THE FIRST CHURCH

NASHUA, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Congregational – United Church Of Christ

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Gathered December 16, 1685

No matter who you are, whom you love, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Morning Worship

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024 9:00 AM

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*If it is comfortable for you to do so, please stand

APPROACH TO GOD

Let us keep silence as we prepare for worship.

TOWER CHIME Dale Neth

MEDITATION "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." -John 14:1

PRELUDE *Sonata quasi una Fantasia,* Op. 27, No. 2 L. van Beethoven

i. Adagio Sostenuto *(1770 – 1827)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord and give thanks to God's holy name.

People: For the Lord our God has healed us when we cried for help and restored us in times of deepest despair.

Leader: The Lord has turned our sorrow into dancing; taken our sackcloth from us, and clothed us with joy.

People: Sing to the Lord without end, and give thanks to the Lord forever.

Leader: Come, silent Spirit, make the words we see and hear and speak and sing be transformed by the Word made flesh.

All: Our worship is wholly Yours, Lord God, in Jesus' name. Amen

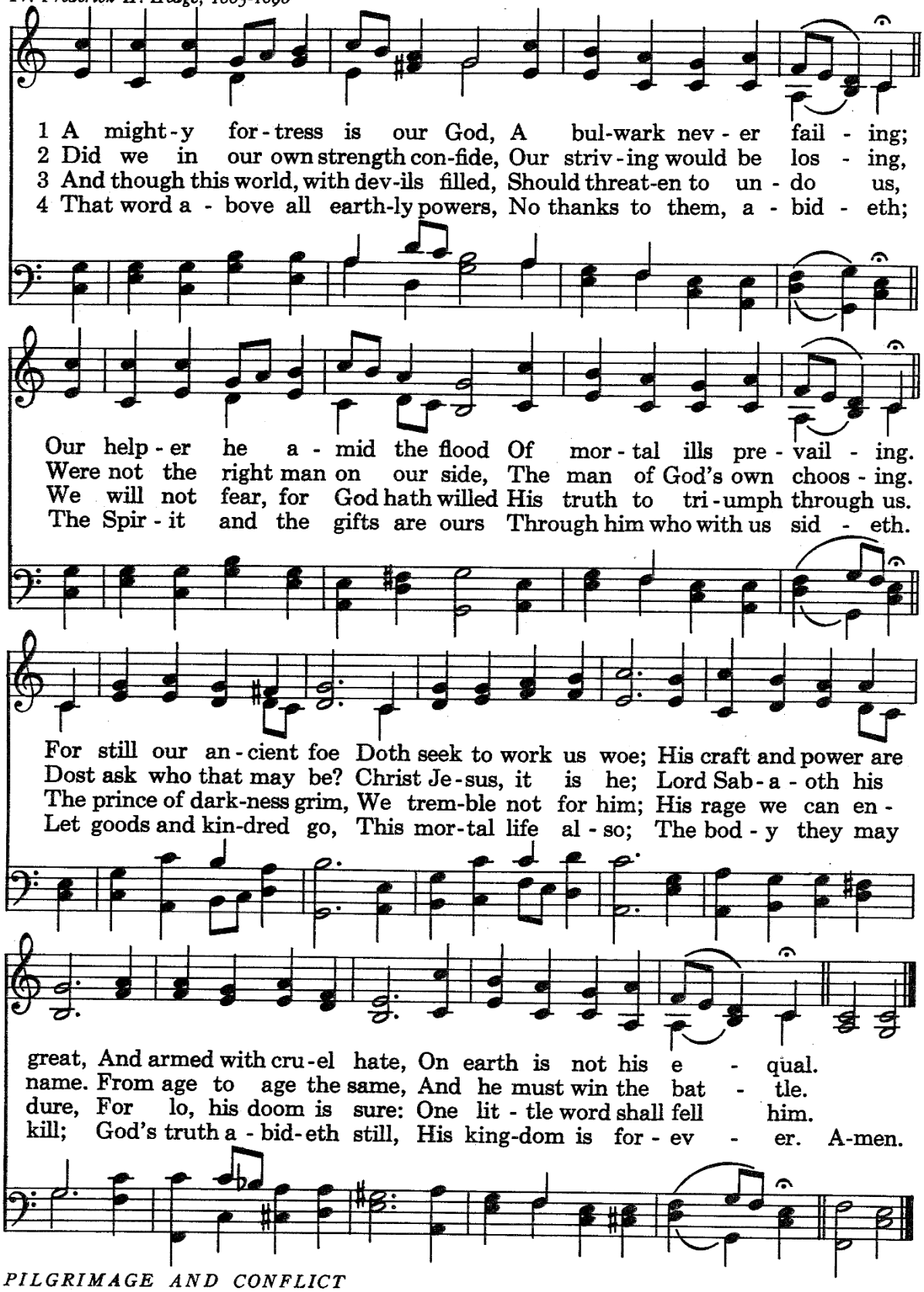
***HYMN 363** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

(see next page)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Based on Psalm 46
Martin Luther, 1483-1546
Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1805-1890

EIN' FESTE BURG 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.
Melody by Martin Luther, 1483-1546



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***OPENING PRAYER** (Unison)

Creating and eternal God, who made the earth and has given us the breath of life, we offer You our praise and thanks. Your grace has given us all that we need; even making our powers perfect in weakness. We offer our lives to You and ask for Your guiding light to lead us in our worship and adoration in Christ's name. Amen.

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING **Mark 5:21-43**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came, and when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?"

But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY *Deutsche Reigen und Romanzen,* Op. 51 J. Haas
vi. Ein wenig bewegt, nicht rasch *(1879 – 1960)*

SERMON "In God We Trust" Rev. Dr. Andrew W. Armstrong

***HYMN 337** *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* ICH HALTE TREULICH STILL
(see next page)

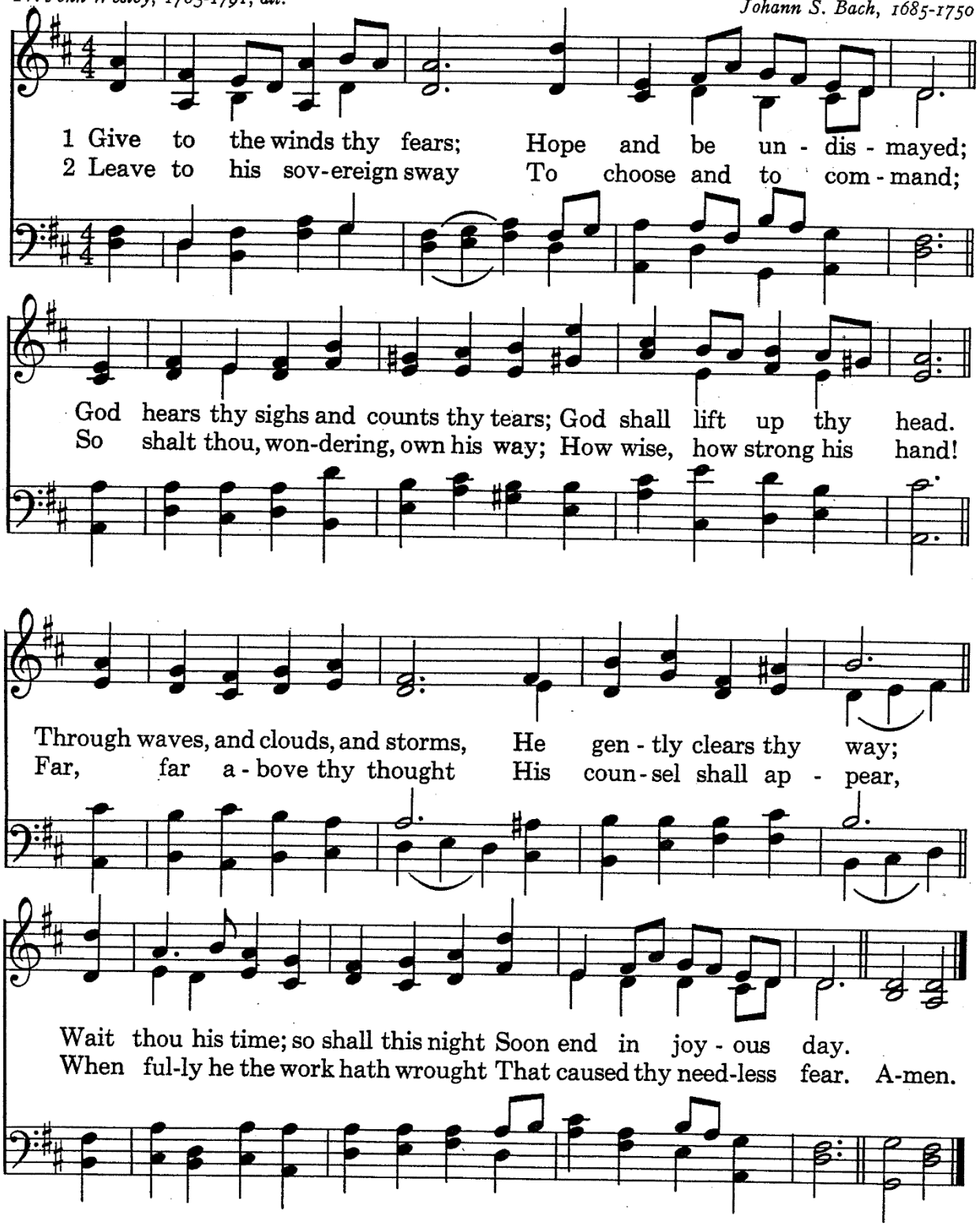
RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

CENTERING PRAYER (Unison)
Holy God, Creator of Life, we come to You just as we are. When we are in a dark place You offer us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, surprise us with the breath of Your spirit. Deliver us from our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with Your spirit of life. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Give to the Winds Thy Fears

Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676
Tr. John Wesley, 1703-1791, alt.

ICH HALTE TREULICH STILL S.M.D.
Johann S. Bach, 1685-1750



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PRAYER CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS and PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* L. Mason
(1792 – 1872)
arr. J. Carter

***DOXOLOGY 515** OLD HUNDRETH LM

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)

Before we ever ask, Heavenly Father, You are ready to give us a name, a title and a place at Your table. We offer these gifts as our acceptance of the Holy Banquet you have prepared for all Your children. May they serve our church as we invite others to share the abundance of good things given us in Christ. Amen.

***HYMN 391** *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE
(see next page)

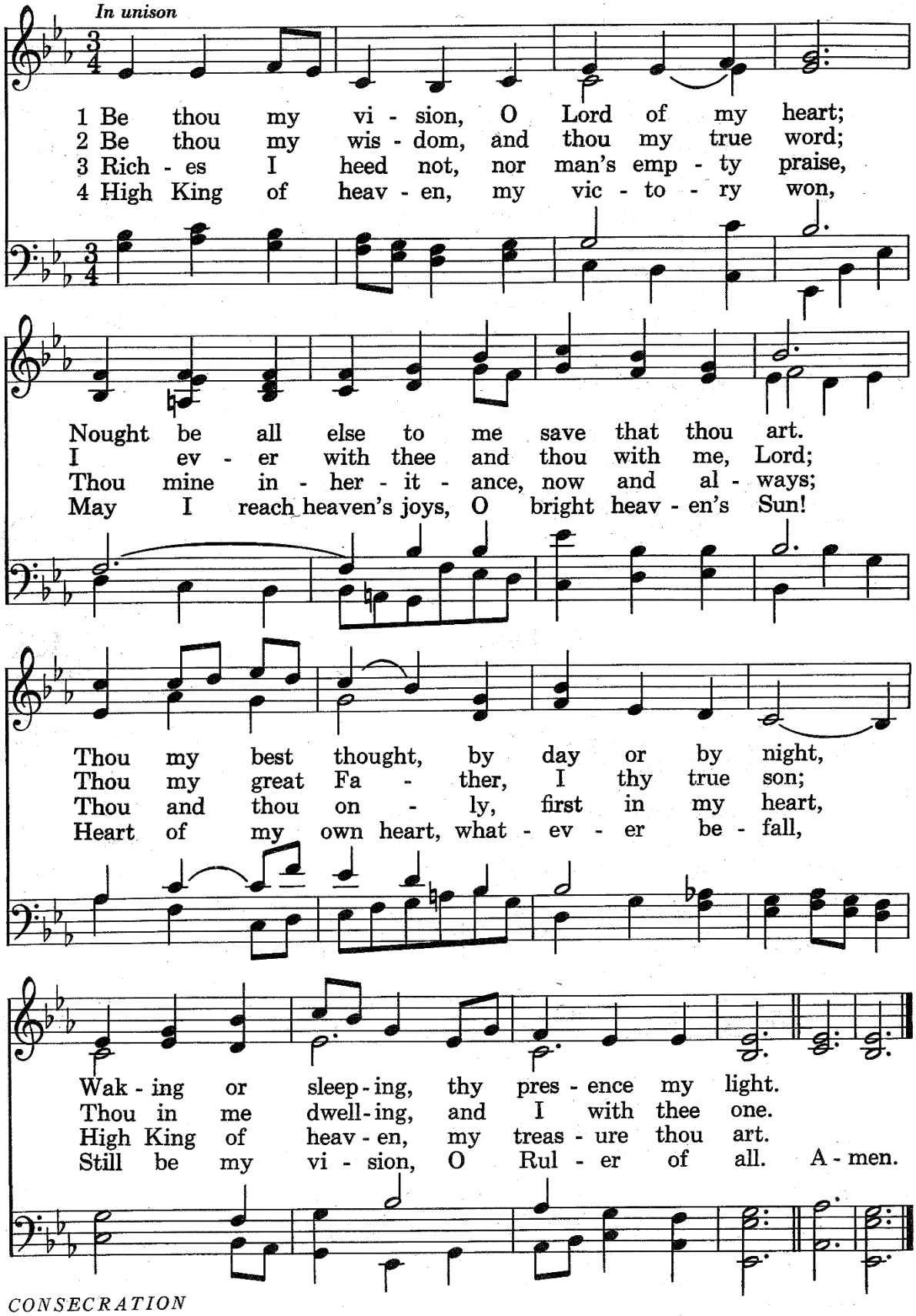
***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Postludium* H. Schroeder
(1904 – 1984)

Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish
Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935

SLANE 10.10.9.10.
Traditional Irish Melody
Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

In unison

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OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED; OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

Have you remembered The First Church in your will?

PLEASE USE THE VARIOUS CARDS IN THE PEW RACKS TO HELP KEEP THE STAFF INFORMED OF YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS. YOU MAY ALSO SUBMIT PRAYER CONCERNS ONLINE. FIND THE **PRAYER REQUEST** BUTTON ON THE WORSHIP PAGE FOR ANY PRAYER CONCERNS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH REV. NANCY.

Summer Worship Schedule

June 16-September 8, 2024

One Service at 9:00 am
In-person Worship & Livestream
Radio Broadcast on WSMN FM 95.3 & AM 1590
Nursery Care on break through the summer

Summer Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 am– 3:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am– noon

***Rally Day – Sunday, Sept. 15th**

One service at 10:00 am
In-person Worship, Sunday School & Livestream

Church Happenings and Outreach - New/Current

NSKS BACKPACKS- It is Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter (NSKS) Backpack time again! Outreach invites you to donate any amount of money to assist with the purchase of the needed school supplies. We will again buy in bulk which helps to fill more backpacks. Our goal is $2500.00, so all contributions will greatly help as we fill 70 backpacks this year. Please send a check made out to First Church UCC, by July 31st with "NSKS BACKPACK PROGRAM" in the memo line. **If you would like to help fill the backpacks with us on Thursday, August 1st at 6:00 pm, in the dining room, please contact Kathie McIntyre**. If you have questions, please contact Kathie McIntyre or the church office. Thank you!

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CYBER SECURITY TRAINING- We will be offering a Cyber Security Training on Tuesday, July 23rd at 1 pm. The training will take place at the Hunt Community Theater, 10 Allds Street, Nashua. All are welcome. Sign up at the Welcome Center.

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GOLF FELLOWSHIP- Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, August 14th** at the beautiful Nashua Country Club. Tee times will begin at **8:30 am**, with space for up to 32 golfers. This event is designed to combine the enjoyment of the game with fellowship among church members and friends. **Sign up is easy!**
Register at the Welcome Center on Sundays, or sign up online for your convenience at https://forms.gle/snRC8CoEy1JjErpc9 We look forward to a fun and spirit-filled day on the green!

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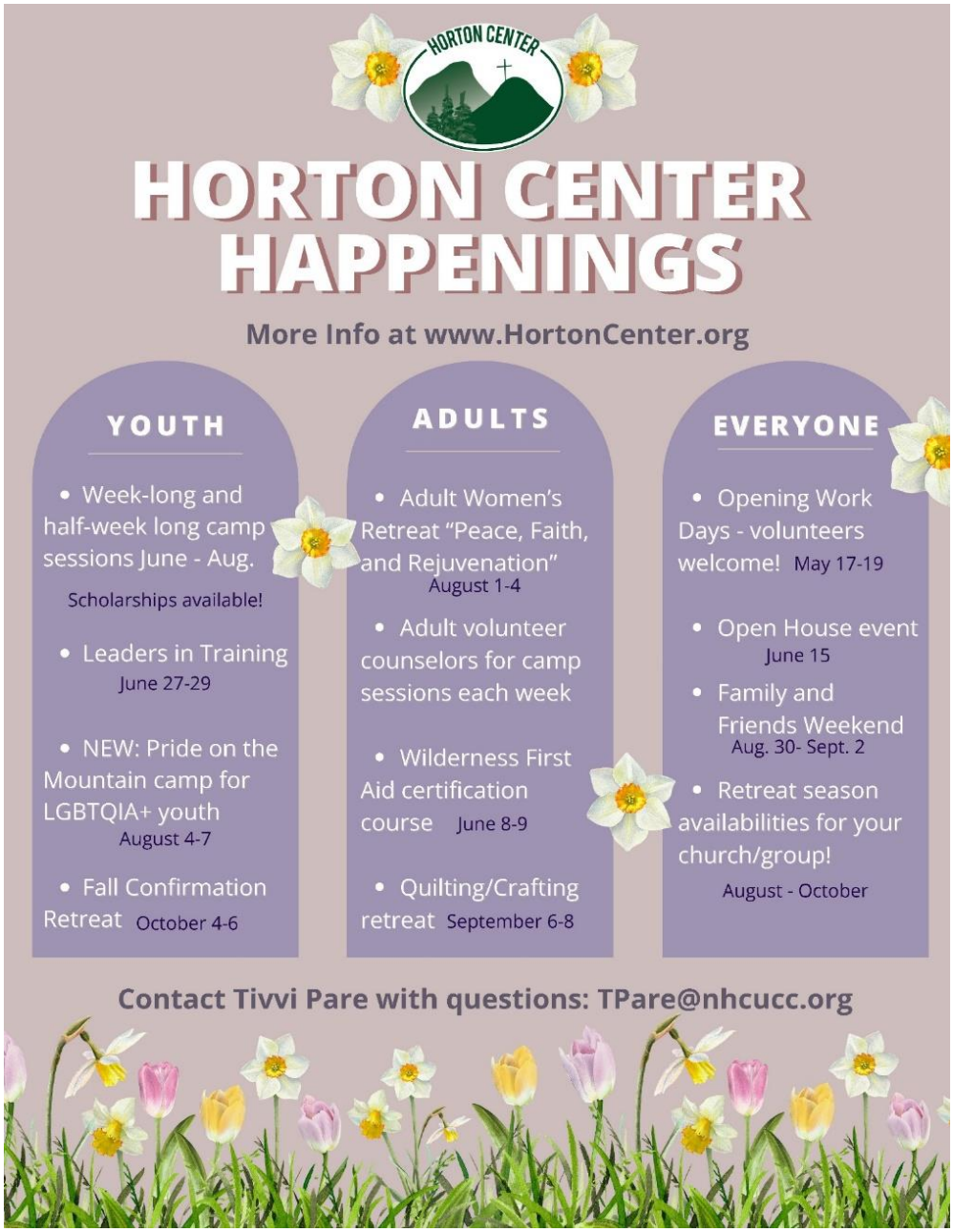
Choirs in Worship Next Week
Sunday, July 7, 2024 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Communion
9:00 Katie Weiss, soprano

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

SUN JUN 30	9:00 am	Worship, Livestream, Radio Broadcast
TUE JUL 2	4:00 pm	Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter
THU JUL 4		Office Closed
SAT JUL 6	11:00 am	Sisters in Sobriety (dining room)



SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE 2024

Each summer, while the music ministry ensembles are on summer break, members of The First Church and the outside community bring their music offerings to our summer worship service at 9am.

The following individuals and seasonal ensembles will enhance our worship services...

June 16	**MEN'S CHOIR**
June 23	**SUSAN COBB, soprano**
June 30	**JOSEPH R. OLEFIROWICZ, piano**
July 7	**KATIE WEISS, soprano**
July 14	**STAFF PARTY QUARTET**
July 21	**SUMMER CHOIR**
July 28	**STEVE BLUNT, baritone & guitar**
August 4	**DEBBIE NORDYKE, mezzo soprano**
	HARRY NORDYKE, tenor & guitar
August 11	**RICHARD BENEFIELD, organ**
August 18	**JOSEPH R. OLEFIROWICZ, baritone**
August 25	**WOMEN'S CHOIR**
September 1	**MARK A. CLEVELAND, bass-baritone**
September 8	**CRAIG PLUMMER, tenor**

Summer Choir rehearsal:	**Wed. July 17th @ 6:30 pm**
Worship:	**Sun. July 21st @ 9:00 am**
Women's Choir rehearsal:	**Wed. August 21st @ 6:30 pm**
Worship:	**Sun. August 25th @ 9:00 am**

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WELCOME

A warm welcome is extended to all who are attending this worship service. A special greeting to those who are visiting or worshiping with us for the first time. Please sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or fill out the **visitor card** found in the pew racks. Fill out the back of the card, and put it in the offering plate or hand it to a minister, Usher or Deacon so we may acknowledge your visit. Join in the time of fellowship, in Fellowship Hall, following worship. If you have any questions about the life and ministry of First Church please seek out the individuals wearing colored nametags; they are members of the various boards and committees.

INFORMATION

First Church was gathered on December 16, 1685 as The Church of Christ in Dunstable. On the same day Thomas Weld was ordained and settled as minister of the church. The current building, built in 1894, is the tenth building to house the First Church community. In 1961, the church entered fellowship with the United Church of Christ. We welcome into our membership any who will own the covenant of First Church and seek to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in the community and world. Those interested in joining the church should contact the church office for information. The Sacrament of Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month and the Sacrament of Baptism on the last. First Church is supported almost entirely by pledges. Every member is expected to make a financial pledge according to their ability.

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care is available to all in need. Please keep the ministers informed of occasions of sickness, sorrow, and joy. Let the church office know if you or a family member or friend is hospitalized.

COMMUNICATIONS

If you have a change of address, phone number, or email address, please let the church office know so that we may keep our records current. All information for the weekly bulletin must be in the office by noon on Wednesday. All information for the monthly newsletter must be in the office by 4:30 PM on the second Monday of the month.

All use of the building must be scheduled by the Office Manager.

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:00am-noon and 1:00-3:00pm
Friday 9:00am-noon
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