# 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.



May the sun bring you
new energy by day.
May the moon softly restore you
by night.
May the rain
wash away your worries.
May the breeze blow
new strength
into your being.
May you walk gently
through the world
and
know it's beauty
all the days of
your life.

Apache Blessing

## Indigenous People's Day October 10, 2021 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of God, in loving memory of John P. Salter.

#### WELCOME

#### \* OPENING HYMN

## "Amazing Grace"

#378

(vs. 1, 2, 3, 6)

CALL TO WORSHIP (UMH 466, adapted)

L: Come, my Light, and illumine my darkness.

P: Come, my Life, and revive me from death.

L: Come, my Physician, and heal my wounds.

P: Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the horns of my sins, kindling my heart with the flame of your love.

L: Come, my God,

P: Sit upon the throne of my heart and reign there.

A: For you alone are my God and my Savior.

## **OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world, and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze; we need your strength and wisdom. Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us the eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset. Make us wise so that we may understand what you have taught us. Help us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and steady eyes, so when life fades, like the fading sunset, our hearts come to you without shame. Amen

**READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE** 

Leviticus 19:15-18 Luke 10:25-37

**SERMON** 

"Indigenous People vs. Immigrants" Rev. Nancy Wichmann

\* HYMN

"Many and Great, O God"

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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.

## 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

Creator God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God enriches you with grace and nourishes you with many blessings; God defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; God will accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

"The Kingdom of God"

solo by Ron

\* DOXOLOGY
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 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS #2223

\* 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

"March from Concerto 1"

v Matthew Canidge

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

Leviticus 19:15-18

<sup>15</sup> You must not act unjustly in a legal case. Do not show favoritism to the poor or deference to the great; you must judge your kin fairly. <sup>16</sup> Do not go around slandering your people. Do not stand by while your neighbor's blood is shed; I am your God. <sup>17</sup> You must not hate your fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your fellow Israelite strongly, so you don't become responsible for their sin. <sup>18</sup> You must not take revenge nor hold a grudge against any of your people; instead, you must love your neighbor as yourself; I am your God. (Common English Bible, adapted)

Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup> A legal expert stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to gain eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup> Jesus replied, "What is written in the Law? How do you interpret it?"

<sup>27</sup> He responded, "You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

<sup>28</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But the legal expert wanted to prove that he was right, so he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He encountered thieves, who stripped him naked, beat him up, and left him near death. <sup>31</sup> Now it just so happened that a priest was also going down the same road. When he saw the injured man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. <sup>32</sup> Likewise, a Levite came by that spot, saw the injured man, and crossed over to the other side of the road and went on his way. <sup>33</sup> A Samaritan, who was on a journey, came to where the man was. But when he saw him, he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> The Samaritan went to him and bandaged his wounds, tending them with oil and wine. Then he placed the wounded man on his own donkey, took him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day, he took two full days' worth of wages and gave them to the innkeeper. He said, 'Take care of him, and when I return, I will pay you back for any additional costs.' <sup>36</sup> What do you think? Which one of these three was a neighbor to the man who encountered thieves?"

<sup>37</sup> Then the legal expert said, "The one who demonstrated mercy toward him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (Common English Bible. adapted)

#### **Prayer List**

Church of Christ and ministries of East Parish United Methodist Church Family and friends of Ashley Fowler (Craig's brother) Family and friends of Deb McAdams Family and friends of Vicki Hall Mike Gilbert, and Alana **Candice Short** Family and friends of Christina Roberts (Candice's son's aunt) Carolyn Blake (Candice's sister's mother) Steve Smith Joni McPhee Ken Eaton Julie Allred Corey Amlin (BIL of Martha Murray)

Chris, Gary, Percy, Sheryl, Peter (friends of Jan Pretty) Harry (partner of Jodie Anderson) The Arrison family Kate (Jan's friend) 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 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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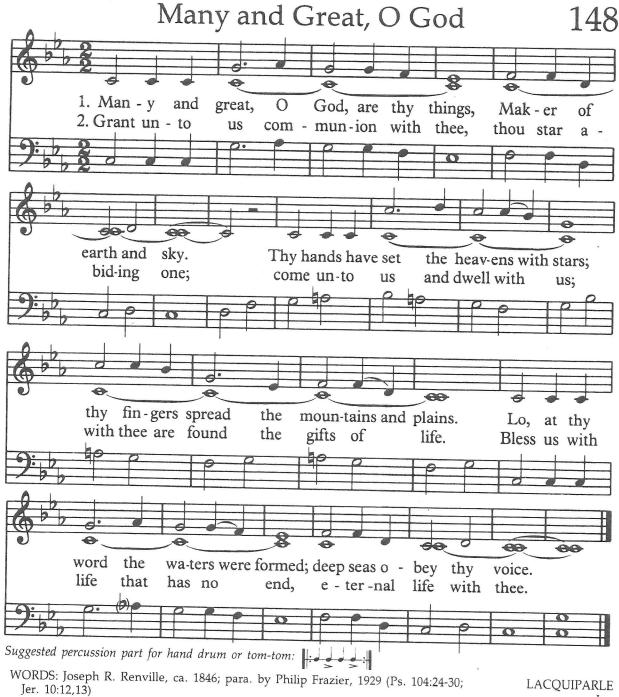
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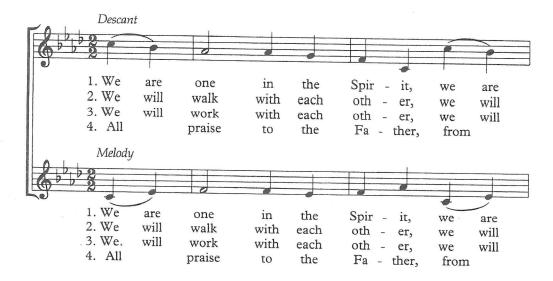




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