



**NORTH CHEVY CHASE  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

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



*May 11, 2025*

*11:00 a.m.*

***Preparing Our Hearts for Worship***

*HEARING ASSISTANCE HEADPHONES are available in the Narthex.*

***Please set all pagers and cell phones to vibrate at this time.***

***CH = Chalice Hymnal (found in the pew racks)***

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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.

*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 question 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 Prayer<sup>1</sup>**

Lydia Oladapo

*Congregation standing in body or spirit*

One: On this day of celebrating mothers,  
We remember and lift up our mothers to the Lord.  
Mothers of young children, first-time mothers,  
Working mothers, and single mothers

**ALL: We see you and honor you today.**

One: Grieving mothers who have lost a child too soon,  
And those who desire to be mothers

**ALL: We see you and honor you today.**

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<sup>1</sup> Call to Worship written for the Worship for Workers Project of Fuller Seminary by Sara Kyoungah White from Grand Rapids, Michigan

One: All those who are missing their mothers,  
And mothers who are missing their children

**ALL: We see you and honor you today.**

One: Mothers who did not give birth to us biologically,  
But have raised us and brought life to us in  
countless other ways

**ALL: We see you and honor you today.**

One: In times of full joy and abundance,  
In times of empty nests and empty cradles,  
In all these God tends his Dock like a shepherd  
And carries the lambs close to his heart.

**ALL: As a mother comforts her child, so will God  
comfort us.**

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

LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP

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Blessed Assurance

1. Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-  
 2. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my  
 3. Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and

vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his  
 sight; an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of  
 blest, watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his

*Refrain*

Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry, this is my  
 good - ness, lost in his love.

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873  
 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

ASSURANCE  
 9 10.99 w. refrain

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Congregation seated*

## **SHARING OF PRAYERS AND CONCERNS**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Rev. Stephen Tickner

## **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.**

## **SUNG RESPONSE**

"Sanctuary"

# SANCTUARY 462

*Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? Those who have clean hands and pure hearts...*

*Psalms 24:3-4*

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a  
liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for You.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Text: John Thompson, b. 1900 and Randy Scruggs  
Tune: John Thompson, b. 1900 and Randy Scruggs  
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## *Proclaim*

**A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

**Acts 9:36-43**

**CHOIR OFFERING** “For the Beauty of the Earth” by Conrad Kocher

Jenn Symonds, Soloist

*Congregation join with choir on 4<sup>th</sup> verse*

For the church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore one pure sacrifice of love,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

**MESSAGE** “Seeing Beyond the Imaginable”

Rev. Stephen Tickner

**HYMN** “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

## Easter People, Raise Your Voices 304

1. Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in  
 2. Fear of death can no more stop us from our press - ing  
 3. Ev - ery day to us is Eas - ter, with its res - ur -

earth should ring. Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es;  
 here be - low. For our Lord em - pow - ered us to  
 rec - tion song. When in trou - ble move the fast - er

heaven - ly mu - sic, let it ring. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tri - umph o - ver ev - ery foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to our God who rights the wrong. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! On to vic - tory now we go.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! See the power of heav - en - ly throngs.

WORDS: William M. James, 1979  
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart, 1867

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## *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**

Richard Sherman

### **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**

“Peace before us”, by David Hass

Jenn Symonds, Soloist

Richard Sherman, Soloist

Sally Coberly, Flute

# PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*...And Go Forth to Serve*

## SHARING OF JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Congregation standing*

**CLOSING HYMN** "O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life"

CH432

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

*John 14:6*

### 432 O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life

1. O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, be with us now, we pray;  
2. O faith-ful Guide, re - new our trust in love that does not fail;

di - rect our steps as we go forth to do your will this day.  
and give us strength to work and pray, that peace may soon pre - vail.

WORDS: James L. Merrell, 1991  
MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836  
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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

GLENN PEARSON, Pianist/Organist

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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

Sally Coberly, Flute

Jenn Symonds, Soloist

Christine Schadeberg Wydro and the NC4 Adult Choir

Lydia Oladapo, Worship Leader

Richard Sherman, Elder at the Table

A/V Team - Yvonne McGee, Lydia Oladapo,

Devi Rambarran

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<sup>i</sup> Quote from Chaplain Owen Chandler at the 2023 General Assembly