



*“Love first. Love always,
and we’ll figure out the rest of it as we go along.”ⁱ*



*Sunday Worship
September 6th, 2026
11:00 a.m.*

*North Chevy Chase Christian Church is an Open and Affirming Congregation
Connecting Faith with Community.*

The People of God Gather

*If you're new to North Chevy Chase Christian Church, please consider filling out the Feedback Card you will find in the Pew pocket. We'll follow up with a brief phone call or email to say thank you for worshipping with us and to answer any questions you may have.
We are glad you're here with us today!*

WELCOME

Rev. Stephen Tickner

Preparation for Worship Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist

Congregation standing in body or spirit

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer¹

(a response to Psalm 149)

Sally Coberly,
Worship Leader

One: Praise the Lord!

**ALL: With our voices and our hearts, we sing to the Lord
a new song!**

One: Together we're glad in our Maker, and sing for joy.

ALL: We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth.

One: Today we offer glory to God.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

¹ Call to Worship and Opening Prayer provided by the Center of Faith and Giving of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

One: Now with our hearts open to God, let us pray...

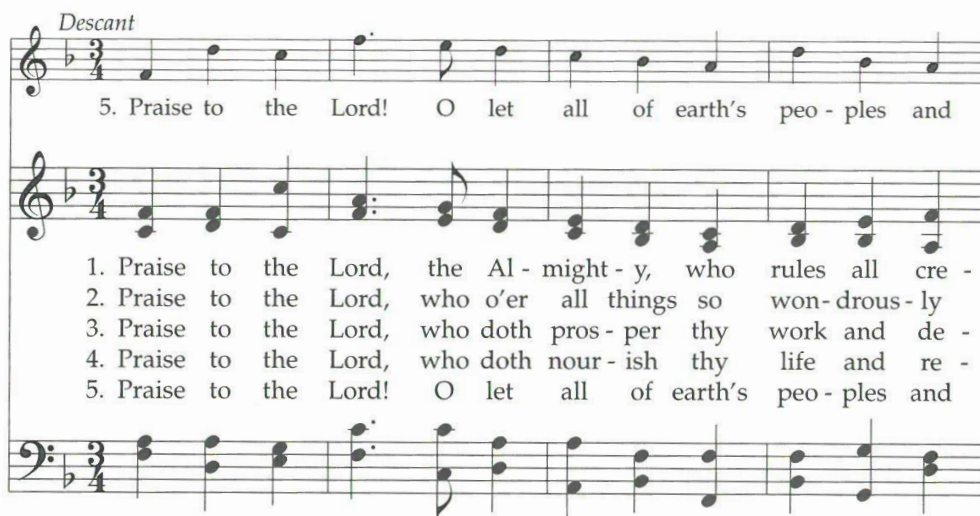
OPENING HYMN “Praise to the Lord, The Almighty” CH 25

GOD

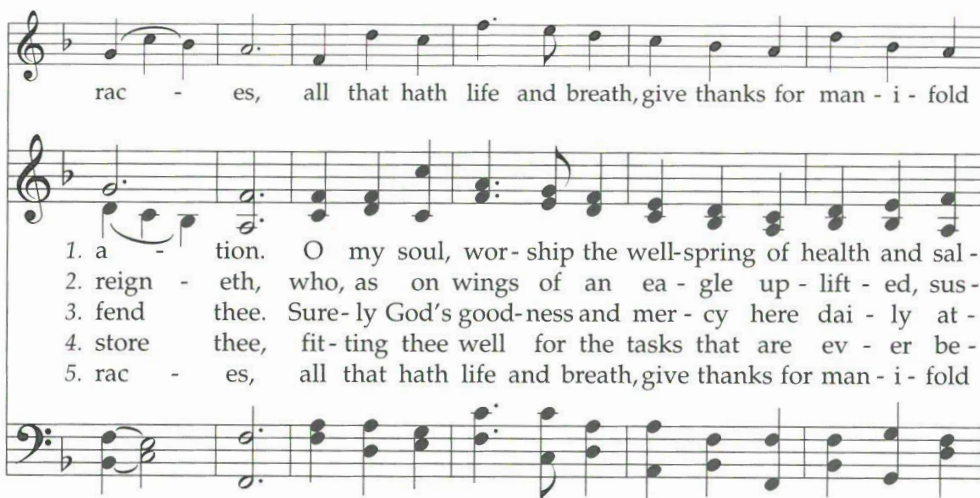
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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Descant



5. Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peo - ples and



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nour - ish thy life and re -
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all of earth's peo - ples and

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

PASTORAL PRAYER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Proclaim

A READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 119:33-40

- ³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.
- ³⁴ Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.
- ³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.
- ³⁶ Turn my heart to your decrees
and not to selfish gain.
- ³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
be gracious to me according to your word.
- ³⁸ Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.

³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.
⁴⁰ See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness be gracious to me.

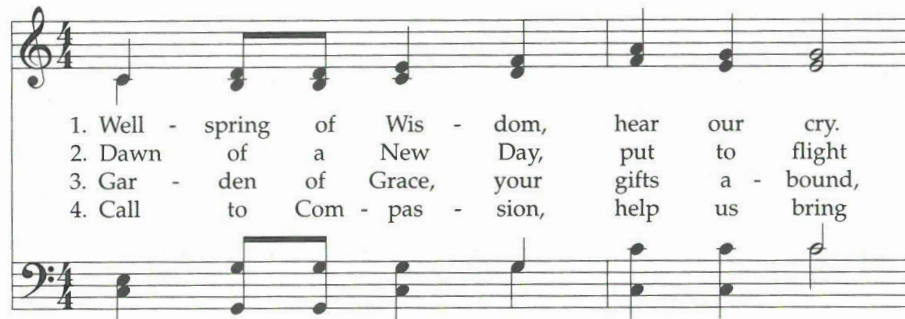
MESSAGE

Rev. Stephen Tickner

HYMN

“Wellspring of Wisdom”

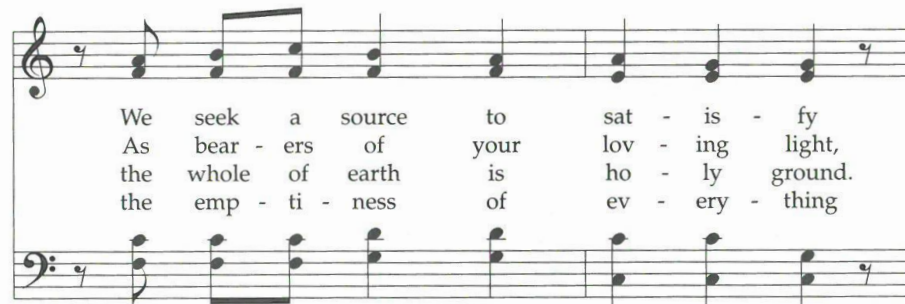
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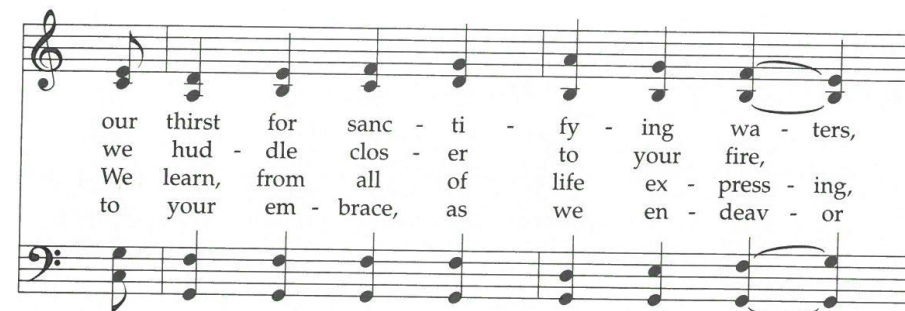
1. Well - spring of Wis - dom, hear our cry.
 2. Dawn of a New Day, put to flight
 3. Gar - den of Grace, your gifts a - bound,
 4. Call to Com - pas - sion, help us bring



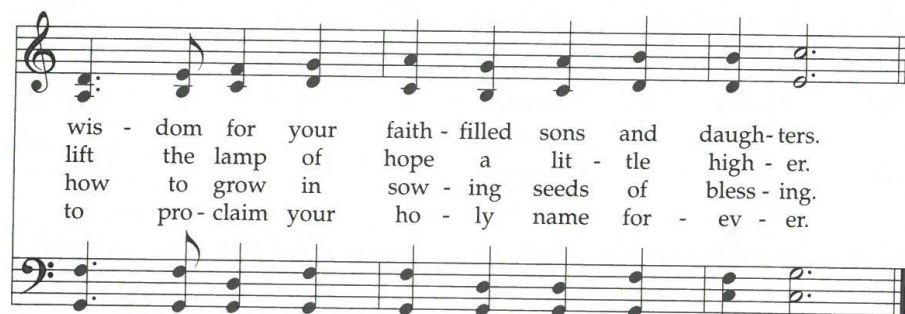
The way a - head is parched and dry.
 the ter - rors of a nu - clear night.
 the sa - cred signs are all a - round,
 our burn - ing need for nur - tur - ing,



We seek a source to sat - is - fy
 As bear - ers of your lov - ing light,
 the whole of earth is ho - ly ground.
 the emp - ti - ness of ev - ery - thing



our thirst for sanc - ti - fy - ing wa - ters,
 we hud - dle clos - er to your fire,
 We learn, from all of life ex - press - ing,
 to your em - brace, as we en - deav - or



wis - dom for your faith - filled sons and daugh - ters.
 lift the lamp of hope a lit - tle high - er.
 how to grow in sow - ing seeds of bless - ing.
 to pro - claim your ho - ly name for - ev - er.

We Give and Receive

Communion is the central act of community within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in remembrance of the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The invitation to the Table is extended to all who wish to follow Jesus and to share in the community of God's people.

Everyone is invited to eat from this Table.

THE INVITATION TO GIVE AND RECEIVE

PRAYER BY THE ELDER

Anne Marie Crawford

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMING FORWARD TO GIVE, AND TO RECEIVE THE BREAD AND THE CUP

We come forward to bring our physical bodies and our financial gifts to God. You are invited to come forward down the center aisle to place your tithes & offerings in the trays available; and to receive the elements of bread and cup, taking them and returning to your seats down the side aisle, to consume the elements in silent reflection.

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

“Take the Word of God with You”

by Christopher Walker, words by James Harrison

NC4 Summer Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

...And Go Forth to Serve

SHARING OF JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation standing

CLOSING HYMN “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” CH 627

627 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Capo 3: Play Am
Unison

Am E7 Am E7 Am Em

1. I want Je - sus to walk with me.
2. In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me.
3. When I'm trou - bled, Lord, walk with me.

Am C G7 C E7 Am

I want Je - sus to walk with me.
In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me.
When I'm trou - bled, Lord, walk with me.

E7 Am Bmin7,5 G7 Am

All a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
When my heart is al - most break - ing,
When my head is bowed in sor - row,

F#dim G7 Am Dm7 Am E7 Am Dm Am

O, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
O, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
O, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist

*Please be seated and allow the music to offer a moment of
reflection as you prepare to exit the Sanctuary.*

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*Please join us for coffee hour in Harlow Hall following the  
conclusion of the Postlude*

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Stephen Tickner, Minister

Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist

Christine Schadeberg Wydro, NC4 Choir Director

NC4 Summer Choir

Sally Coberly, Worship Leader

Anne Marie Crawford, Elder at the Table

A/V Team - Yvonne McGee, Lydia Oladapo,

Devi Rambarran

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*HEARING ASSISTANCE HEADPHONES are available in the Narthex.*

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### **Acknowledgment of Native Americans: A Statement toward Reconciliation**

For thousands of years indigenous people have walked in this land, on their own country. Their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives. We gratefully acknowledge them, past and present, and their stewardship of this land on which we stand.

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