

# 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.*



ON HEARING THIS, THEY WERE  
BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF  
THE LORD JESUS.

ACTS 19:5, NRSV

**January 9, 2022**  
**First Sunday after Epiphany**

*The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of  
God, in loving memory of Belle Rebecca Howland.*

**PRELUDE**

*"All Soul's Day"*

*Franz Schubert*

**WELCOME**

**\* OPENING HYMN      *"Standing on the Promises"***

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**CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Ministry Matters)

L: God is with us always and calls us each by name.

**P: When we pass through difficulties and stress,**

L: God is with us and calls us by name.

**P: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,**

L: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

**P: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name.**

**OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

God of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us as we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. AMEN.

**READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 43:1-7

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**SERMON**

*"Baptism of Jesus"*

**Rev. Nancy Wichmann**

**\* HYMN**

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

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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 or not 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)**

Sky-shattering God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus, but viewed it as a nice story that begins Jesus' ministry. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service; and therefore it is easy for us to dismiss this as a nice story and nothing more. Yet you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. We are astonished by this. We know that we have behaved in very unloving ways and in some behaviors which do not promote your love and peace. Forgive us for our blindness. Turn us around. Help us to be people who not only recognize the light, but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in your name. For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

People of God, you are known and loved by the Creator. You are marked as God's chosen ones to bring hope and peace to others. Be at peace and live in hope. AMEN.

## 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

*"Pastoral Stück"*

*Freidrich Schneider*

### \* 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

*"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

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### \* 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

*"Bells of a Cathedral"*

*WJ Tollemache*

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



## Prayer List

Church of Christ and ministries of East  
 Parish United Methodist Church  
 All who struggle with their faith  
 Family and friends of Deb McAdams  
 Family and friends of John Kelly  
 Family and friends of Becky Bartczak  
 Family and friends of Corey Amlin  
 Sue Mitchells' family and friends  
 Hogan Family (Sharon's friends)  
 Salisbury Assisted Living and Memory  
 Care Residents  
 Residents of Maris House & Link House  
 Our members who are travelling  
 Steve Smith  
 Julie Allred  
 Collen Sanford  
 The Arrison family  
 Kate (Jan's friend)  
 William Seal  
 Ruth's DIL's father  
 Edith (broken foot)  
 Will Tiftt  
 Robert Short (Candace's son)

Alan Dane (George's friend)  
 Hailey Stone  
 Tom (Debbie's friend)  
 Landry family  
 Harmony Montgomery, the 7 year old girl  
 missing from Manchester, NH  
 Colorado fire victims  
 All those touched by Desmond Tutu  
 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. Additionally, our fellowship hour following service is suspended until further notice.**

**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”).

**COMMUNITY COAT DRIVE** – Winter can be a difficult time, especially if one lacks the resources with which to purchase needed items. We are collecting coats for a community coat drive over the next few weeks. If you have a gently used coat that could be repurposed, we kindly ask that you consider donating it to this worthy effort.

**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>

**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.

**EMERGENCY CLOTHING** – East Parish has partnered with the Salisbury Elementary School nurse and will be collecting emergency clothing for children. Items such as children’s sized socks and elastic-waist pants (including sweatpants), sizes 5-18 and adult small, are in great demand.

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).

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## Standing on the Promises

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,  
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
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# How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - ways shall lie,  
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus still leans for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 I'll strength - en and help thee, and cause thee to stand  
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

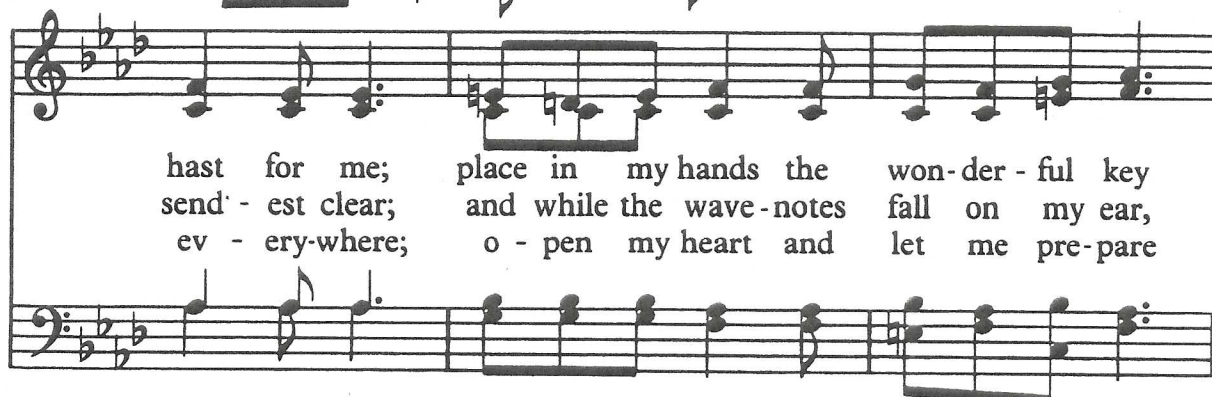
to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."



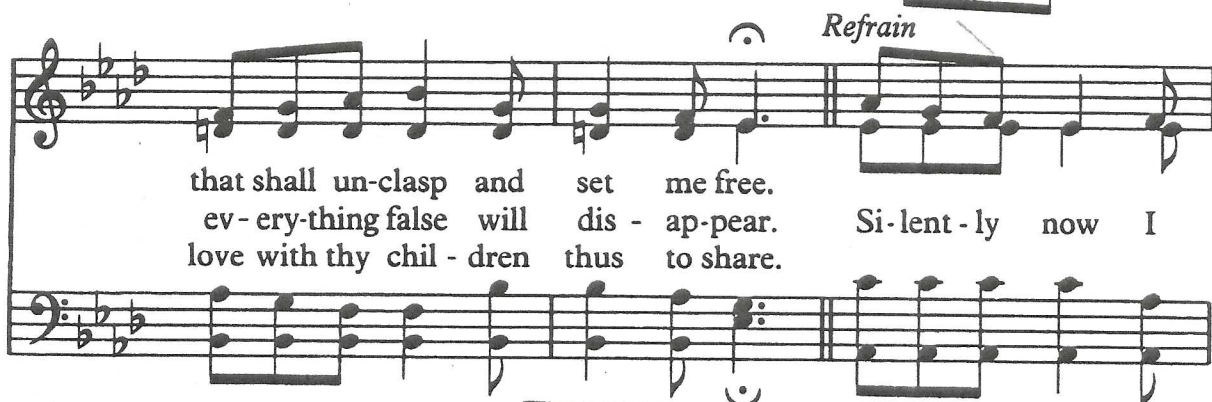
# 454 Open My Eyes, That I May See



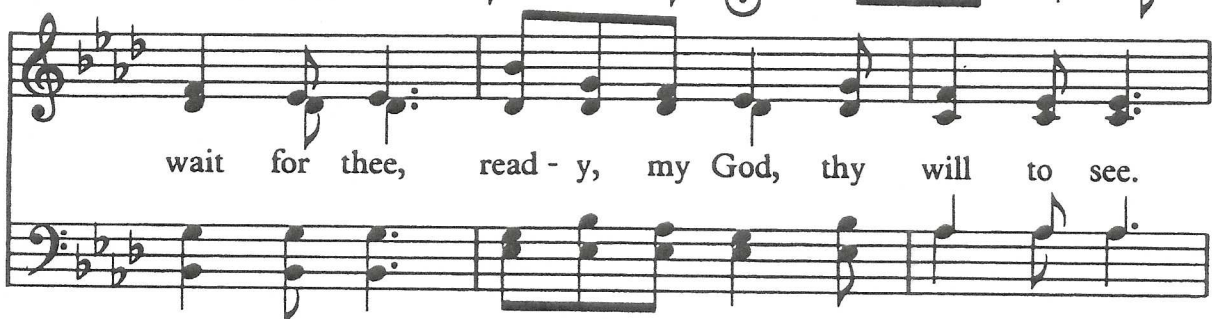
1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou  
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic-es of truth thou  
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad-ly the warm truth



hast for me; place in my hands the won-der - ful key  
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,  
 ev - ery-where; o - pen my heart and let me pre-pare



that shall un-clasp and set me free.  
 ev - ery-thing false will dis - ap-pear. Si-lent - ly now I  
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.



wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.



O - pen my eyes,  
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 O - pen my heart,



*Refrain*

Stand - ing, stand - ing,  
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.