



Trinity United Church of Christ

“Embracing and
Celebrating God’s
Love”

November 2, 2025



Prelude

Prayers of the People

Words of Welcome and Announcement

Sharing Good News, Joys and Recognitions



*Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 32)

One: I refuse to hide the worst piece of myself from God,

Many: **And through my transparency, God shares Divine Grace.**

One: I allow God to know the depths of my grief,

Many: **And through my openness, God shares Divine Peace.**

One: I refused to keep silent. In knowing my voice, God shares Divine Presence.

Many: **And through my vulnerability, God shares Divine Strength.**

Invocation: Holy God, Divine Seeker of Our Hearts,

We saunter about in our lives, seeking what's shiny instead of pursuing you. Even so, you still search for us. You'll climb trees with us, sit in the dust with us, and journey on long roads alongside us. You abide in our dwelling places- no matter their size or state of order. Today, we welcome you in our space: from the churches where we sing your praise to our homes where we rest for the upcoming week. May we recognize your presence and calling in our lives. Amen.

God is good. **All the time.** All the time, **God is good.**

God's love sustains us in every corner of creation, **and in every season of our lives.** Enter into God's presence, where peace and hope may be found. **Amen.**

Passing the Peace

*Hymn “Lord I Want to be a Christian” NCH#454

Stewardship Moment

Children's Message



Scripture Luke 19:1-10

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.” ⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Sermon “Come down here!”

Totenfest Prayer

UCC Book of Worship

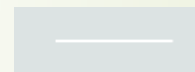
Merciful God, support us all the day long of this life full of trouble, until the shadows lengthen and evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in your tender mercy, grant us a safe passing and a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.

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In Loving Memory



Mitchell Allen Drope-Arnholt

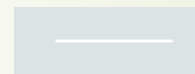
September 27, 1987–

December 27, 2024





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Lucille Bowers

November 5, 1930– March 3, 2025

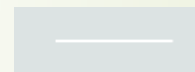
Carl Bowers

June 18, 1931 – March 29, 2021





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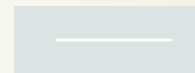


William "Bill" Adair Carlisle
July 12, 1960 – December 29, 2024





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Dorothy "Dee Dee" Carlisle

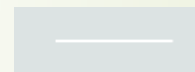
September 2, 1927–

October 28, 2025





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James Ditzler

February 8, 1936 – October 1, 2025





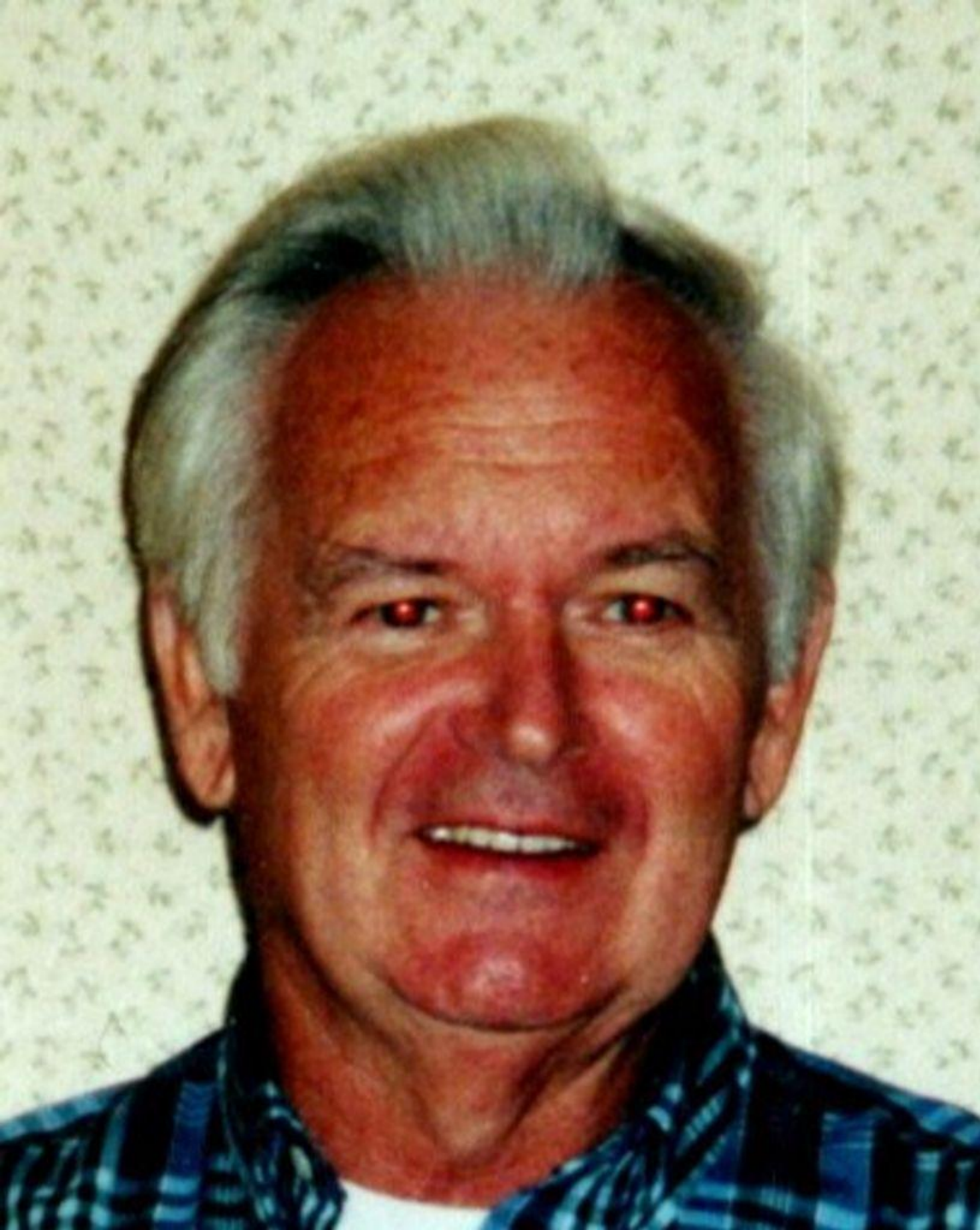
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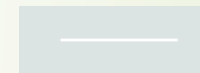
Glenn Drake

June 5, 1932– July 17, 2025





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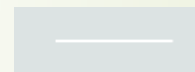


Claude Grindstaff
January 7, 1935– July 4, 2025





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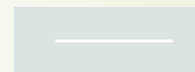


Robin Lutz Haskins
November 11, 1972–
October 24, 2025





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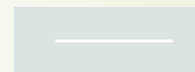
Dwayne W "Onion" Hoffman

January 5, 2025





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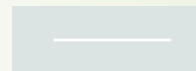


Edward Phillip Knight
January 11, 1975– May 18, 2025





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Patricia Ogden

August 19, 1938– November 7, 2023

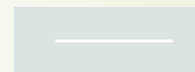
Thomas Ogden

March 18, 1936 – February 14, 2024





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Doris Sigg

July 18, 1959 – April 9, 2025





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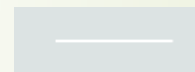
Terry L. Stoudenheimer

January 7, 1950 – January 17, 2025





In Loving Memory



Carol Ann Thompson
September 15, 1937– August 3, 2025



Commemoration Litany

Almighty and Everlasting God, before whom
stands the spirits of the living and the dead;
Light of all lights, Fountain of all wisdom and
goodness, You live in all pure and humble and
gracious souls. For all who have made a good
confession for Your way and the welfare of the
world; for our ancestors, prophets and apostles;
for the wise of every land and nation and all
teachers of humanity, **We praise You, O God.**

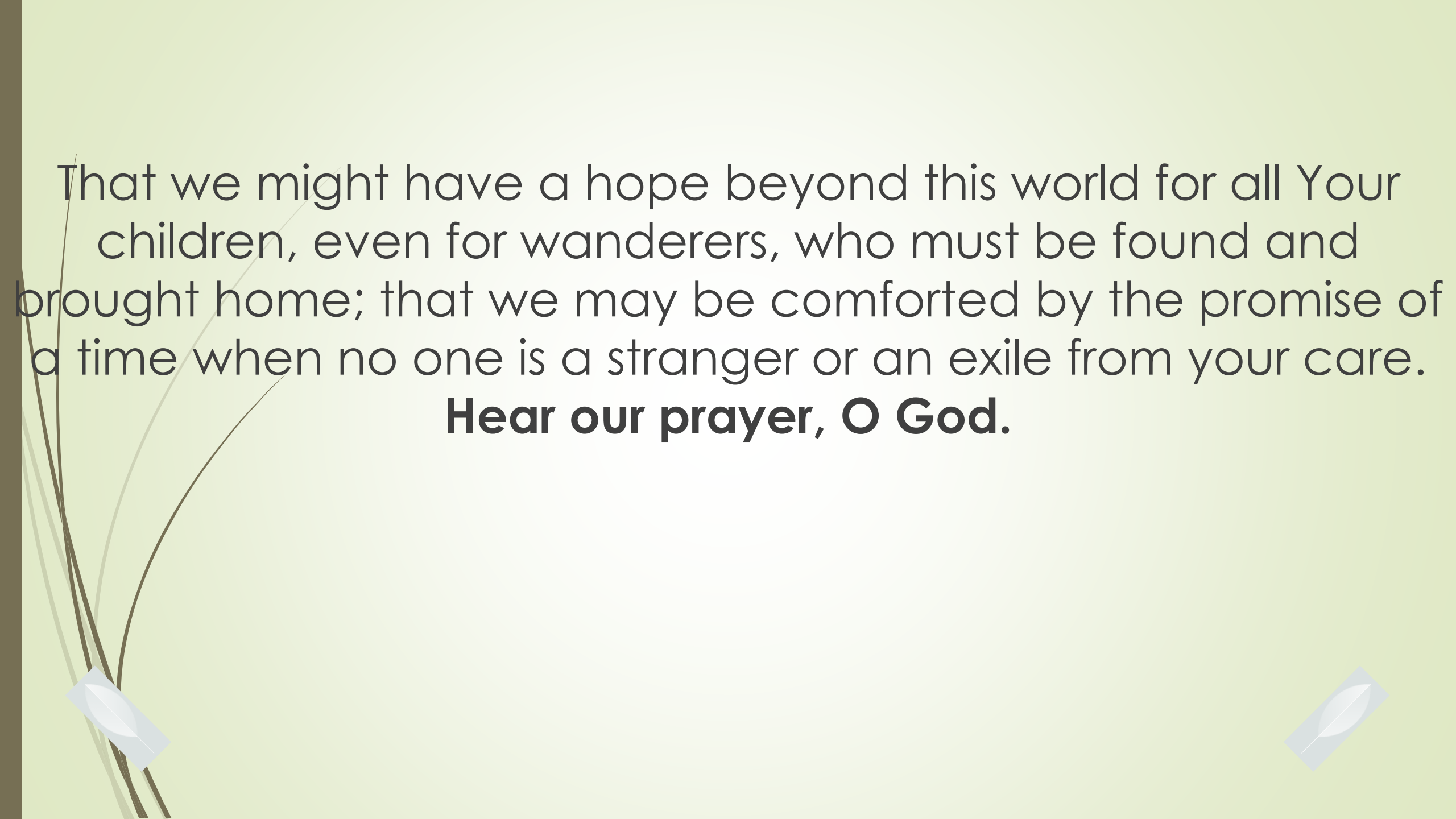


For all who have sought to bless others by their service and life, and who lighten the dark places of the earth, **We praise You, O God.** For those who have been tender and true and brave in all times and places, and for all who have been one with You in the communion of Christ's spirit, and in the strength of his love, **We praise You, O God.**



For our dear friends and kindred, ministering in the spiritual world, whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us forever, **We praise You, O God.** For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth, and for the members of the household of faith who worship you in Heaven, For those who left us too soon. For those we wanted to hold with us on this earth. In our moments of anger, fear or doubt, **Send your peace, Loving God.**





That we might have a hope beyond this world for all Your children, even for wanderers, who must be found and brought home; that we may be comforted by the promise of a time when no one is a stranger or an exile from your care.

Hear our prayer, O God.



In the communion of the Holy Spirit, with the faithful and the saintly in Heaven, with the redeemed of all ages, with our friends and family members who dwell in your presence and peace, we who still serve and suffer on this earth unite in proclaiming; **Thanksgiving, glory, honor, and power to You, O God, that as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**



*Silent, Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

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

Invitation to Generosity

As we are invited into the story of Jesus the Christ, we are transformed by the magnificent Divine love. Like Zacchaesus, we discover how we are to share our gifts of treasures, time, and talents. We are given holy opportunities of hospitality to invite the Christ into our spaces. May we celebrate our transformation by the gifts we share this week.

*Offertory/Offertory Response "We Give You but Your Own" NCH#785

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication:
God of Infinite Light,

In the ways that you glow, we discover more about ourselves: how we excel and how we are to share from our talents, treasures, and time. May we have hearts of hospitality as we seek the Christ in our works. May we build God's Realm, knowing that what we give will make a difference and bless our siblings across this world. Amen.

*Hymn “For All the Saints” NCH#299

*Benediction

May the Spirit of Strength **sustain us on our journeys.**

May the Christ of Grace **fill our hearts with understanding.**

May the God of Presence **lead us from the depths of shadows into the light.**

May we know we are never alone in treetops, in corners, or on roads. The steadfast love of God travels with us wherever we go!

Sending Song

Oh God, send me to do your work.

Oh God, send me to do your work.

Oh God, send me to do your work.

My---Sweet---God.

