

November 9, 2025

Williston-Immanuel United Church
Portland, Maine



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ORDER of WORSHIP

10:00 am

***Gathering Song**

“I Thank You, Jesus”

Welcome

Rev. Reba Delzell

Words to ponder

“Justice will not be served until those who are unaffected are as outraged as those who are.” — *Benjamin Franklin*

Music for Centering

“Blue”

Kevin Olson

Opening Words

Lydia Hews

***Hymn**

“For the Healing of the Nations”

Commissioning of Our Youth

Nicole Diroff

The God Box

Rev. Reba Delzell

Scripture Reading

Zechariah 7:1-13

Lydia Hews

Come As You Are Choir

“This Is Your Justice”

Message

“A Church of Justice”

Rev. Reba Delzell

**Please rise, in body or in spirit.*

Prayers of the People

(Please use any name for God you prefer for the 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.

Prayer Response

“Remember Me”

Music: Traditional; harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,

The first line of musical notation is in 3/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Re - mem - ber me, re - mem - ber me,' are written below the treble staff.

O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line. The lyrics 'O Je - sus, re - mem - ber me.' are written below the treble staff.

Invitation to the Offering

Lydia Hews

Want to give electronically? See the back page. If you are new here and have filled out a "Wanna Do Some Good" form, please place it in the offertory plate so that we might donate \$5 to our special offering. If you give a cash donation, please use an envelope and designate where your offering should go.

***Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***Offertory Prayer**

Announcements

Rev. Reba Delzell

***Hymn**

“Community of Christ”

Benediction

Postlude

“Children's Song 15”

Chick Corea

I Thank You, Jesus

Kenneth Morris, 1948

1 I thank you, Je-sus, thank you, Je - sus,
 2 You've been my fa-ther, been my moth-er,

1 Thank you, Je-sus, thank you, Je - sus,
 2 Been my fa-ther, been my moth-er,

thank you, Je - sus, my Sav - ior God, for you brought me, yes, you
 been my sis-ter, my broth-er, too, for you brought me, yes, you

brought me from a might-y, a might-y long way, a might-y long
 brought me from a might-y, a might-y long way, a might-y long

I thank you, Je-sus, thank you, Je - sus,
 You've been my fa-ther, been my moth-er,

way. Thank you, Je-sus, thank you, Je - sus,
 way. Been my fa-ther, been my moth-er,

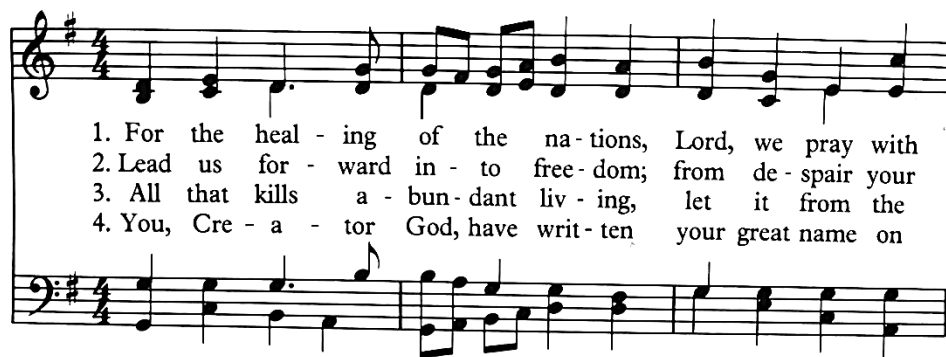
This is one of countless hymns of African-American worship that are known as "testimony hymns." Such congregational songs emphasize personal experiences with God, especially the way God has delivered people from the tribulations of life.

Tune: THANK YOU, JESUS Irr.
 Kenneth Morris, 1948
 Adapt. and arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

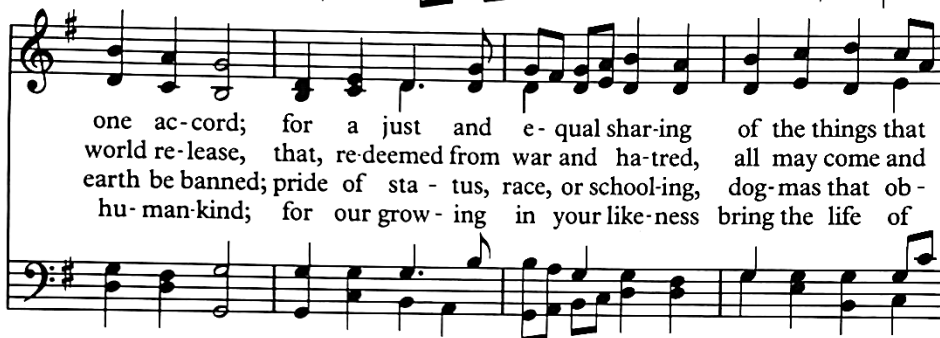
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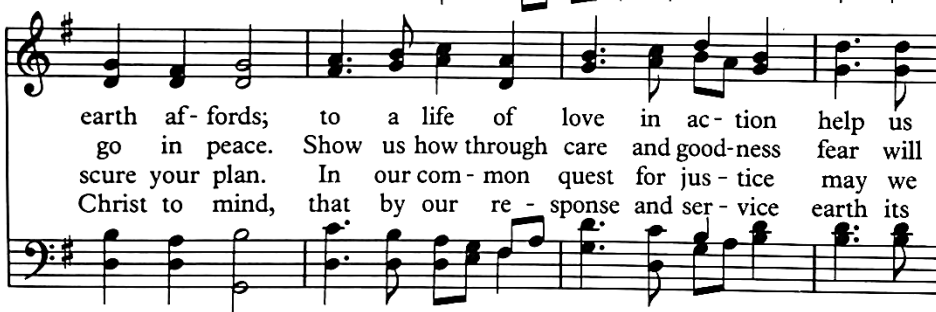
For the Healing of the Nations



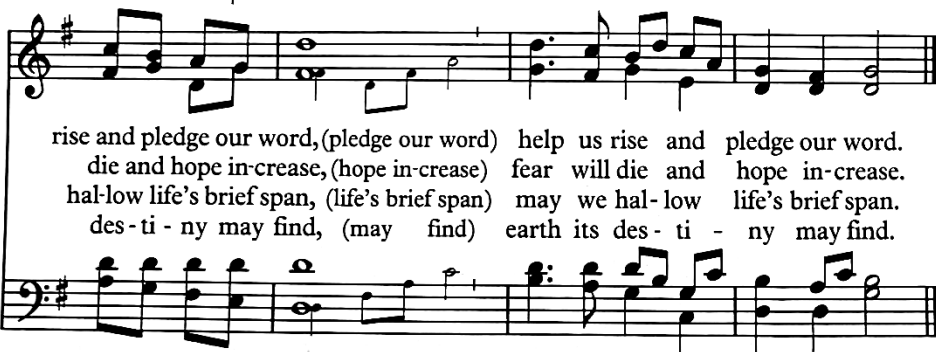
1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on



one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob -
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of

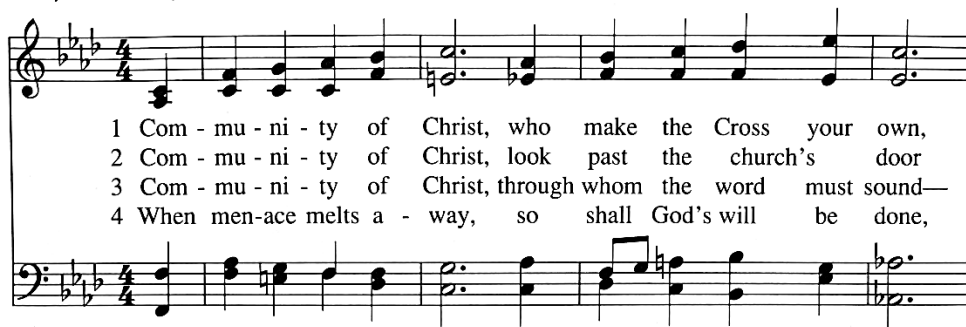


earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion help us
 go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness fear will
 scure your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we
 Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its

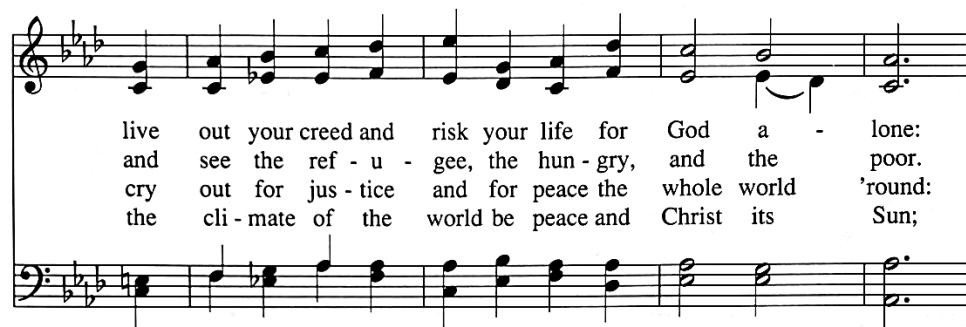


rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.
 die and hope in - crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.
 hal - low life's brief span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.
 des - ti - ny may find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.

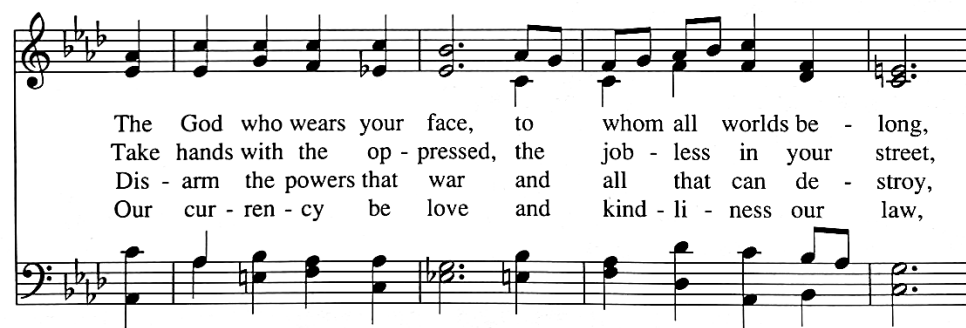
Shirley Erena Murray, 1985



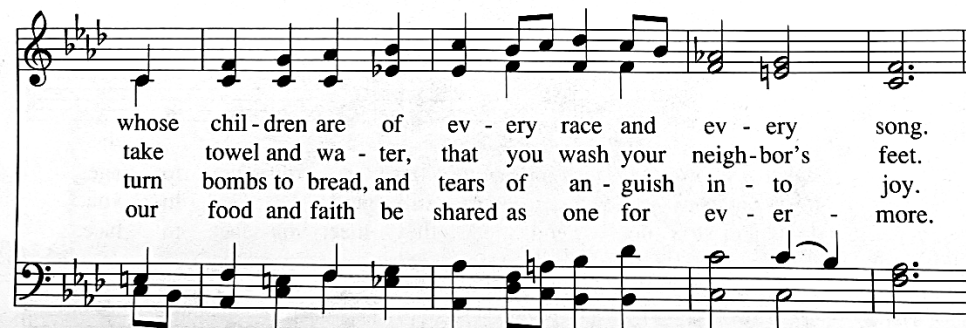
1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
 2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church's door
 3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
 4 When men-ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,



live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
 and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
 cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world 'round:
 the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;



The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
 Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
 Our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,



whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

Shirley Erena Murray has grown up within the Ecumenical Movement and addresses related themes such as Christian unity and social justice in her hymnody. This text was first sung at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Tune: LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.
 Traditional Hebrew melody
 Adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770

Calendar

Monday, November 10

5:30 pm Trustees

4:30 pm – 6 pm Tree of Life (2nd floor music room)

Tuesday, November 11

Church office closed (Veteran's Day)

Wednesday, November 12

Vaccine clinic hosted by Family Promise (onsite)

(Kate will be working from home)

4:30 pm – 6 pm Tree of Life (2nd floor music room)

7 pm **Dinner Church** at Nicole Diroff's home

Thursday, November 13

1:30 - 2:30 pm Wayside Meal pickup

7 pm Choir

Saturday, November 15

Time TBD American Guild of Organists meeting in Sanctuary (Denise giving access)

7 pm **Narcotics Anonymous** (Chapel)

Sunday, November 16

10 am Sunday Worship

11 am Fellowship

Monday, November 17

4:30 pm – 6 pm Tree of Life (2nd floor music room)

6:30 pm (First & Third Monday) Healthy Masculinity Group (Parlor) *Note: this group is not a WIUC group, but all who identify as male are welcome! Leader is David Shuster.*

6:30 pm (First & Third Monday) **Ecclesiastes Bible Study** (Chapel)

Wednesday November 19

8 am at Coffee By Design Café Conversations

3pm Book Study ***The Land is Not Empty – Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery*** (Parlor)

Friday, November 21

Wedding rehearsal in Sanctuary (Rob giving access)

Saturday, November 22

Wedding (Sanctuary) Rob giving access

7 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday November 23 is Gratitude Sunday- we will collect our financial and Time & Talent **pledge cards** as well as celebrate our staff and vital volunteers.

Sally Davis Recital in Sanctuary (Frank giving access)

Monday, November 24

6:30 pm **Council** on Zoom

Sunday, November 30

First Sunday of Advent

Christmas Fundraiser to Benefit the Good Shepherd Food Bank

This year's Christmas fundraiser will benefit the **Good Shepherd Food Bank**. With SNAP benefits at risk, food pantries are about to take a huge hit—which is more reason to give. The fundraiser is open now, and our goal is to raise \$500, i.e. 1,000 meals by December 25. You can donate directly through our fundraising page, and the ACE each week will include a link. You may also use this QR Code:



One Time Offering QR code



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New Here?

Fill out our “Wanna do some good?” form in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We will donate \$5 in your name to our Special Offering this month and get you on our mailing list. Or you can simply text **WIUC** to **84576** to receive our **All Church Email (ACE)**.

Who are we? Williston-Immanuel United Church is an inclusive Christian community that promotes faith, fellowship, social justice and love, compassionately reaching out to our broader community, celebrating our diversity, and affirming everyone’s spiritual journey. ***Acceptance without conditions, affirmation without discrimination*** these are the goals of Williston-Immanuel United Church.

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Our Publications:

**Weekly All Church Email
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