

# 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.*



**January 16, 2022**  
**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

*The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Richard Poirier.*



**PRELUDE**

*"Simple Gifts"*

*early American Melody*

**WELCOME**

**\* OPENING HYMN**

*"Gather Us In"*

**TFWS #2236**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 36)**

**L:** No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

**P:** **your steadfast love finds us.**

**L:** No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

**P:** **your steadfast righteousness sustains us.**

**L:** No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

**P:** **your steadfast presence gives us hope.**

**L:** No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

**P:** **you hear our cries and answer our prayers.**

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

**OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Gracious and loving God, source of all wholeness, forgiveness, and mercy, may your Spirit heal those who are torn, mend those who are broken, and protect those who are fragile. Enable us, O God, through the gift of your steadfast love, to remember who we are and whose we are. In your love, may we be true and faithful disciples of your Child, Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 62:1-5

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

**SERMON**

Water into Wine

**Rev. Nancy Wichmann**

**\* HYMN**

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

**#154**

**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)**

God, we need a miracle today. Like Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast in Cana, we need a miracle today. We are tired, O God, of the hurts of this world. We are discouraged in the face of injustice, war, poverty, and indifference. We need a miracle today, God. Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain, will not be moved. Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds, cannot be counted. Your glory, like a mighty torch, will not be put out. O God, crown us with your love. Show us your glory, that in you we may be moved to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy. God, we need a miracle today. Amen.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God's love is continually poured out for us. Drink from the cup of forgiveness and compassion, dear ones. In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven! AMEN.

## **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

L: Share the peace of Christ Jesus with one another, saying "the peace of Christ be with you, always."

P: And also with you.

## **GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERTORY**

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

### \* **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**

**"The Church's One Foundation"**

**#545**

### \* **BENEDICTION**

### \* **BENEDICTION RESPONSE** **"Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

**#431**

*Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me;  
Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.*

### **POSTLUDE**

*"Festal Hymn"*

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



### **Isaiah 62:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I won't keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I won't sit still until her righteousness shines out like a light, and her salvation blazes like a torch.

<sup>2</sup> Nations will see your righteousness, all kings your glory. You will be called by a new name, which God's own mouth will determine.

<sup>3</sup> You will be a splendid garland in YHWH's hand, a royal turban in the palm of God's hand. <sup>4</sup> You will no longer be called Abandoned, and your land will no longer be called Deserted. Instead, you will be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land, Married. Because God delights in you, your land will be cared for once again.

<sup>5</sup> As a young man marries a young woman, so your sons will marry you. With the joy of a bridegroom because of his bride, so your God will rejoice because of you.

(Common English Bible, adapted)

### **1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were Gentiles you were often misled by false gods that can't even speak. <sup>3</sup> So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, "Jesus is cursed!" when speaking by God's Spirit, and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are different ministries and the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. <sup>8</sup> A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. <sup>11</sup> All these things are produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what she wants to each person. (Common English Bible, adapted)

### **John 2:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. (New Revised Standard Version)

## Prayer List

Church of Christ and ministries of  
East Parish United Methodist Church  
All who struggle with their faith  
Family and friends of John Kelly  
Family and friends of Corey Amlin  
Hogan family (Sharon's friends)  
Salisbury and Newburyport Assisted  
Living and Memory Care Residents  
Residents of Maris House  
Steve Smith  
Julie Allred  
Colleen Sanford  
The Arrison family  
Kate (Jan's friend)  
William Seal  
Ruth's DIL's father  
Gail (friend of Alana)  
Abigail and Jemma  
Edith (broken foot)  
Will Tift  
Alan Dane (George's friend)  
Hailey Stone

Tom (Debbie's friend)  
The Landry Family  
Harmony Montgomery  
Colorado fire victims  
Children, especially orphans  
Victims of natural disasters  
Victims of sexual abuse and assault  
Division in The United Methodist  
Church  
For those whose voices are so often  
ignored  
For the slain everywhere and all  
victims of violence  
Deplorable treatment of refugees and  
asylum-seekers on the southern  
border of the US  
All who have suffered with, because  
of, or died from COVID-19 or  
addiction.  
For our country, desperately in need  
of unity and humanity

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Until further notice, the church will return to increased distancing and masks and Fellowship hour following service is suspended.**

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).

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS** – There is an offering plate present at the back of the sanctuary for pledges and donations during worship. You may also drop a donation off at any time through the mail slot in the annex door. You may mail it to 8 Lafayette Rd., Salisbury, MA 01952. Or you can set up monthly payments through your bank (“bill pay”).

**COMMUNION OFFERING** – The Communion offering for December is pet food and tooth brushes/tooth paste. Items will be collected throughout December and delivered the first week of January. Thank you for your ongoing support of Pettengill House.

**AFGHAN EVACUEES TWO OPPORTUNITIES** – **St. Paul’s Episcopal Church** will soon be hosting evacuee families from Afghanistan. They are taking monetary donations to assist these families as they move to the area and further assess their needs. If you are interested in helping, please contact St. Paul’s directly at 978-465-5351.

**First Religious Society Unitarian Universalist** will soon host an evacuee family of 11. To sign up to help, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080C4BAEA72DA31-donations>

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – If you would like to make a contribution of or for altar flowers, please see a member of the Worship Committee: Debbie Choate, Alana Gilbert, Karlene Johnson, Jan Juntunen, or Sandy Roughton.

## Gather Us In



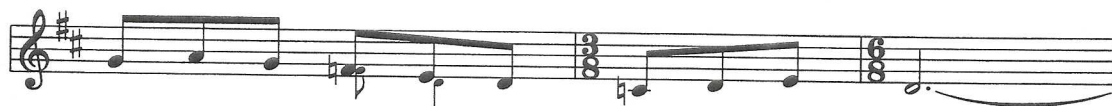
1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,  
 2. We are the young — our lives are a mys - t'ry,  
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,  
 4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing,



now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,  
 we are the old — who yearn for your face,  
 here we will take the bread of new birth,  
 not in some heav - en, light - years a - way, but



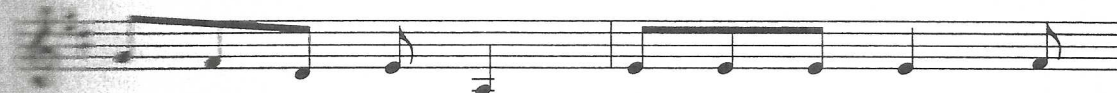
see in this space our fears and our dream - ings,  
 we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. \_\_\_\_\_  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race. \_\_\_\_\_  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth. \_\_\_\_\_  
 now is the King - dom, now is the day. \_\_\_\_\_



Gath - er us in — the  
 Gath - er us in — the  
 Give us to drink the  
 Gath - er us in and



lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in — the  
 rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in — the  
 wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 bold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and  
proud and the strong; give us a heart so  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and  
make us your own; gath - er us in — all



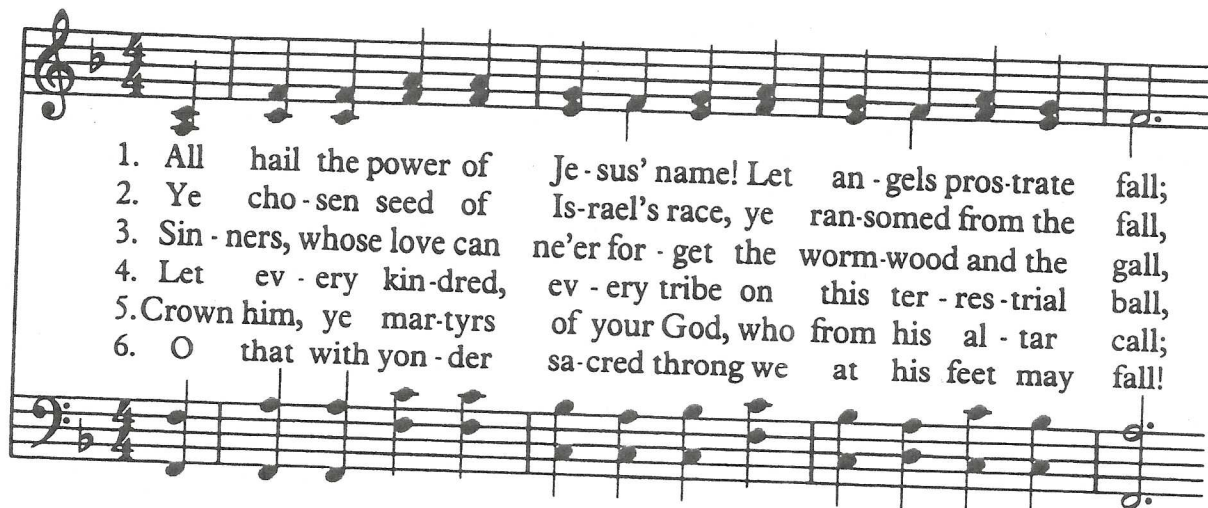
we shall a - wak - en, we shall a - rise at the  
meek and so low - ly, give us the cour - age to  
teach us to fash - ion lives that are ho - ly and  
peo - ples to - geth - er, fire of love in our



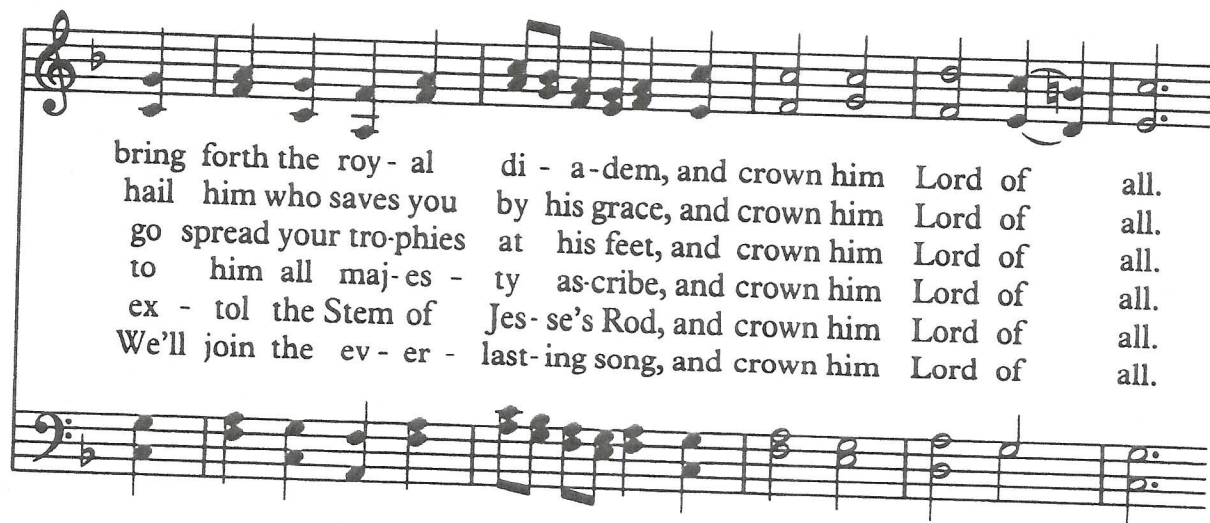
sound of our name. \_\_\_\_\_  
en - ter the song. \_\_\_\_\_  
hearts that are true. \_\_\_\_\_  
flesh and our bone. \_\_\_\_\_



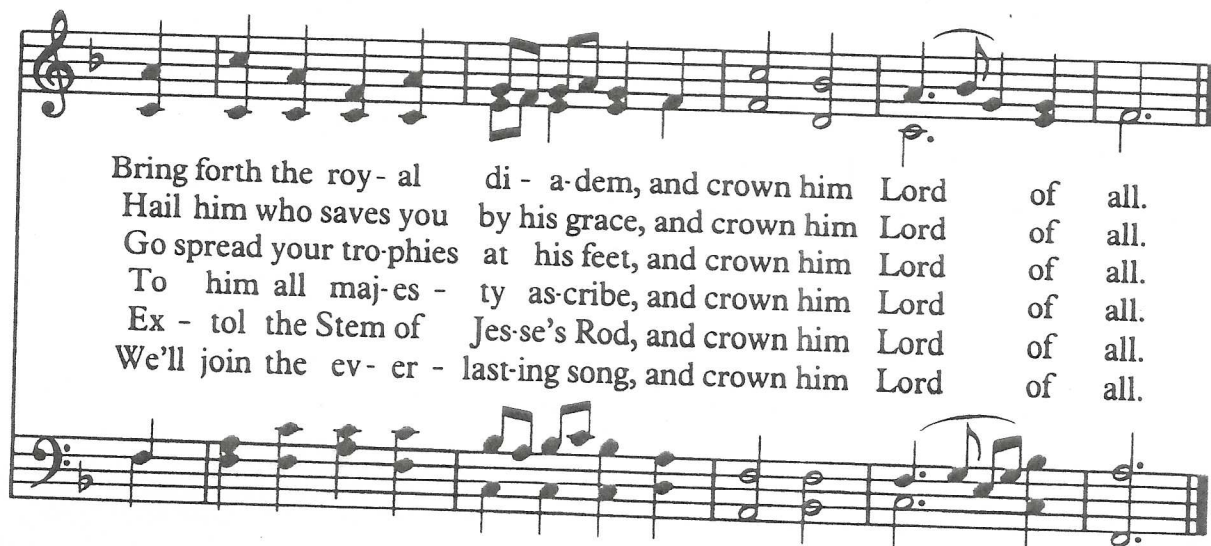
## 154 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1. All hail the power of Je-sus' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;  
 2. Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,  
 3. Sin-ners, whose love can ne'er for-get the worm-wood and the gall,  
 4. Let ev-ery kin-dred, ev-ery tribe on this ter-res-trial ball,  
 5. Crown him, ye mar-tyrs of your God, who from his al-tar call;  
 6. O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!

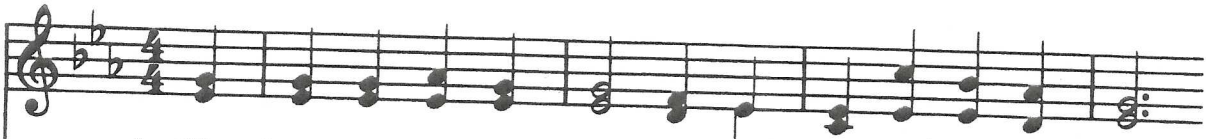


bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, and crown him Lord of all.  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
 go spread your tro-phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.  
 to him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
 ex-tol the Stem of Jes-se's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.  
 We'll join the ev-er-last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all.

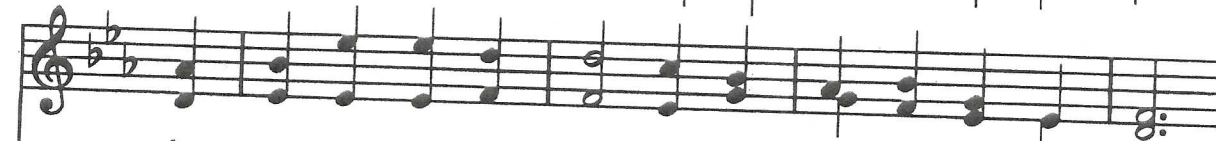


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## The Church's One Foundation



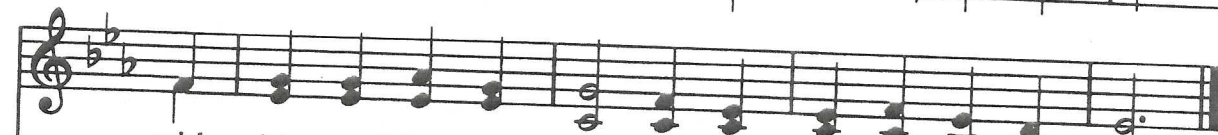
1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;  
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,  
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,  
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.