lives may be the better for it. So shape our leisure and our labor, that the world will recognize us as Jesus' disciples and our ministry as what you would have us do. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

SERMON

"Come away and rest"

Rev. Nancy Wichmann

* HYMN

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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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; indicate whether or not they should be shared.

THE 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)

Almighty and loving God, you gather us to you that we might hear your word in Christ. You give us quiet pastures to rest beside and still waters to restore us. We get so busy with life that we forget who gave us that life. We allow the pressures of life to crowd in on us, distancing us from you. Help us to heed you call to rest. 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

"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale" sung by Ron Parker

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

HYMN

"His Name is Wonderful"

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- 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

"Vorspiel mit starken Registern"

Xavier Hartia

*Indicates that we rise in body or in spirit.

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Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"-a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands -12 remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. 15 He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, 16 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. 17 So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; 18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to God. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, 20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. 21 In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in Christ; 22 in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. (New Revised Standard Version, adapted)

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. 54 When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, 55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

(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

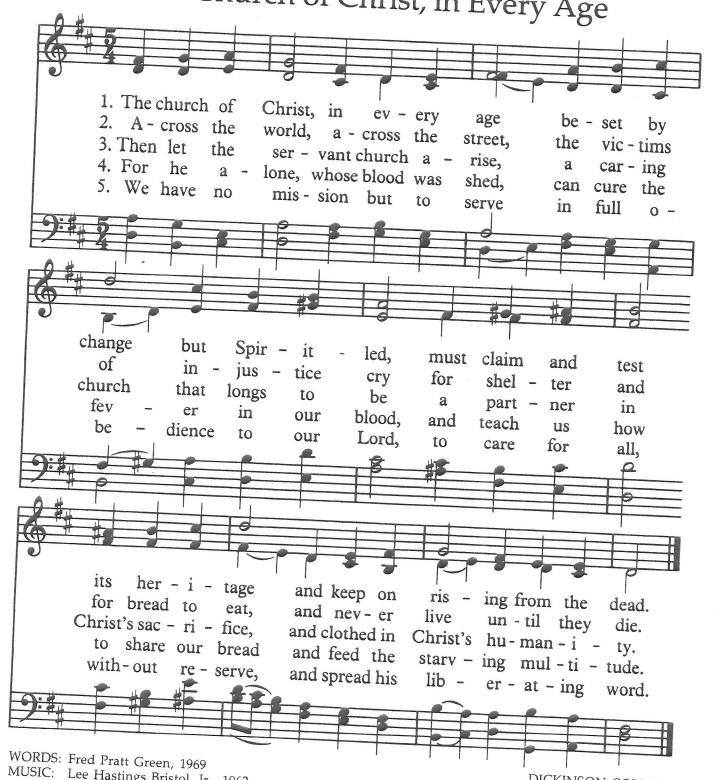
Deplorable treatment of refugees and asylum-seekers on the southern border of the US

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

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



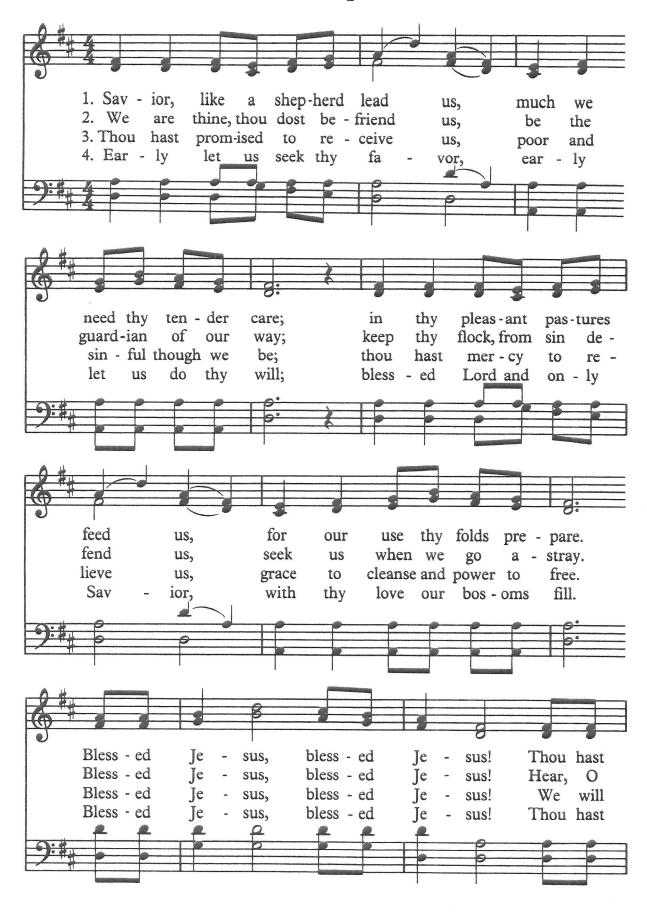
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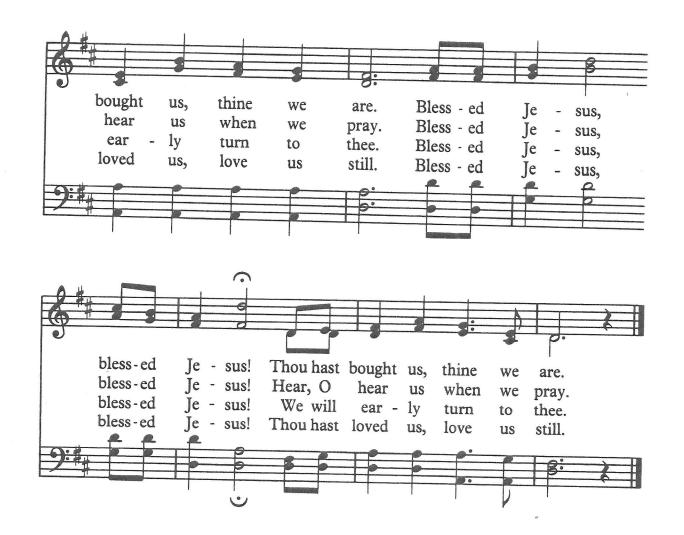
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