

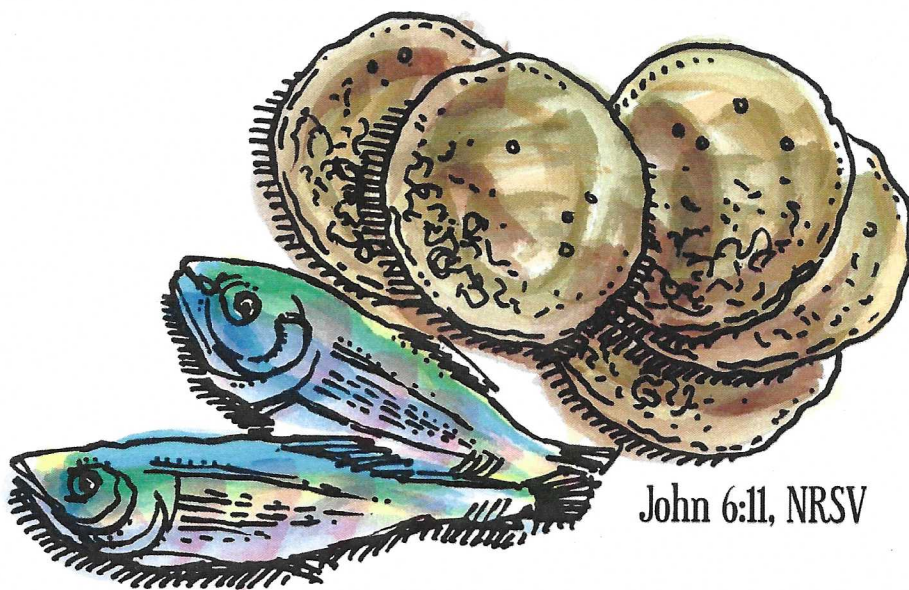
# East Parish United Methodist Church

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.*



Then Jesus took the loaves,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he distributed them to those  
who were seated; so also the fish,  
as much as they wanted.



John 6:11, NRSV



**July 25, 2021**  
**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

*The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Randall and Family.*

## PRELUDE

*"Morning Song"*

*Felix Mendelssohn*

## 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)

## CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 14)

L: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

**P: Too often we have been fools in word or deed.**

L: Still, the Lord looks from heaven for those who seek God.

**P: May we be found among the company of the righteous!**

L: Deliver us from evil, O God. Restore your people's fortunes.

**P: Lord, only in you can we find refuge. Amen.**

## \* OPENING HYMN "O God of Every Nation" #435

### OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Holy One, we bow our hearts before you this day. Strengthen us in our innermost being and dwell in our hearts through faith. May we be rooted and grounded in Christ, whose love is beyond all knowledge. Help us comprehend even the smallest part of the beautiful mystery of your grace. Grant that we may experience the fullness of your presence with us. Amen.

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

### SERMON

"Messianic Banquet"

Rev. Nancy Wichmann

## \* HYMN "Here, O Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" #623 (v. 1, 2, 5)

### 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 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)

Who among us hasn't wondered if God really exists? Who among us hasn't recoiled in revulsion when reflecting upon the depraved and loathsome acts we might be capable of? Who among us hasn't felt the agony of a life lived apart from God's love? Yet in our emptiness, in the depths of our despair, the Lord seeks us out; the Lord hears our cries; the Lord becomes our refuge and our strength. In you, gentle savior, our hearts are glad; we rejoice in your salvation. We pray to you in spirit and in truth. 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

*"Wondrous Love"*

#### \* 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

#### \* HYMN

*"My Hope is Built"*

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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

*"Hymn to Joy"*

*Ludwig Von Beethoven*

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

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### **Ephesians 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before our God, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, the Divine may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through the Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to the one who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

(New Revised Standard Version, adapted)

### **John 6:1-21**

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

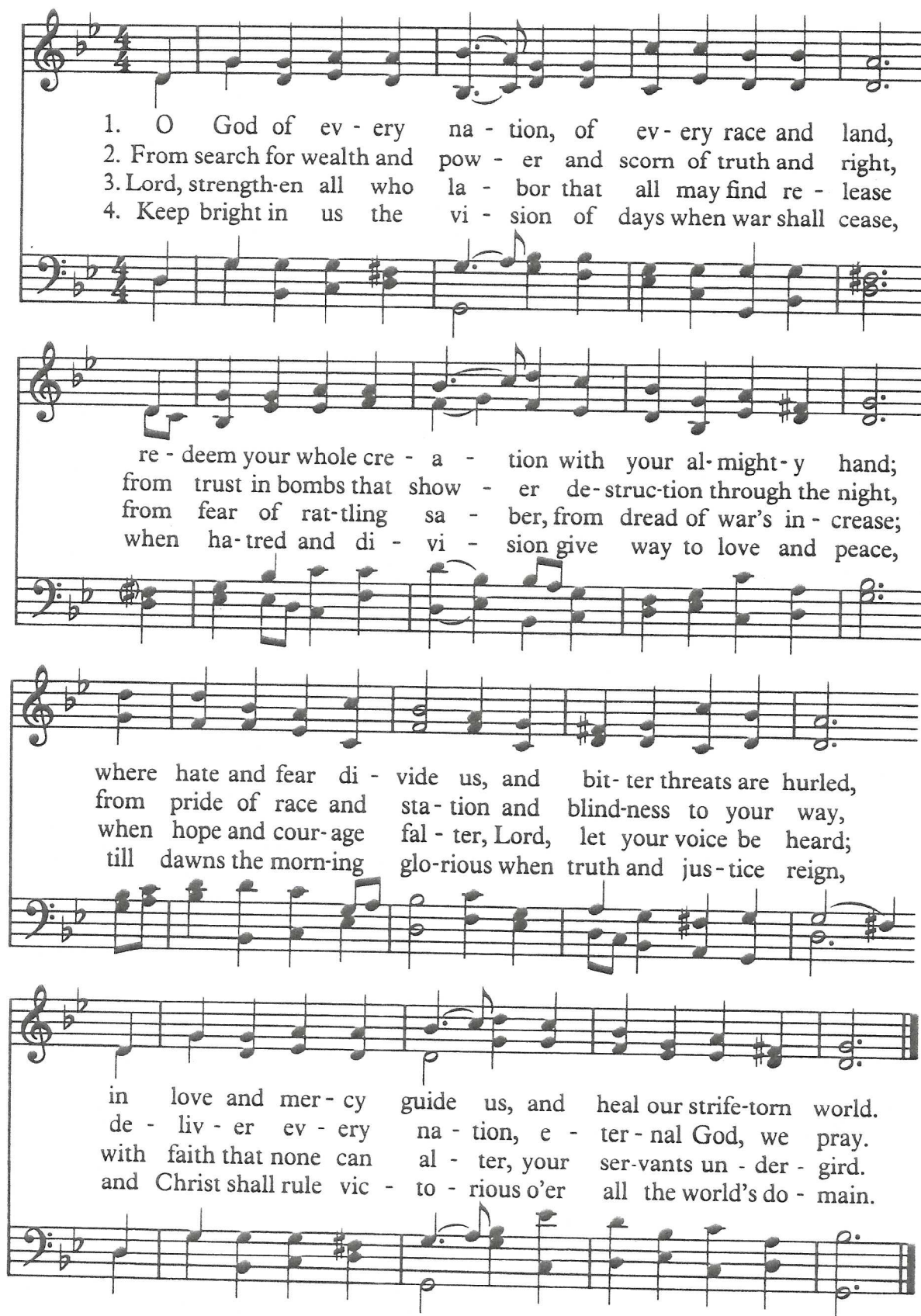
<sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

(New Revised Standard Version)



## O God of Every Nation



1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,  
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3. Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
 4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al-might-y hand;  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de-struction through the night,  
 from fear of rat-tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha-tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us, and bit-ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind-ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour-age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn-ing glo-rious when truth and jus-tice reign,

in love and mer-cy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser-vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

## Here, O My Lord, I See Thee

1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;  
 2. This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;  
 3. Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,  
 4. Too soon we rise; the sym - bols dis - ap - pear;  
 5. Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by;

here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;  
 here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heaven;  
 the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.  
 yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,

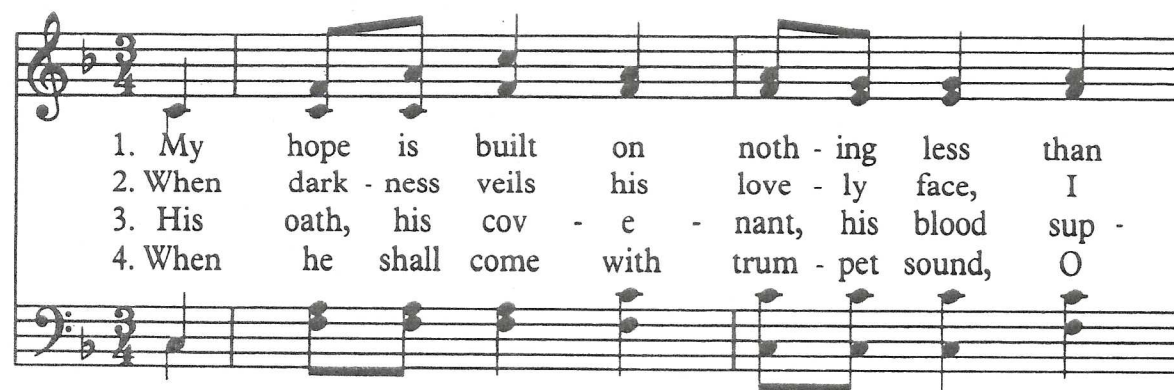
here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
 here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long  
 here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 The bread and wine re - move; but thou art here,  
 giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,

and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.  
 the hal - lowed hour of fel - low - ship with thee.  
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.  
 near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.  
 the Lamb's great bri - dal feast of bliss and love.

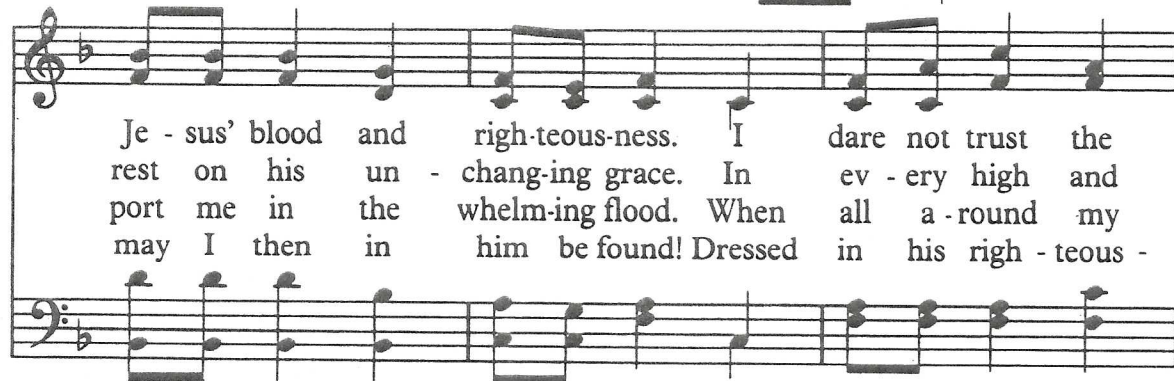


# My Hope Is Built

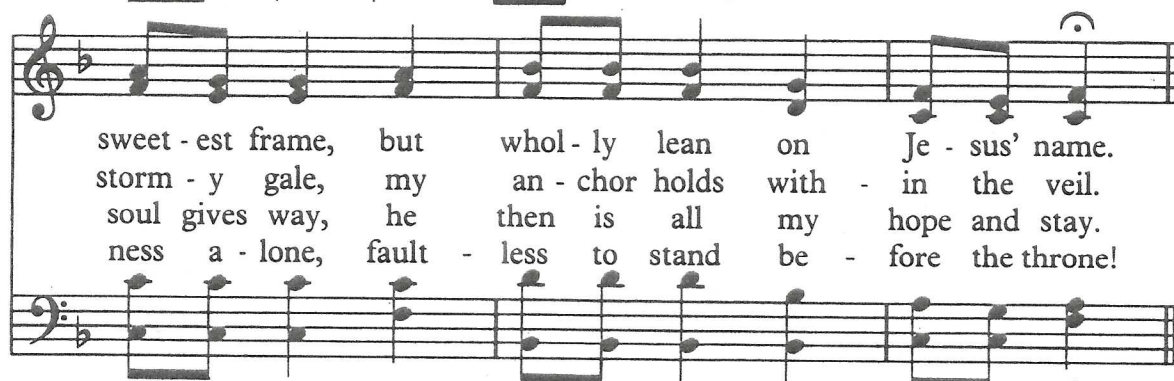
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1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -  
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

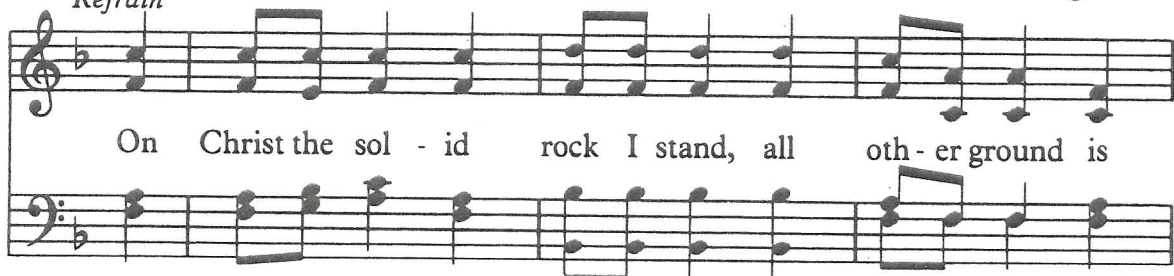


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the  
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and  
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my  
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

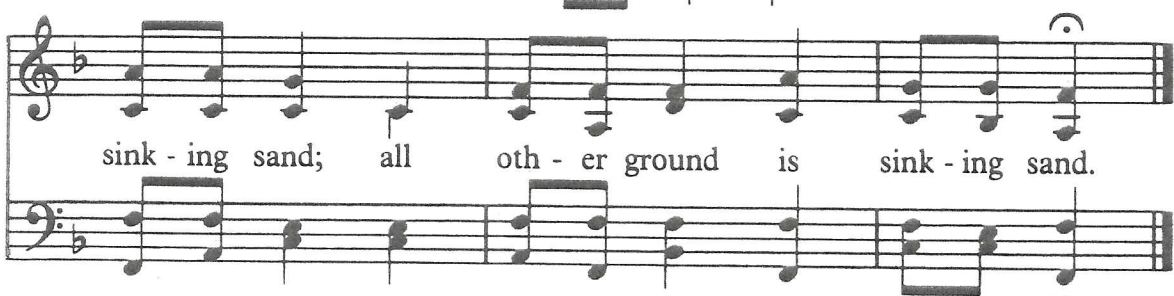


sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

## Refrain



On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834  
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

THE SOLID ROCK  
 LM with Refrain

## **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