

MT. TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

1000 B Avenue • West Columbia • South Carolina • 29169 • 803.796.5948 www.mttaborlutheran.org

11:00 AM—September 25, 2022—Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Traditional Worship Service

Setting Three—Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D Major
Larghetto—Fugue (Andante)

George Berg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

GREETING ELW p. 138

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie ELW p. 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW p. 139

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ELW p. 142

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A reading from Amos.

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

^{1a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,

and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,

and lounge on their couches,

and eat lambs from the flock,

and calves from the stall;

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,

and like David improvise on instruments of music;

⁶who drink wine from bowls.

and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146



¹Halleluiah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. R

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish. R

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever; R

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous. R

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19

A reading from 1 Timothy.

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

libut as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 16:19-31

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹⁴ There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The gospel of the Lord.

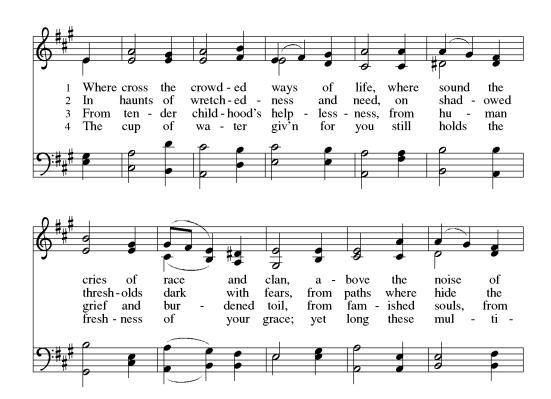
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN 719

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

WALTON



Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, alt. Music: W. Gardiner, Sacred melodies, 1815



- 5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

CREED ELW p. 104

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of grace,

Hear our prayer.

PEACE ELW p. 143

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I want to walk as a child of the light **Dodd Lamberton**

HYMN 186 Create In Me A Clean Heart Richard W. Hillert Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER ELW p. 144

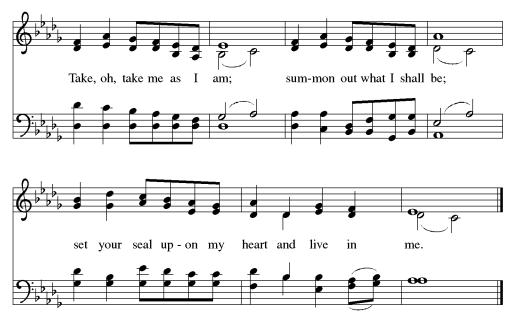
Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn 814

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949 Music: John L. Bell

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

ELW p. 145

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Hymn 814

Take. Oh. Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Hymn 814

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

TAKE ME AS I AM

LORD'S PRAYER ELW p. 145

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass 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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

ELW p. 146

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

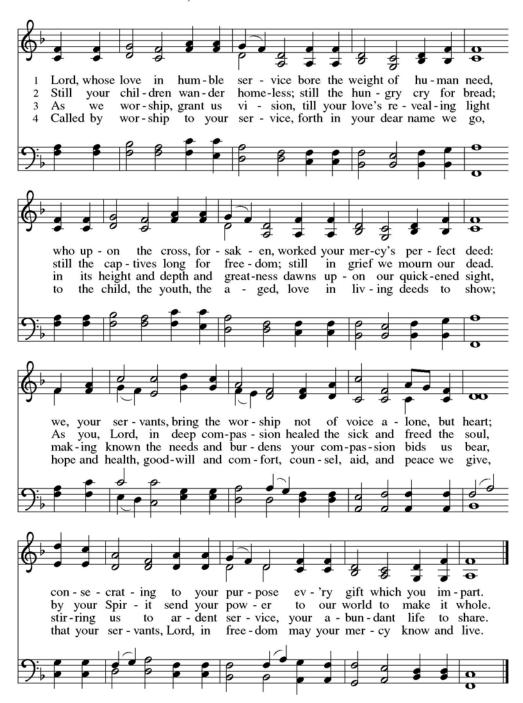
COMMUNION SONG

ELW p. 146

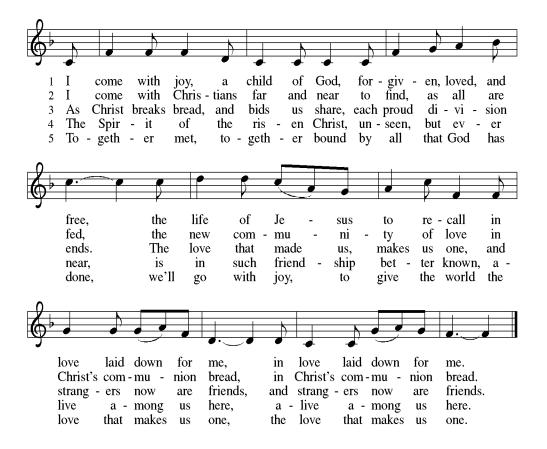
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984 Music: *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844; arr. *Selected Hymn* 1985 Text © Oxford University Press Arr. © 1985 Augsburg Fortress



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

Text © 1971, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

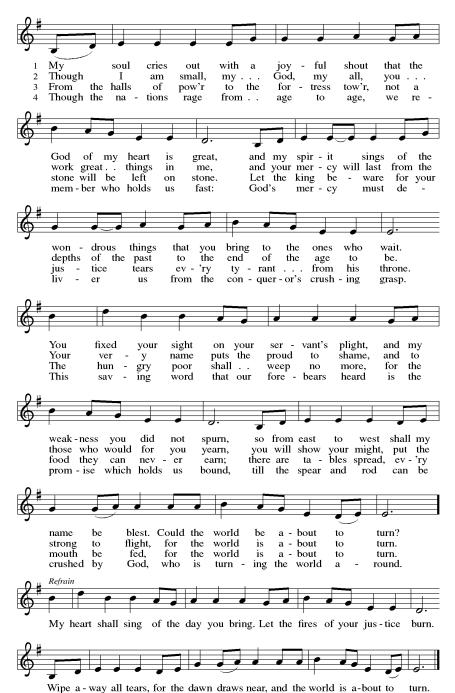
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ELW p. 146

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING ELW p. 146



Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat

Music: Irish traditional

Text © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.

DISMISSAL ELW p. 146

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Grande Chœur Théodore Salomé

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Altar Flowers. Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Bulletin Covers. Today's bulletin covers are given to the glory of God by John Conrad and Karen & John Foley in loving memory of Clara Conrad.

Today's Worship Assistants

AcolyteJoey SullivanCruciferTristan SpainhourLectorDocia JonesGreeterLinda SpainhourCommunion AssistantDocia JonesWorship Assistant CoordinatorKendrick Kerr

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church

September 25, 2022

FALL PARISH NOTES

This Week at Mt. Tabor...

Today, Sunday, September 25 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am - Matins Service/Holy Communion

9:15 am - ALIVE! Service

10:00 am – Coffee-Fellowship/MT Cafe

10:15 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Traditional Service/Holy Communion

Monday, September 26

9:30 am – Quilting Ministry/ECR

5:15 pm - Positively Fit/ECR

7:00 pm - Mt. Tabor Ringers

Tuesday, September 27

10:30 am - Staff Meeting

5:30 pm - Pipers Practice/AR

6:30 pm - NA Meeting/ECR

6:30 pm – ALIVE Rehearsal

Wednesday, September 28

9:00 am - E-News deadline

10:00 am – Bulletin deadline

11:00 am - Bible Study

12:00 pm - Noon Eucharist

3:30 pm - Sing & Celebrate

4:45 pm - Children's Choirs

6:30 pm - Adult Choir

Thursday, September 29

5:15 pm -Positively Fit/ECR

Saturday, October 1

10-12:00 Noon-Girl Scouts/Upstairs

Sunday, October 2 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am – Matins Service/Holy Communion

9:15 am - ALIVE! Service /Holy Communion

10:00 am – Coffee-Fellowship/MT Cafe

10:15 am – Sunday School

11:00 am – Traditional Service/Holy Communion

Hold Sanctuary/AR Pastor Wade

Next Sunday's Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-4: 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

Love Offering

Lutheran Campus Ministry

God's Helping Hands Needs

Oatmeal, Mac n' Cheese, Grits, Jelly, Fruit Juice, Cookies, Rice

MOBILE GIVING

Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church now offers a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime



from your smart phone. Simply scan the above image using your phone's QR code reader. If you do not have a QR code reader app, here is how to get one and make your mobile donation:

- Go to iTunes store or Google Play store.
- Download a free QR code reader app.
- Use the app to scan the above QR code.
- Follow the steps to make your donation.



Don't forget about our **Blessing Box** by the Park. This box is to be filled with any blessing that someone else could use: food, blankets, water, etc... anything that could communicate God's love to God's people. Please bring something to add to our box & may God bless you for it! Please do not donate opened food items or things that will melt.

National Rehabilitation Awareness Week

In recognition of the benefits of rehabilitation and the successes of those who have received treatment through all forms rehabilitation, the National Rehabilitation Awareness Foundation (NRAF) recognizes National Rehabilitation Awareness Week during the third full week in September every year. This year, National Rehabilitation Awareness Week is September 19-25, 2022.

As part of the week, NRAF aims to:

- **★**educate people about the benefits and impact of rehabilitation,
- develop programs which aim to increase opportunities for the nearly 50 million Americans with disabilities and help those who are disabled live up to their fullest potential.

AMRPA looks forward to celebrating National Rehabilitation Awareness Week with daily activities on its social media channels (Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn).

This year, we will focus on raising awareness of the #PowerOfMedicalRehab, providing information on inpatient medical rehabilitation patient outcomes, disseminating useful resources and reviewing patient journeys to recovery.

For those of us who have benefitted from rehabilitation in any form, we applaud those who helped us on our journey!

Follow this link to learn more about the power of medical rehabilitation:

https://patient.amrpa.org/Choosing-Care/Questions-to-Ask



Mt. Tabor Lutheran Church will host Halloween in the "parking" lot!

Sunday, October 30, 2022 4:30 PM until 7:00 PM

Get your Halloween costumes ready and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us on Sunday, October 30, 2022 for trunk or treating, games, hot dogs, cake walks, and a bounce house.

Volunteers are needed for the following:

Host trunks along with a game*
Bake/provide cakes for the cake walk
Donate candy (lots of candy)
Sign up to work at the bounce house

*Due to the fire, many of the games were destroyed.

Therefore, please plan on bringing a game that can be played at your trunk.

Candy donations can be dropped off at the church office anytime before October 30, 2022.

To sign up please call or text:

HUGS for the Homeless

Our Early Rising Men are taking donations again this year for the HUGS program. This program provides hats, underwear, gloves, socks, coats, umbrellas, ponchos, towels, washcloths, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and food for the homeless through several area shelters and recovery centers. Won't you consider helping "the least of these", our homeless brothers and sisters in the Midlands and make a donation to our HUGS program. For \$25, you can provide a quilted vest, winter hat, ski gloves and socks for a homeless man or woman. Please make your check payable to Mt. Tabor and designate for HUGS. Or, you can go to our www.mttaborlutheran.org and website make an online donation by clicking on the HUGS picture.

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Tanner Anderson, Samuel Davis, Chris Dawson, Hailey DuVall, Johnathon Hall, Vaughn Hall, Christina Henricks, Lynn Hostetter, Melissa Hughes, Paul Hutto, Cassie Kelly, Peyton Lewis, Gilene McCullough, Evan Rybicki, Eliza Scyphers, Tiffany Senn, Miley Rhodes.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Melvin Manus, Paul Jacobs, Ronnie Hutto, Hannah Fogle.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Barbara Bradshaw, Sharon Mattern, Jackie Macaulay, David Mellichamp, Mary Hamson, Jeanie Jacobs, Sandra Baker, Betty Wise, Elmer Sundlie, Herman Bouknight, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Lucky Jones, Jennifer Brazell, Mary Hamson, Ann Callison, Bill Hunnicutt,

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Molly Gilbert, Bob & Shirley Spruill, Henry Gainey, Stacy Carns, Jordan Mellichamp, Charles Hite, Tyler Carter, Rev. Dr. Paul Harmon, Steve Collum, John Bundrick, Lori Gladiness.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Eli McCracken, Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, David Mathews.

The Family Of:

Valerie Jan Brazell, Oscar Rabon, Jean Jones, William Florence, Bobby Lunn, Sylvia Marchant, Nancy Butler, Carroll Hutchinson.

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.

Music Copyright Permission is covered by: CCLI #20611171
One License #735387-A