

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.



For I know
the plans I have
for you,
declares the LORD,
plans for welfare
and not for evil,
to give you a future
and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

October 3, 2021
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

“Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr”

Friedrich Marpurg

WELCOME

*** OPENING HYMN**

*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
(vs. 1, 2, 4, 6)”*

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CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 16)

L: I bless God who gives me counsel;

P: I keep God always before me;

L: Because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

P: Therefore my heart is glad, my soul rejoices, and my body rests secure.

L: You show me the path of life.

P: In your presence there is fullness of joy.

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Generous God, we thank you for your presence with us in all our lives. As we gather this morning, we are reminded of the many times we have doubted and feared. Today banish our fears with the memory of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Remind us again that through all our troubles, doubts, and fears, your power, mercy and love are with us. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:24-29

SERMON

“Tested”

Rev. Nancy Wichmann

*** HYMN**

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

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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 OF CONFESSION

Patient God, we often have trouble rejoicing while we suffer various trials. The hope you have instilled in us sometimes seems so far away. Help us to hold onto that indescribable and glorious joy which was ours when we first believed. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. 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

“Chimes – The Old Rugged Cross”

* 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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

God be with you.

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...

... we lift our voice to join their eternal song:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God.

Hosanna in the highest.

... As we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

Christ, you died, are risen, and will come again. We await your kin-dom come on earth, when your peace and justice will reign.

... And now, as children of God, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Our bishop encourages each church to help the Afghan resettlement efforts through the UM Foundation of New England <https://www.umfne.org/>.

* HYMN

"How Firm a Foundation"

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* BENEDICTION

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

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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

"Festive Processional on Psalm 100"

Michael Hill

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

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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1 Peter 1:3-9

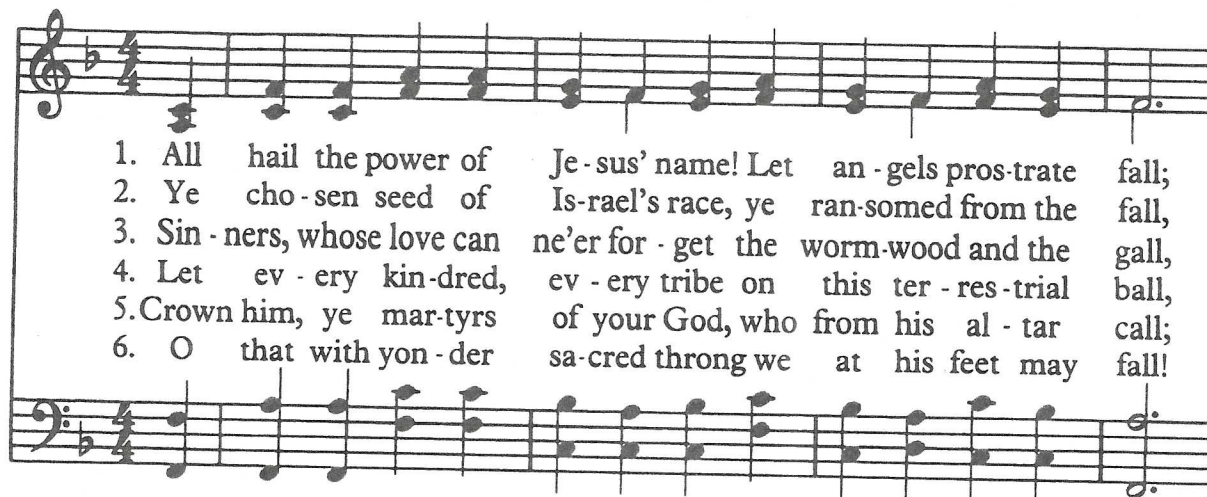
3 Blessed be our God and our Savior Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we have been given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, 5 who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, 7 so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 8 Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, 9 for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20:24-29

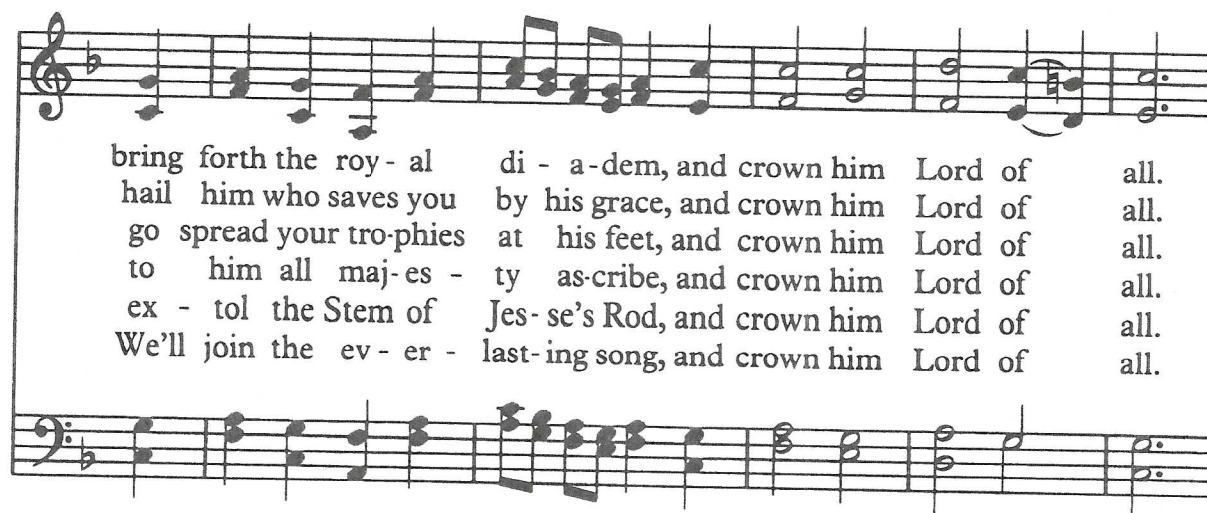
24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Teacher." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

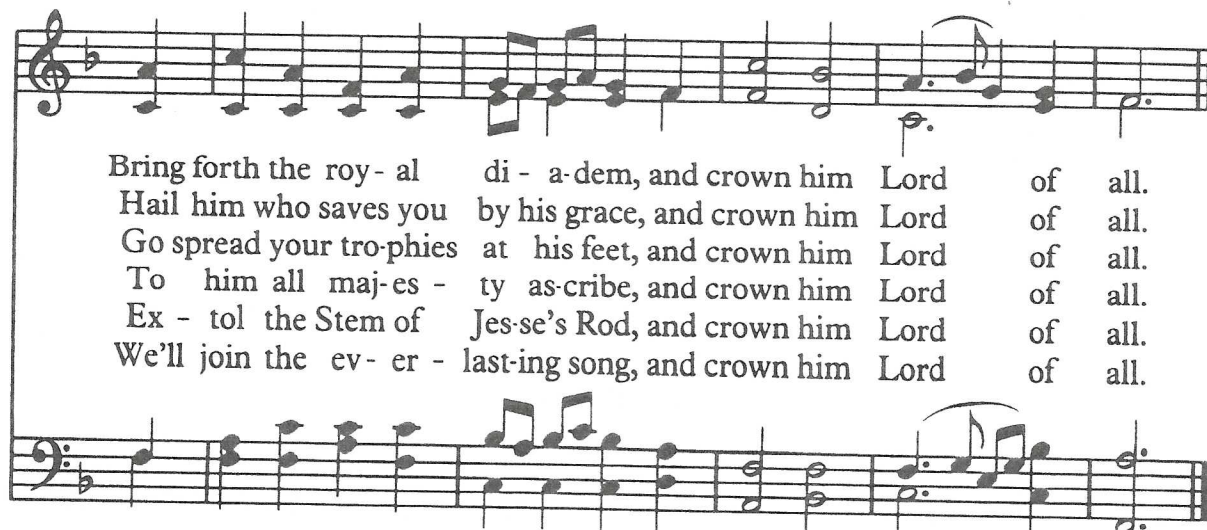
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1. All hail the power of Je-sus' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;
 2. Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
 3. Sin-ners, whose love can ne'er for-get the worm-wood and the gall,
 4. Let ev-ery kin-dred, ev-ery tribe on this 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!

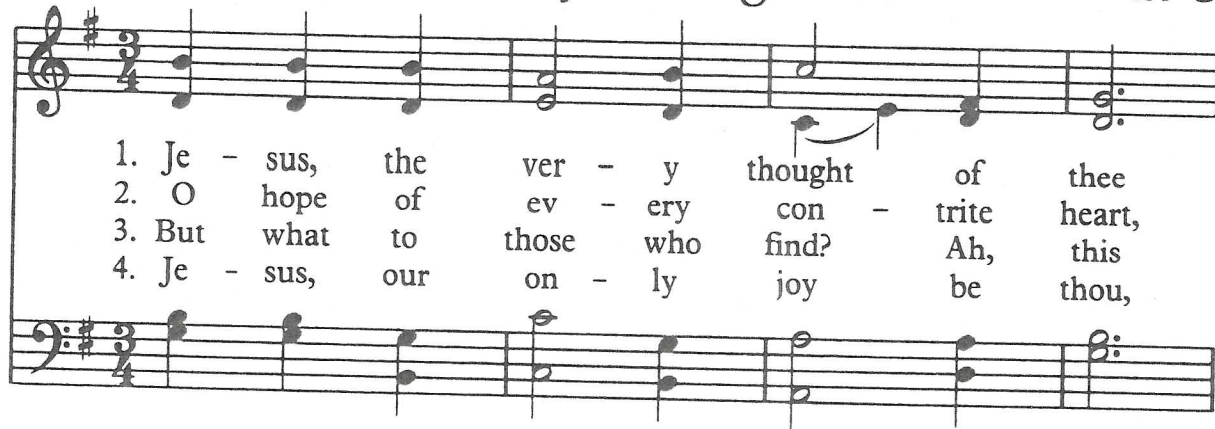


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 go spread your tro-phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
 to him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, and crown him Lord of all.
 ex-tol the Stem of Jes-se's Rod, and crown him Lord of all.
 We'll join the ev-er-last-ing song, and crown him Lord of all.

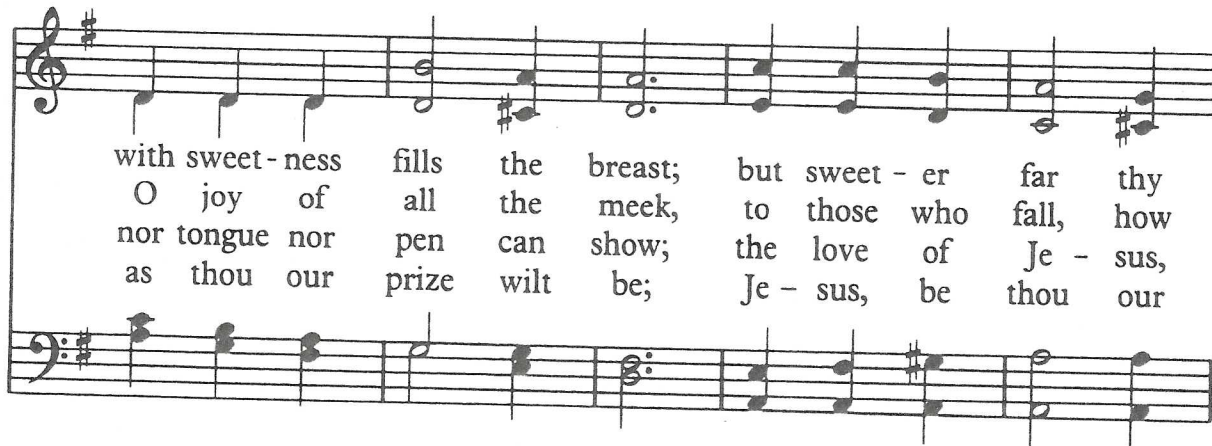


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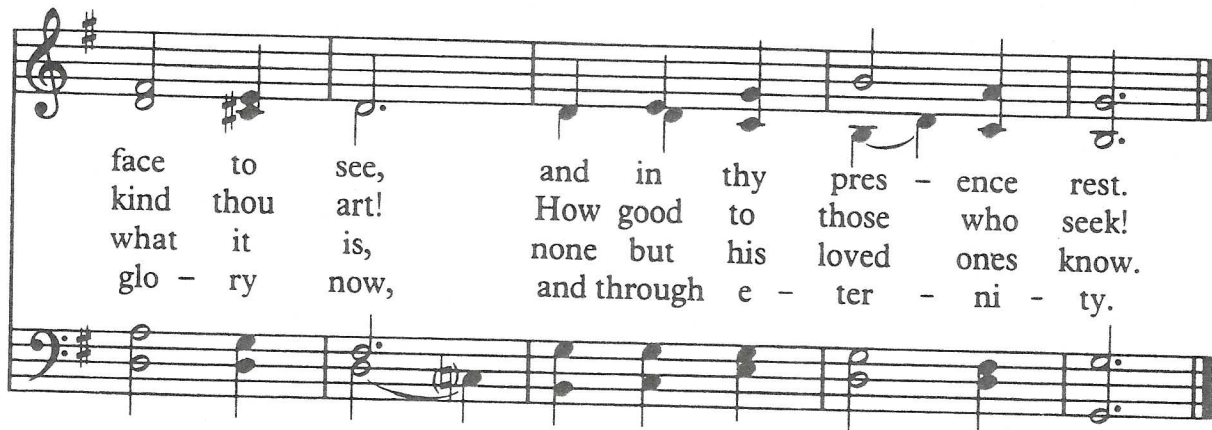
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 175



1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee
 2. O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,
 3. But what to those who find? Ah, this
 4. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,



with sweet - ness fills the breast; but sweet - er far thy
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how
 nor tongue nor pen can show; the love of Je - sus,
 as thou our prize wilt be; Je - sus, be thou our



face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
 what it is, none but his loved ones know.
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

WORDS: Attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th cent.; trans. by Edward Caswall, 1849
 MUSIC: John B. Dykes, 1866

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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."