

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

October 27, 2024

10:00 a.m.

* All who are able may stand

Congregation reads aloud the **BOLD** print

PRELUDE

New World Comin'

Barry Mann/Cynthia Weil

Maria Hess, soloist; Matthew Pressley, piano; Bob Brown, percussion

There's a new world coming, and it's just around the bend

There's a new world coming, this one's coming to an end

There's a new voice calling, you can hear it if you try

And it's growing stronger, with each day that passes by

There's a brand-new morning, rising clear and sweet and free

There's a new day dawning, that belongs to you and me

Yes, a new world's coming, the one we've had visions of

Coming in peace, coming in joy, coming in love

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Eric Markman (he/him)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 34

Bettye Shirar, liturgist (she/her)

One: I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

ALL: LOOK TO HIM, AND BE RADIANT; SO YOUR FACES SHALL NEVER BE ASHAMED.

One: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

ALL: THE ANGEL OF THE LORD ENCAMPS AROUND THOSE WHO FEAR HIM, AND DELIVERS THEM.

One: O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

ALL: O TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD; HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.

*HYMN NO. 418

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: O LORD, OUR FAITH IS WEAK. WE WOULD RATHER DECIDE WHAT WE NEED THAN BE OPEN TO YOUR WAY. WE ARE HUMAN AND IT IS HARD TO TRULY TRUST FAITH. WE CANNOT SEE IT, WE CANNOT TOUCH IT, WE CANNOT QUANTIFY IT OR QUALIFY IT.

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WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE REALITY BEARS DOWN ON US AND WE WORRY.

**WE WANT THINGS TO BE THE WAY WE WANT THEM. WE CAN SO EASILY
TURN ON EACH OTHER WHEN WE SHOULD BE TURNING TO YOU.**

**AS WE MOVE THROUGH THIS TIME OF NEW POSSIBILITIES, CHANGE, AND
ANXIETY, BE WITH US. HELP US TO STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH, THAT IN THAT
FAITH WE MAY SEE GLIMPSES OF THE JOURNEY THAT YOU HAVE SET BEFORE
US. AND ASSURE US THAT AS WE SET OUT ON YOUR PATH WHAT WE WILL
FIND WILL BE GOOD BEYOND OUR WILDEST DREAMS.**

[Time of silent prayer]

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***RESPONSE** (all sing) *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* NO. 582

**GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME,
AND TO THE SON, WHOSE GRACE HAS PARDONED ME,
AND TO THE SPIRIT, WHOSE LOVE HAS SET ME FREE.**

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE. AMEN.

WORLD WITHOUT END, WITHOUT END. AMEN.

WORLD WITHOUT END, WITHOUT END. AMEN.

WORLD WITHOUT END, WITHOUT END. AMEN.

AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE. AMEN.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

[Turn to those around you and share with them words and signs of peace.]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ALL: **WE COME AS ONE, O LORD, BOUND TOGETHER BY THE ONE WHO LAID HIS LIFE
DOWN FOR US. WE COME TO LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS THAT THEY MAY OPEN
OUR EYES SO THAT WE WILL SEE THE WORLD WITH EYES OF COMPASSION AND
CARE. OPEN OUR EYES: ILLUMINE US, SAVIOR DIVINE. AMEN.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 9:1-34 (NRSV)

Youth Group

One: This is the word of our Lord.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Declaration of Faith*

ALL: WE BELIEVE CHRIST GIVES US AND DEMANDS OF US PERSONAL LIVES THAT ARE CENTERED IN GOD AND OPEN TO GOD'S REALITY AND RULE. CHRIST TEACHES US TO PUT OBEDIENCE TO GOD ABOVE THE INTERESTS OF SELF, FAMILY, RACE, OR NATION; TO OFFER GOD JOYOUSLY OUR MONEY, ABILITY, AND TIME.

IT IS PART OF OUR DAILY DISCIPLINE TO OBSERVE A DAY OF WORSHIP AND REST, SETTING ASIDE OUR OWN WORKING TO ENJOY GOD'S WORK, CELEBRATING WITH SISTERS AND BROTHERS THE LORD'S GOODNESS. WE NEED CONSTANTLY TO SEARCH OUT GOD'S WAY IN SCRIPTURE, NOT EXPECTING DETAILED DIRECTIONS FOR EVERY DECISION, BUT RELYING ON THE WORD TO TELL US WHO GOD IS, TO PRESS GOD'S PRESENT CLAIM ON US, AND TO ASSURE US OF GOD'S GRACE AND COMFORT.

WE ARE CHARGED TO PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS WITH GRATITUDE, BOLDNESS, AND PERSISTENCE, CONFIDENT THAT GOD HEARS AND ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS IN WAYS BEST FOR US ALL. LIFE IN GOD'S PRESENCE ISSUES IN LIFE FOR OTHERS, FOR IF WE DO NOT LOVE SISTERS AND BROTHERS WHOM WE SEE, WE CANNOT LOVE GOD WHOM WE DO NOT SEE.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Lay Your Healing Hands on Me

arr. Rollo Dilworth

Chancel Choir

Lord, lay your hands upon me. (I need a-healing!)

Oh, Lord, won't you lay your healing hands upon me?

There was a man who was a leper, who was healed of his infirmity.

The Lord touched him (ain't that a-healing), and he was healed (a mighty good healing)

O surely the Lord will lay His hands upon me.

There was a man who was a deaf mute, who was healed in Galilee.

The Lord touched him... and he was healed...

There was a man who needed healing, he was blind and he could not see.

The Lord touched him... and he was healed...

O surely the Lord will lay His hands upon me.

I know the Lord will lay His hands on me.

Oh! Surely the Lord will lay His hands upon me.

*RESPONSE (all sing)

Give Thanks

NO. 647

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN NO. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Until We Meet Again

arr. R. E. Schram

Chancel Choir

Go in peace until we meet again.
God be with you till we meet again.
By His counsels, guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again. Amen.

REPORT ON NCP BORDER TRIP

Marj Johnson (she/her)

Welcome visitors! We're glad you're here today. If you'd like to learn more about what's happening at Concord, how you can get involved, or how we can help or support you, fill out one of the Connection Cards in the pew with your contact information. You can place the card in the offering or give it to a greeter as you leave. The peace of Christ be with you.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in celebration of Rob & Jen Eppes' eighteen years of marriage.

Assisting in the service of worship are:

Deacon-in-Charge: Ron McKinney

Liturgist: Bettye Shirar

Livestream Team: Bob Brown, Carol Haas, Alan Jewett, Marj Johnson

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Today following the scripture –

Navigate the Bible!

for children & youth of all ages
in the Sunday School hallway

Come learn about the books of the Bible &
who or what is in them!

Join us as we put on our detective hats, collect clues, &
search for answers through games & using our ever-expanding deductive skills!

Join us here in the Sanctuary immediately following
worship for a report by Marj Johnson
on Presbytery's Immigrant Justice Border Trip 2024



Mug & Muffin – Weds. @ 10:00am via Zoom: Our weekly **Mug & Muffin** Bible study meets again **Wed., October 30 from 10:00-11:00am**, led by Pastor Eric Markman. To join the Zoom gathering **online**, click [here](#).

Concord accepts donations via several electronic methods:

- Scanning the QR code with your smart phone will allow you to make **credit card** or **PayPal** donations to Concord.
- Use your personal **banking app** (utilizing Zelle®) to send a cash donation to donations@concordpc.org.



Greeters Needed

To welcome worshipers & assist in receiving the offering.
Families & friends are always welcome to serve as greeters
together; only one person needs to sign up.

To volunteer online, **visit**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4da9ab2ea2f94-greeterusher#/>



Let's Make Music!



“When the Saints Go Marching In”

Calling ALL instrumentalists *and* singers of ALL ages, levels, and abilities:

WE NEED YOU

to help us celebrate **All Saints' Day** in worship on

Sunday, November 3

Matthew has written out simple “melody-only” parts for C, B-flat, and E-flat instruments, plus guitar chords – [click here!](#) For vocals, [here!](#)

Please join us:

- **Today in the CHAPEL at 11:15am** to rehearse together. *Music will also be available at rehearsal.*
 - **(Youth Group:** this will be the start of our YG time together)
- **Sunday, November 3 in the sanctuary at 9:40am** to rehearse before worship!

Questions? Email...

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PC(USA), through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), has been in constant communication with leadership in the hurricane-impacted areas. Emergency grants have already been distributed to address urgent needs, and National Response Teams have been deployed to provide assistance and coordination. This effort will require ongoing support, not just for the physical recovery but also for the emotional healing of those impacted. [Click here](#) to make a donation to support the PDA hurricane response – designate gifts DR000169