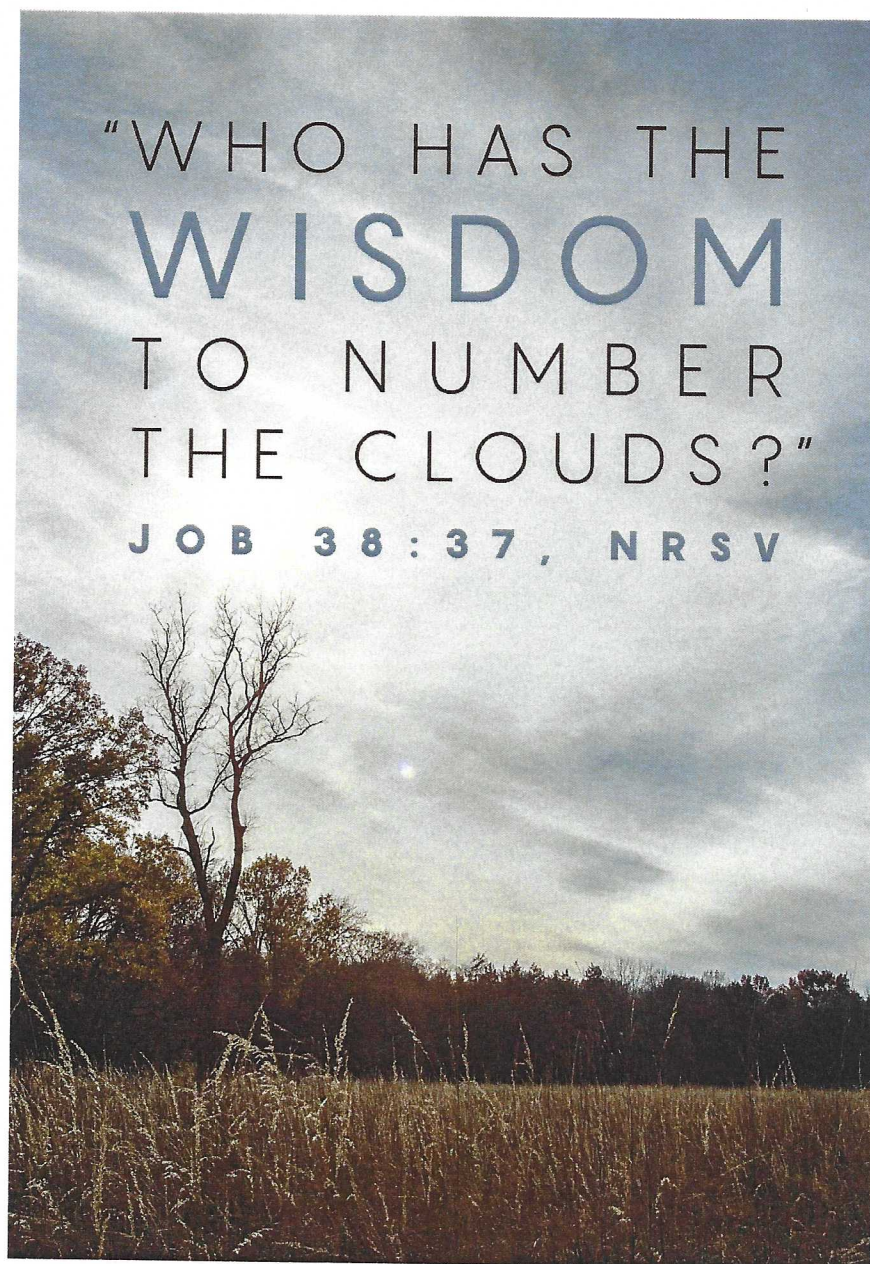


East Parish United Methodist Church

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.



October 17, 2021
Twenty first Sunday after Pentecost

*The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of
God, in loving memory of Newell Stanley Rogers.*

PRELUDE

Versets on "Aurelia" Theme / Interlude

WELCOME

*** OPENING HYMN *"From all that Dwell Below the Skies" #101***

CALL TO WORSHIP (Ministry Matters)

L: As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things....

P: So God pours God's love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

L: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

P: God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

L: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

P: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. AMEN.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Job 38:1-7, 24-27, 39-41

SERMON

"Were You There?"

Rev. Nancy Wichmann

*** HYMN**

"Be Thou my Vision"

#451

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

We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely overlook the wonders of your creation, O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior. You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty. Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of the Servant of all, Jesus Christ, our Savior. AMEN.

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

Versets on "Aurelia" 3 Intermezzo

*** 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you wish to become a member of our church family, or to be baptized, contact Pastor Wichmann at nan_wich@bellsouth.net.

Hymn Sing October 31 – send your suggestions to Pastor Nancy.

*** HYMN** *"Let all things now living"*

TFWS #2008

*** 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

Versets on "Aurelia" Fanfare / Theme

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

Job 38:1-7, 24-27, 39-41 (NRSV)

¹ Then God answered Job out of the whirlwind:

² “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³ Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴ “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵ Who determined its measurements — surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶ On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

⁷ when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

²⁴ What is the way to the place where the light is distributed, or where the east wind is scattered upon the earth?

²⁵ “Who has cut a channel for the torrents of rain, and a way for the thunderbolt,
²⁶ to bring rain on a land where no one lives, on the desert, which is empty of human life, ²⁷ to satisfy the waste and desolate land, and to make the ground put forth grass?

³⁹ “Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, ⁴⁰ when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert?

⁴¹ Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

Prayer List

Church of Christ
Ministries of East Parish United
Methodist Church
For the slain everywhere
Family and friends of Ashley Fowler
(Craig's brother)
Family and friends of Deb McAdams
Family and friends of Vicki Hall
Mike and Alana Gilbert
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)
Victims of natural disasters
Victims of sexual abuse and assault
Division in The United Methodist Church
For those whose voices are so often
ignored
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
All who have suffered with, because of, or
died from addiction
For our country, desperately in need of
unity and humanity

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Let All Things Now Living

2008

Descant

Ah

1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks -
2. The law God en - forc - es, the stars in their

O sun in its or - bit o - be - dient-ly

giv - ing to God the Cre - a - tor tri - um-phant - ly
cours - es and sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Bass) in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It begins with a descant in the Soprano part, followed by two verses of lyrics. The lyrics are: '1. Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - 2. The law God en - forc - es, the stars in their'. The music continues with a melodic line in the Soprano part, followed by a line of lyrics: 'O sun in its or - bit o - be - dient-ly'. The final line of lyrics is: 'giv - ing to God the Cre - a - tor tri - um-phant - ly cours - es and sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly'.

WORDS: Katherine K. Davis (Exod. 13:21; Ps. 148; 150:6)
MUSIC: Trad. Welsh melody; harm. and descant by Katherine K. Davis
Words, harm., and descant © 1938, 1966 E. C. Schirmer

THE ASH GROVE
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PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

joice! With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us
 fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us
 raise, Ah _____
 night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
 raise, till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -
 _____ to God in the high - est ho - san - na and praise!
 ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 giv - ing: To God in the high - est ho - san - na and praise!

THE GLORY OF THE TRIUNE GOD

shine. Ah

raise, who fash-ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and
 shine; the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and

the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim the Di -

stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our
 foun - tains, the deeps of the o - cean pro - claim the Di -

vine. Re - joice, re -

days. God's ban - ners fly o'er us; God's light goes be -
 vine. We, too, should be voic - ing our love and re -

From All That Dwell Below the Skies 101



1. From all that dwell be - low the skies,
 2. E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord;
 3. Your loft - y themes, ye mor - tals, bring,
 4. In ev - ery land be - gin the song;



let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's
 e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy word. Thy praise shall sound from
 in songs of praise di - vine - ly sing; the great sal - va - tion
 to ev - ery land the strains be - long; in cheer - ful sounds all



name be sung, through ev - ery land by ev - ery tongue.
 shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
 loud pro - claim, and shout for joy the Sav - ior's name.
 voic - es raise, and fill the world with loud - est praise.

WORDS: Sts. 1-2, Isaac Watts; sts. 3-4, anon., ca. 1781 (Ps. 117)
 MUSIC: Attr. to John Hatton, 1793

DUKE STREET
 LM

Be Thou My Vision

451

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish; trans. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905; versed by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Trad. Irish melody; harm. by Carlton R. Young, 1963

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