



**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>*



*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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**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>**

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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<sup>1</sup> Liturgical resources provided by Discipleship Ministries of the United Methodist Church [www.umcdiscipleship.org](http://www.umcdiscipleship.org)

- 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...

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Gather Us In

Unison D A C G Gm/B $\flat$  Dm

1. Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing, sha-dows of doubt are
2. We are the young—our lives are a mys-tery; we are the old, who
3. Here we re-ceive new life in the wa-ters; here we re-ceive the
4. Not just in build-ings, small and con-fin-ing, not in some heav - en,

C G D A C G

van-ished a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his - tory,  
 bread of new birth; here you shall call your sons and yourdaugh-ters,  
 light years a - way, here in this place the new light is shin - ing;

Gm/B $\flat$  Dm C Am7 D

brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is God pres-ent, and now is the day.

A C/G D/F $\sharp$  G A C/G

Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en; gath-er us in; our  
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in— the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pass-ion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er; gath-er us in and

spir - its in - flame. Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en;  
proud and the strong; give us a heart so meek and so low - ly;  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

WORDS and MUSIC: Marty Haugen, 1981

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GATHER US IN  
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♩ = 54-60

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Congregation seated*

## SHARING OF PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

## SUNG RESPONSE

"O Lord Hear My Prayer

## O Lord Hear My Prayer 173

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are 'O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer:'. The second system continues the melody and harmony, with lyrics 'when I call an - swer me. O Lord hear my prayer, O'. The third system concludes the piece with the lyrics 'Lord hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.' and includes a handwritten 'Zam' above the staff and a printed '(Repeat as needed)' at the end.

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer:  
when I call an - swer me. O Lord hear my prayer, O  
Lord hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. (Repeat as needed)

WORDS: Based on Psalm 102:1, 2

MUSIC: From the Taizé community

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## 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"

O Lord Hear My Prayer 173

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major (one sharp) and common time. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system has the lyrics 'O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer:'. The second system has the lyrics 'when I call an - swer me. O Lord hear my prayer, O'. The third system has the lyrics 'Lord hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.' and is marked '(Repeat as needed)' at the end. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics.

WORDS: Based on Psalm 102:1, 2

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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

## 560 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-  
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

*Refrain*

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus

lean-ing, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on

ing, lean-ing, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus,

WORDS: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887  
 MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

SHOWALTER  
 10 9.10 9 w. refrain

## *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

1-4. God be with you till we meet a - gain;

lov - ing coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's  
un - seen wings, pro - tect - ing, hide you, dai - ly man - na  
when life's per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing  
keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - ening

care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

*Refrain*

Till we meet till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet;

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
till we meet, till we meet,

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

GOD BE WITH YOU  
98.89 w. refrain

**BENEDICTION**

**CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“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*

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**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

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

Sermon Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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