

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.

**“I am
the
true
vine ...”**



John 15:1

May 2, 2021

*The Book of Remembrance is opened to the Glory of
God, in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker.*

PRELUDE

"Jesus Christ Our Savior"

Johann Pachelbel

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

* OPENING HYMN

"O Blessed Spring"

TFWS #2076

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Rev. Teri Peterson)

L: Come to the waters, all. There is nothing to prevent you, for God has overcome all barriers. To those who are uncertain, anxious, feeling like you don't fit in,

P: the Spirit says: Come.

L: To those who think you have it all figured out,

P: the Spirit says: Come.

L: To you who know better, and you who know nothing,

P: the Spirit says: Come.

L: There is a place for you here, just as you are.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ. We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace, to the glory of your name. Amen.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

SERMON

"True Vine"

Pastor Nancy Wichmann

* HYMN

"Abide With Me"

(vs. 1, 3, 4)

#700 (insert)

BAPTISM

Eric Harrison Caouette

(insert)

With great joy, we celebrate the Baptism of Eric Harrison Caouette.

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.

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

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

* 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!

No. 94

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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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.

SENDING

- * HYMN *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”* #89 (insert)

- * 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** *“Petite Marche”* *Gustave Tritant*

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

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another because love is of God; everyone who loves is born of God and has known God. ⁸ Those who do not love have known nothing of God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed in our midst in this way: by sending the Only Begotten into the world, that we might have faith through the Anointed One. ¹⁰ Love, then, consists in this: not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us and has sent the Only Begotten to be an offering for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God has loved us so, we must have the same love for one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God. Yet if we love one another, God dwells in us, and God's love is brought to perfection in us. ¹³ The way we know that we remain in God and God in us is that we have been given the Spirit. ¹⁴ We have seen for ourselves and can testify that God has sent the Only Begotten as Savior of the world. ¹⁵ When any acknowledge that Jesus is the Only Begotten, God dwells in them and they in God. ¹⁶ We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ Love will come to perfection in us when we can face the day of judgment without fear—because our relation to this world is just like Christ's. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, for perfect love drives out fear. To fear is to expect punishment, and anyone who is afraid is still imperfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because God first loved us. ²⁰ If you say you love God but hate your sister or brother, you are a liar. For you cannot love God, whom you have not seen, if you hate your neighbor, whom you have seen. ²¹ If we love God, we should love our sisters and brothers as well; we have this commandment from God.

(The Inclusive Bible, adapted)


John 15:1-8

¹ "I am the true vine, and Abba God is the vine grower. ² God removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit God prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ Our God is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

(New Revised Standard Version, adapted)


O Blessed Spring

Descant



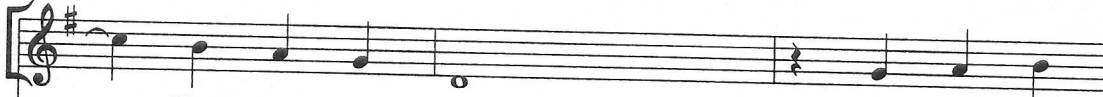

5. Christ, ho - ly Vine, _____

1. O bless - ed spring, _____ where Word and
 2. Through sum - mer heat _____ and youth - ful
 3. When au - tumn cools _____ and youth is
 4. As win - ter comes, _____ as win - ters
 5. Christ, ho - ly Vine, _____ Christ, liv - ing



— Christ, liv - ing Tree, _____ be praised for

sign _____ em - brace us in _____
 years, _____ un - cer - tain faith, _____
 cold, _____ when limbs their heav _____
 must, _____ we breathe our last, _____
 Tree, _____ be praised for this _____

WORDS: Susan Palo Cherwien (John 15:5; Rev. 22:14)

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GIFT OF LOVE
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IN PRAISE OF CHRIST

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- and trust the
- and join us

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for joy a - gain.
ty, wis - dom, love.
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your Tree of Life.

Abide with Me

1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3. I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour.
 4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
 What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

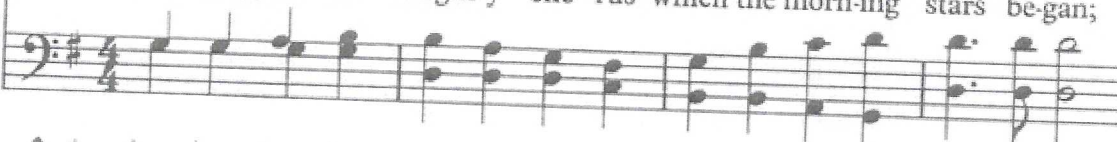
When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

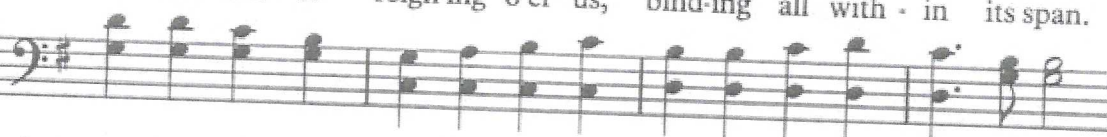
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



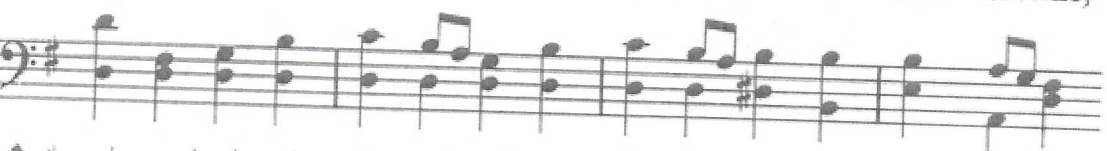
1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



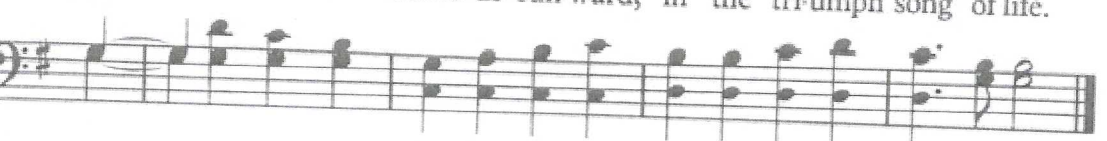
hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-ccean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.



Church of Christ
 Ministries of East Parish United Methodist Church
 For the slain everywhere
 Vicki Hall (for a kidney)
 Gerry Bryant (Alana Gilbert's brother)
 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)
 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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THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT II

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

A representative of the congregation presents the candidate. In recognition of being adopted into the family of God, we use only [Christian] first and middle names.

I present Eric Harrison for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Since the earliest times, the vows of Christian baptism have consisted first of the renunciation of all that is evil and then the profession of faith and loyalty to Christ. Parents and other sponsors reaffirm these vows for themselves and take on the responsibilities of sponsorship.

...Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

...Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT II

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

[The congregation rises in body or spirit.]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God: When nothing existed but chaos,...
... to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time...

...to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare Christ's works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit...

...being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

In all services of the baptismal covenant, water is used generously as a living sign of the abundance of God's grace, cleansing, and life-giving power.

Eric Harrison, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Now it is our joy to welcome Eric, our new brother in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation

and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood.

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT II

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend Eric to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**