

# 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.*



**September 5, 2021**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

## PRELUDE

*"Trumpet Tune"*

*Jeremiah Clarke*

## 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](mailto:nan_wich@bellsouth.net)

\* **OPENING HYMN**                      *"All Are Welcome"*                      *see insert*

## CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146:1-7, 10) (RESPONSIVE)

**L:** Praise God! Let my whole being praise God! I will praise God with all my life; I will sing praises to my God as long as I live.

**P:** **Don't trust leaders; don't trust any human beings — there's no saving help with them! Their breath leaves them, then they go back to the ground. On that very same day, their plans die too.**

**L:** The person whose help is the God of Jacob — the person whose hope rests on their God — is truly happy!

**P:** **God: the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them and who is faithful forever.**

**L:** God: who is faithful forever, who gives justice to people who are oppressed, who gives bread to people who are starving!

**P:** **God will rule forever! Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next! Praise God!**

## OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

**God of grace and powerful weakness, at times your prophets were ignored, rejected, belittled, and unwelcome. Trusting that we, too, are called to be prophets, fill us with your Spirit, and support us by your gentle hands, that we may persevere in speaking your word and living our faith. Amen.**

## READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

## SERMON

*"God is With You"*

**Rev. Nancy Wichmann**

\* **HYMN**

*"Just As I Am"*  
verses 1, 2, 3, 5

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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 OF CONFESSION

God of the promise, we often lose sight of your presence because we focus on our present troubles. You are with us always and forever, yet we fail to reach out to you for help. Remind us often that you accompany us in hard times as well as the good. We ask for the sake of your ever loyal Child, Jesus Christ. 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

*"St. Columba"*

*Irish Tune*

### \* 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.**

### \* HYMN

*"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"*

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### \* 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! Alleluia!***

### POSTLUDE

*"Postlude"*

*Julius André*

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

## 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

All the Israelite tribes came to David at Hebron and said, "Listen: We are your very own flesh and bone. In the past, when Saul ruled over us, you were the one who led Israel out to war and back. What's more, God told you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will be Israel's leader.'"

So all the Israelite elders came to the king at Hebron. King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before God, and they anointed David king over Israel.

David was 30 years old when he became king, and he ruled for forty years. He ruled over Judah for seven and a half years in Hebron. He ruled thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah in Jerusalem.

David occupied the fortress, so it was renamed David's City. David built a city around it from the earthen terraces inward. David grew increasingly powerful, and the God of heavenly forces was with him. (CEB, adapt.)

### Prayer List

Church of Christ  
Ministries of East Parish United Methodist Church  
For the slain everywhere  
Vicki Hall (for a kidney)  
Friends and family of Ashley Fowler, (Craig's brother)  
Friends and family of Deb McAdams  
Steve Smith  
Candice Short  
Joni McPhee  
Ken Eaton  
Julie Allred  
Corey Amlin (BIL of Martha Murray)

Linda Murphy (friend of Samantha Stanton)  
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  
For our country, desperately in need of unity and humanity

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# All Are Welcome

C7 F C/E F C Dm7

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine, and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

C F Dm7 Gm C Gm7

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn  
 true, where all God's chil-dren dare to seek to dream God's  
 > wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground, where peace and  
 stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach, and live the  
 heard and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed as words with -

Fsus F Am7 Dm7 Gm7 C

to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of  
 reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as  
 > jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -  
 Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the stran-ger bear the  
 in the Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh-ter, prayers of

F B2 F Bb A7 Dm

faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi-sions:  
 sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 > vealed in time and space, as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
 im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and dan-ger:  
 faith and songs of grace, let this house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

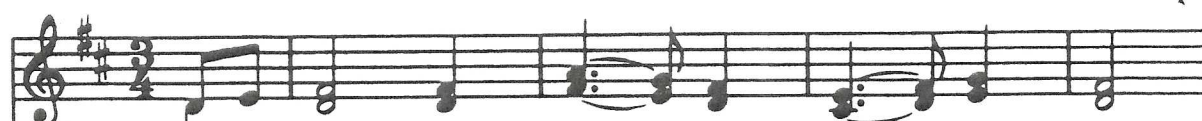
Refrain Gm Dm Am7 Gm F Gm/C C7

All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this


F Bb F Bb F Bb F Bb/C

place.


Finis To stanzas



1. Just as I am, with - out one plea,  
 2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not  
 3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout  
 4. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind;  
 5. Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive,  
 6. Just as I am, thy love un - known



but that thy blood was shed for me,  
 to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
 with many a con - flict, many a doubt,  
 sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,  
 wilt wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve;  
 hath bro - ken ev - ery bar - rier down;



and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
 to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
 fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
 yea, all I need in thee to find,  
 be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
 now, to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

*Refrain*



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.



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1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,  
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,  
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,  
 4. O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,

call - ing for you and for me; see, on the por - tals he's  
 plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and  
 pass - ing from you and from me; shad - ows are gath - er - ing,  
 prom - ised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has

wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.  
 heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?  
 death - beds are com - ing, com - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

*Refrain*

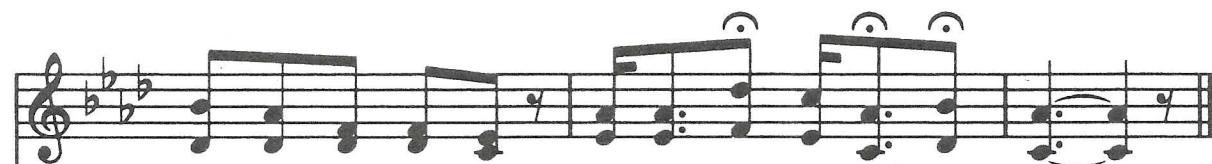
Come home, come home; you who are  
 Come home, come home;

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wea-ry, come home;

ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call-ing, call-ing, O sin-ner, come home!

