

***Normandy Park United Church of Christ
Sunday Worship ~ September 17, 2023***

***Bolded text** is read and sung in unison
* indicates to please stand if you are able*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

WORDS OF GATHERING

Bring praise to our Creator
who breathed life into our mortal bodies.

**We bring praise to our Creator
who trusts us to preserve God's most precious things.**

Bring praise to our Creator
who invites us into sacred partnership
to tend to each other and all of creation.

**We bring praise to our Creator
seeing the beauty around us
and sensing our sacred responsibility.**

Let us worship our holy God!

***SONG** ~ *"God Reigns o'er All the Earth"* NCH #21

OPENING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC ~ *"Amazing Grace"* arr. by Galyon

INTERGENERATIONAL MOMENT

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator (or Our Mother, or 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 sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

~ Youth and teachers are invited to go to Sunday School ~

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

**Creator God,
Even while we give thanks for life and breath
And bodies and the goodness of the earth,
We are aware of the ways we have betrayed your gifts
And have caused brokenness in your precious creation.
We have taken your gifts for granted and we confess our carelessness.
Remind us then of the responsibilities we bear
Because of the likeness of your image,
And let your Spirit brood over us, re-shaping us,
And empowering our choices to care more deeply for each other
And to faithfully tend the earth. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Created in the image of God, we are God's beloved. Though we may miss the mark, we are loved, we are forgiven, and we are charged to care for this good creation we call home.

***SONG** *"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"* NCH #556

SHARING OUR SACRED STORY ~ Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 (NRSVUE)

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

MESSAGE ~ “Adulthood is Hard!”

***SONG ~ “Touch the Earth Lightly” NCH #569**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Alice, Madison’s grandmother
- The family of Clay S., Wenden’s friend
- Erin’s mother-in-law
- Ida and John, Nancy S.’s sister and brother-in-law
- Jon C.
- Judi, Connie’s friend
- Judy H., Nancy B.’s friend
- Marilyn, Mack’s friend
- The family of Michael, Cindy’s friend
- Patty Ann, Judy J.’s cousin

- Randy, Belinda's brother
- Sue B.
- Terry, Wenden and Bob's friend

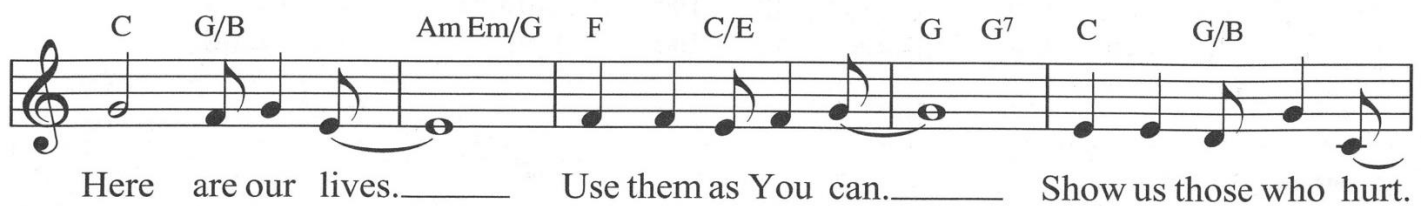
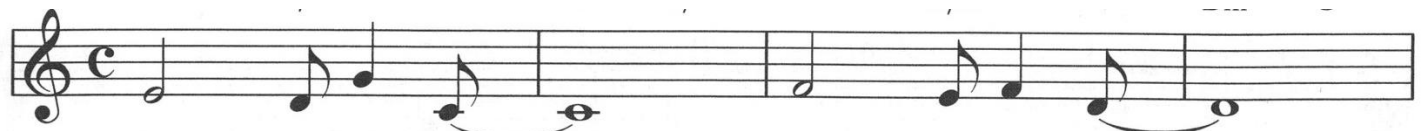
- The Vaughan family
- The family of Wes, Judy J.'s friend
- Yoko S.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AMEN (x5)

SHARING OUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

OFFERTORY RESPONSE ~ "Here Are Our Hearts"



*BLESSING

*SONG ~ "Peace"

Peace

♩=72

D Bm Gsus² Em⁷ D/F# D Bm⁷

1. Peace be to you in all you do. Peace be the way in
 2. Peace be the song that we will sing. Peace be the joy, our

E⁷sus E Asus A G D G/A D

all you say. Peace be the light that shines so bright from your
 spir - its ring. Peace be the love that sets us free peace for

Em⁹ A Dsus D G D/F# Em⁷ D

heart on the world this day. Peace, peace, peace, peace.
 all, peace for you and me. Peace, peace, peace, peace.

Bm⁷ Em⁹ D/F# Bm⁷ G D/F#

Peace be to you in all you do. Peace, peace,
 Peace live in you in all you do. Peace, peace,

Em⁷ D Bm⁷ Em⁹ A⁹/E Dsus D

peace, peace. Peace be to you in all you do.
 peace, peace. Peace live in you in all you do.

POSTLUDE

*Pastor: Rev. Amy Hitchens
Ministers: Every One of Us
Music Accompanist and Choir Director: Cindy Dow
Deacons of the Month: Mark H. and Gaddy P.
Lay Leader: Gaddy P.
Greeters: Nancy B. and Judy J.*

*Usher: Connie C.
Flowers: Cathy B.
Technology: Connie C.
Sunday School: Shannon T. and Susan S.
Coffee Hour: Cathy B.*

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Sermon @ Rev. Amy Hitchens, 2023.

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