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"Love first. Love always, and we'll figure out the rest of it as we go along."



Pride Sunday June 1, 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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OneLicense A-710374with podcasting #710374-A 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 Prayer¹

Richard Sherman

Congregation standing in body or spirit

One: The roots of the Tree of Life run deep into the sacred soil.

ALL: The limbs of the Tree of Life reach out to embrace the goodness of all creation.

One: The trunk of the Tree of Life stands strong in the face of hatred and malice toward the least, the lonely, the left out.

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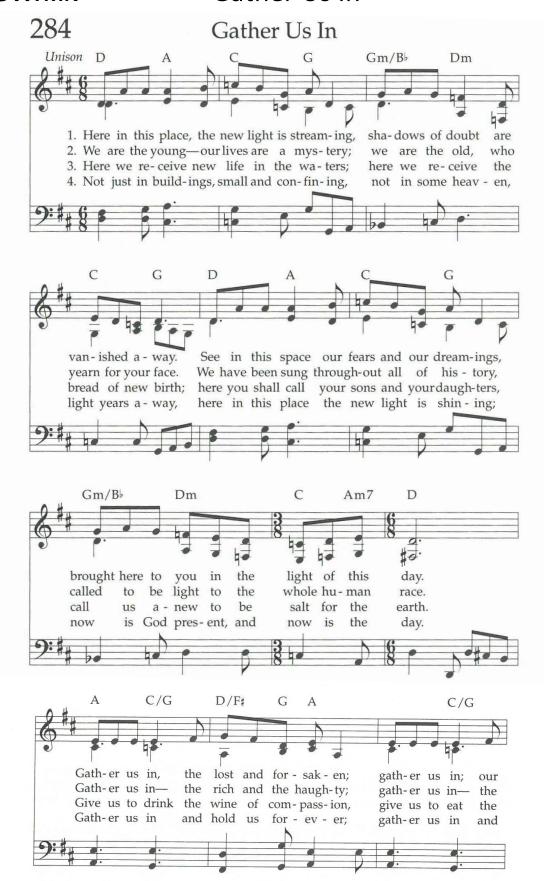
¹ Liturgical resources provided by Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church <u>www.umcdiscipleship.org</u>

ALL: The branches of the Tree of Life struggle toward the heavens, hoping to bring about God's reign of justice and love for all.

One: The winds of the Spirit breathe through the Tree of Life, bringing renewal and hope.

ALL: May our worship this day be a worthy offering that supports the Tree of Life and brings the goodness of the Sacred to our world.

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





PASSING OF THE PEACE

Congregation seated Sharing of Prayers and Concerns

Sung Response "O Lord Hear My Prayer



PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Stephen Tickner

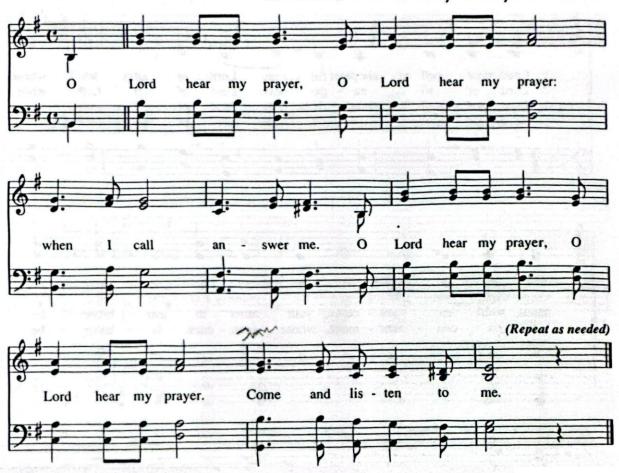
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

"O Lord Hear My Prayer"





WORDS: Based on Psalm 102:1, 2 MUSIC: From the Taize community

† See the note for the Taize community printed near the indexes at the back of this volume.

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Proclaim

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 16:16-34

One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry

out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and

immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

CHOIR

"Blessed is the Man", by Jane Marshall

MESSAGE

"We're Still Here"

Rev. Stephen Tickner

LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP



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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

Charlene Smith

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

... And Go Forth to Serve

SHARING OF JOYS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation standing

CLOSING HYMN "God Be With You till We Meet Again" CH434

God Be with You Till We Meet Again 434



WORDS: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880, alt. MUSIC: William G. Tomer, 1880

GOD BE WITH YOU 98.89 w. refrain

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

ⁱ Quote from Chaplain Owen Chandler at the 2023 General Assembly

"For You Shall Go Out With Joy", by William Schoenfeld

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

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

Rev. Stephen Tickner, Minister Glenn Pearson, Pianist/Organist Richard Sherman, Worship Leader Charlene Smith, Elder at the Table A/V Team - Yvonne McGee, Lydia Oladapo, Devi Rambarran

| Sermon Notes: | <br> | <br> |
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