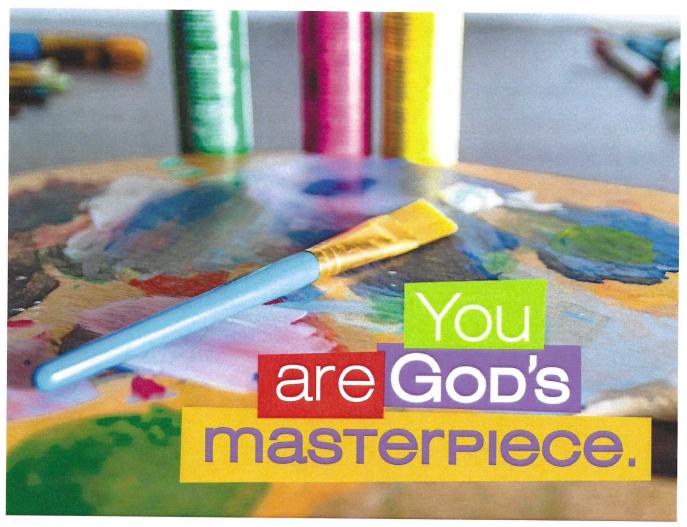
East Parish United Methodist Church

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.



August 8, 2021 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Gertrude McPhail.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

August 29th will be a "Hymn Sing." Please get your song suggestions to Pastor Wichmann by the 22nd so we can sing the most popular and so our wonderful organist can practice them in advance. You can call, text, Messenger, and even slip them through the slot on the office door.

* OPENING HYMN "How Majestic is Your Name" TFWS #2023

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 8:1, 3-6, CEB)

- L: O God, our God, how majestic is your name throughout the earth! You made your glory higher than heaven!
- P: When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place —
- L: What are human beings that you think about us; what are human beings that you pay attention to us?
- P: You've made us only slightly less than divine, crowning us with glory and grandeur.
- L: You've let us rule over your handiwork, putting everything under our feet.
- P: O God, our God, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Loving God, just as your hands created the heavenly bodies, so too they created each one of us. Each one of us has a purpose in your world and each of us is uniquely equipped by your Spirit to carry out the work you have given us. As we enter into worship, we look to you to open our hearts and guide our lives. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:14-18 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16 (responsive reading) Ephesians 2:4-10

SERMON

"Works of Art"

Rev. Nancy Wichmann

* HYMN

"Womb of Life"

TFWS #363

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.

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)

Merciful God, even while we were trapped in sin, you reached out and offered us grace so that we may be saved. What are we that you should think about us and pay attention to us? We so often fail to love you with our whole being and fail to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, O God, and lead us in your ways to the glory of your holy name.

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

"The Thunderstorm"

Thomas Ryder

* 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

"How Great Thou Art"

#77

- * BENEDICTION
- * BENEDICTION RESPONSE "This is the Feast of Victory" #638 (insert)
 vs. 3 Antiphon
 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"Festive Recessional"

*Indicates that we rise in body or in spirit.

Genesis 1:14-18

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let there be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let there be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. (New Revised Standard Version, adapted)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16

1 You have searched me, God, and you know me.

- 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- 4 Before a word is on my tongue you, God, know it completely.

5 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.
- 13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
- 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴ But because of great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with them in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages God might show the incomparable riches of divine grace, expressed in kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

(New International Version – 2011, adapted)

Prayer List

Church of Christ

Ministries of East Parish United Methodist Church

For the slain everywhere

Vicki Hall (for a kidney)

Ashley Fowler (Craig's brother)

Deb McAdams

Steve Smith

Candice Short

Joni McPhee

Ken Eaton

Julie Allred

Corey Amlin (BIL of Martha Murray)

Linda Murphy (friend of Samantha Stanton)

Family and friends of Ronald DeMayo (Joanne's uncle)

Victims of sexual abuse and assault

Victims of natural disasters

Division in the United Methodist Church

Deplorable treatment of refugees and asylum-seekers on the southern border of the US

For those whose voices are so often ignored

All who have suffered with, because of, or died from COVID-19

All who have suffered with or because of addiction

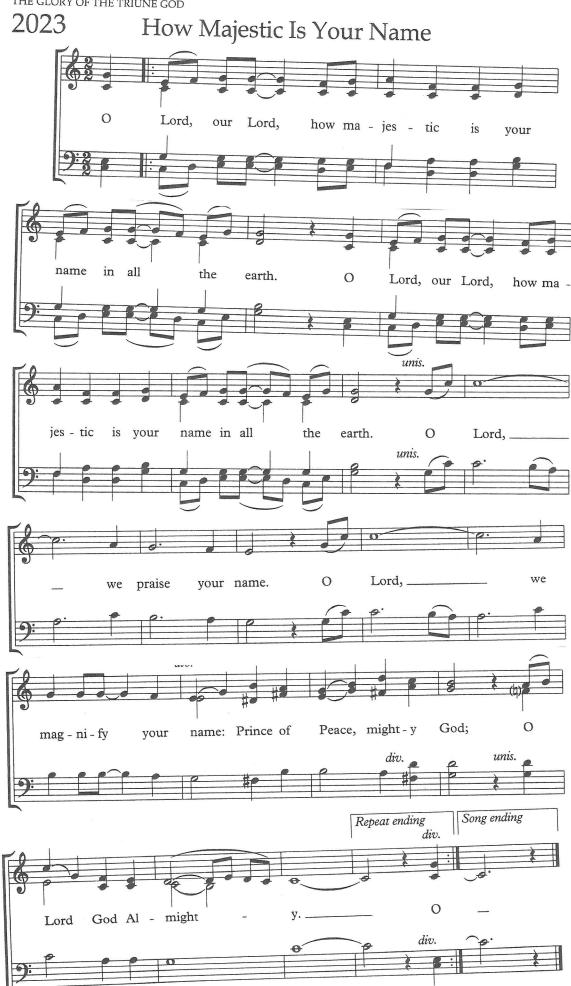
For our country, desperately in need of unity and humanity

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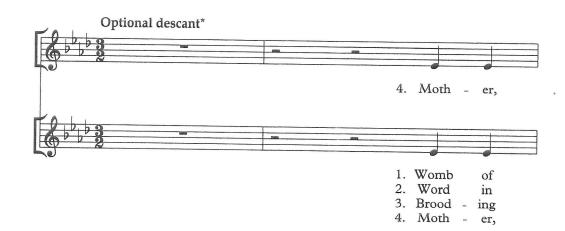
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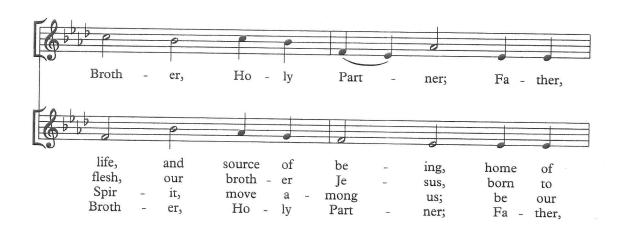
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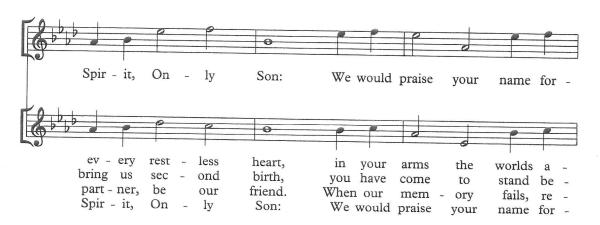
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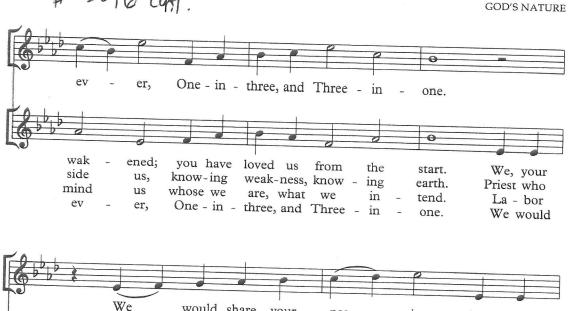
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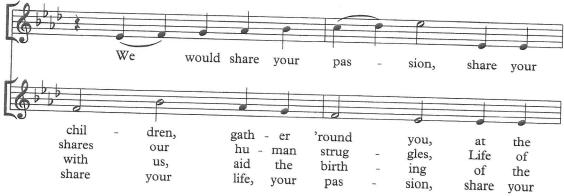
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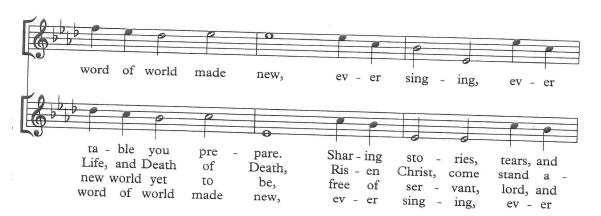
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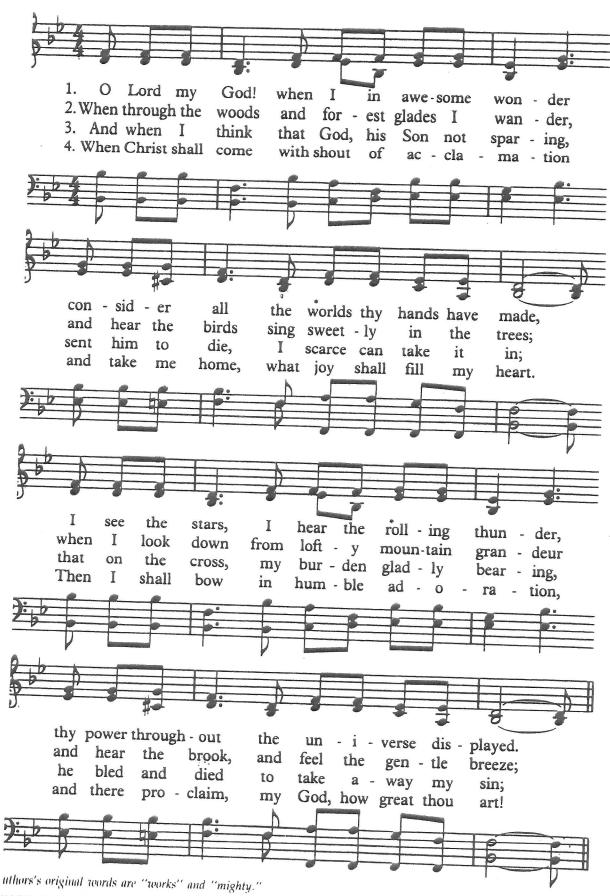








How Great Thou Art



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