



(Disciples of Christ)

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THIS IS US
Living the Values of NC4

Spiritual Growth



Sunday Worship
October 4th, 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 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

Charlene Smith,
Worship Leader

One: Welcome! Welcome to the baggage we carry, the joys we share, the griefs we bear, and the worries we hold.

ALL: Come! Let us worship!

One: The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

ALL: Come! Let us worship!

¹ Call to Worship and Opening Prayer provided by "Discipleship Ministries" of the United Methodist Church.

One: God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

ALL: Come! Let us worship!

One: So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

ALL: Come! Let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

OPENING HYMN

“God is Here”

CH 280

1. God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer
 2. Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's
 4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, fount, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of
 Christ sus-tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants of the
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the
 preach-ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in
 Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it
 ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 can - not live with-out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1978
 MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

ABBOT'S LEIGH
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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.

MUSICAL RESPONSE “Down to the River to Pray/

Listen to Your Children Praying”

Trad. Spiritual/Ken Medema/arr. by Mary McDonald

Sally Coberly

Cheryl Tatham

Proclaim

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

John 15:4-5

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.

A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

MESSAGE

“This is Us: Living the Values of NC4:
Spiritual Growth”

Rev. Stephen Tickner

HYMN

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”
Verses 1-3

CH 588

Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

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1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Thou art the pot - ter; I am the clay.
 Search me and try me, Sav - ior to - day!
 Wound - ed and wea - ry, help me I pray!
 Hold o'er my be - ing ab - so - lute sway.

Mold me and make me af - ter thy will,
 Wash me just now, Lord, wash me just now,
 Pow - er, all pow - er, sure - ly is thine!
 Fill with thy Spir - it till all shall see

while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.
 as in thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.
 Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!
 Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me!

WORDS: Adelaide A. Pollard, 1902
 MUSIC: George C. Stebbins, 1907

ADELAIDE
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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

Sarah Casseday

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

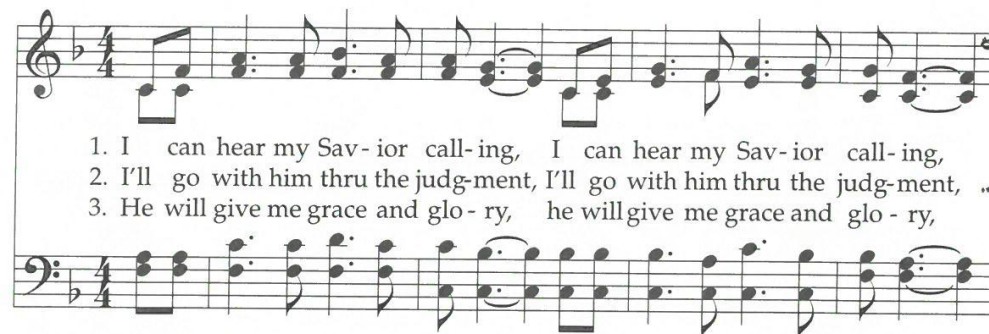
“Where He Leads Me”

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INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

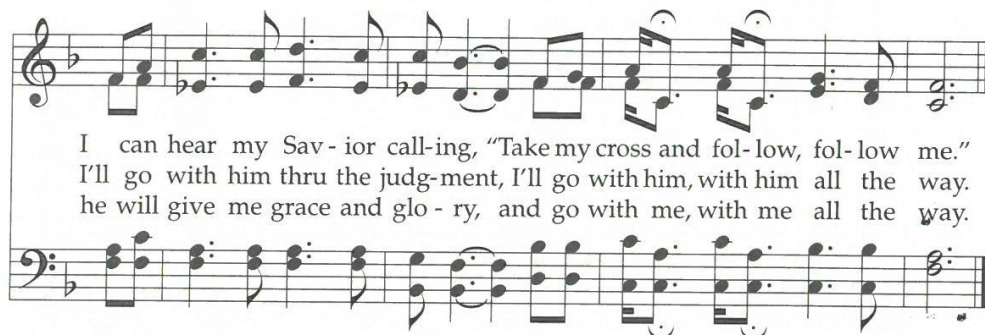
Where He Leads Me

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1. I can hear my Sav-ior call-ing, I can hear my Sav-ior call-ing,
2. I'll go with him thru the judg-ment, I'll go with him thru the judg-ment, ..
3. He will give me grace and glo-ry, he will give me grace and glo-ry,

Refrain: Where he leads me I will fol-low, where he leads me I will fol-low,



I can hear my Sav-ior call-ing, "Take my cross and fol-low, fol-low me."
I'll go with him thru the judg-ment, I'll go with him, with him all the way.
he will give me grace and glo-ry, and go with me, with me all the way.

where he leads me I will fol-low—I'll go with him, with him all the way.

WORDS: E. W. Blandy, 1890
MUSIC: John S. Norris, 1890

NORRIS
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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
Sally Cobelry, Alto
Cheryl Tatham, Soprano
Charlene Smith, Worship Leader
Sarah Casseday, Elder at the Table
A/V Team - Yvonne McGee, Lydia Oladapo,
Devi Rambarran
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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.