



## Worship for the Lord's Day Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 27, 2023

9:30 am

Gathering Music

Words of Welcome

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Word *from Psalm 138*

Barb Coop

One: We give thanks to God with our whole heart.

**All: We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness!**

One: Though high above all things, God sees the lowly.

**All: Even when we are in deep trouble,  
God makes us live again. The love of God lasts forever!**

Congregational Hymn

*There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place*

SWEET SWEET SPIRIT

## 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

## Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

One: We seek the will of God, but still find ourselves conformed to this world, instead of being transformed into God’s image. Let us seek forgiveness for the ways we have turned away from justice and mercy.

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: Almighty God, when faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming, too often we shrink to the background. We have days that are marked with destabilizing fear. We carry uncertainty about the future, worry about losing our status, our stability, our station, our purpose. We search for a right relationship with you and reach out, wanting the confidence to name who you are and why it makes a difference in our lives. Forgive our hesitancy. Wash away our doubts. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

**Assurance of God’s Grace**

One: Friends, hear the good news: God is with us, steadfast and faithful, as we seek to live in peace.

**All: Through the grace and peace of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

**\*Sung Response**

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

GLORY TO GOD (Vasile)

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)  
 B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F B<sup>b</sup> F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,  
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)  
 F B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)  
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.  
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)  
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: As a sign of our reconciliation with God and with one another, let us share the peace with one another. The Peace of Christ be with you!

All: **And also with you!**

**\*Sung Response**

*Seek Ye First*

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**Seek Ye First**

*Descant*

Al - le - lu - ia,

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

al - le - lu - ia,

and its righ - teous - ness,  
seek, and you shall find;  
but by ev - ery word

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The piano part includes a descant section. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, 1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone, al - le - lu - ia, and its righ - teous - ness, seek, and you shall find; but by ev - ery word'.

**Music**

*Down to the River to Pray*

attributed to George H. Allan

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good old way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters, let's go down,  
Let's go down, come on down  
O sisters, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good old way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown  
Good Lord, show me the way!

O brothers, let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
Come on, brothers, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good old way  
And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord, show me the way!

O fathers, let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O fathers, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good old way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown  
Good Lord, show me the way!

O mothers, let's go down  
Let's go down; don't you want to go down?  
Come on, mothers, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good old way

And who shall wear the starry crown  
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sinners, let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O sinners, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good old way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown  
Good Lord, show me the way!

**Prayer for Inspiration**

Beth

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 16:13 - 20

One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word! This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*Who is Jesus to You?*

Rev. Beth Freese Dammers

Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,  
rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,  
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior



all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

### Offering Our Gifts to God



#### Invitation to Offering

Barb

#### Offertory

*Precious Lord, Take my Hand*

Thomas A. Dorsey

**\*Doxology** words 607, tune 606 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 praise Christ, all people here below;  
 praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
 praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

Barb

#### Church Tidings

Susan

#### Joys & Concerns

#### God's People Pray

#### Lord's Prayer (using "sins")

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.

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Gospel Music**

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

Arranger: Todd Galberth  
Composer: Paul Baloche

*Bless the Lord Oh My Soul*

Andraé Crouch

*Heart of Worship*

Arranger: Matt Redman  
Composer: Michael W. Smith

*Withholding Nothing*

William McDowell

*I Run to You (Where Else Can I Go)*

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\* Please rise in spirit or body

**All speak emboldened type**

**USHERS:** Doug James, Erin James, Teagan Manning, Kris Veenbaas

**HOSPITALITY:** Teagan Manning, Lindy Steeves, Kris Veenbaas, Ingrid Ellithorpe

**LITURGIST:** Barb Coop

**AV:** Blake Trchka

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**Next Sunday in Worship, September 3**

**14th Sunday After Pentecost**

**9:30 am**

Psalm 26:1-8

Exodus 3:1-15



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**Today's Guest Musicians**

**Shantée Lewis, vocalist**

Shantée Lewis is a singer/songwriter/ recording artist. Married to Bishop James Lewis II, a mother of six and the grandmother of six, she is a praise and worship leader at Prayer, Praise, and Worship Center, located in Valparaiso, IN.

A recent recipient of her Bachelor of Arts of Music at Valparaiso University, Shantée is currently a preschool/ music educator. Some accomplishments worth noting are the release of her extended play recording project entitled VerStyle, in April of 2014 and at least 40 songs published in the Library of Congress. She loves the Lord and enjoys sharing her heart for Him through song.



### **Curtis Clark, bass**

Curtis Clark is the 5th of 6 boys born to Roosevelt and Bessie Clark in June 1960. Curtis, along with his brothers, was encouraged by their father to play some type of instrument. He received his first bass guitar at age seven and began his destiny of becoming a great bass player. He practiced every day and involved himself with several bands, talent shows, teenage events, etc. Other than advocating mentorship the uniqueness of Curtis' bass guitar expertise and skills are that they were self-acquired and he is a self-taught musician.

During his teenage years, Curtis became a church musician and traveled the globe with well-known famous artists such as Pop Staples and the Staple Singers, the Barrett Sisters, Yolanda Adams, Ben Tankard and Stephanie Mills. Curtis carried the prestigious title of Music Director for Rickey Dillard and New Generation Chorale for five years. He released his first CD titled, "Fisher of Men" in 2009.



During his musical career he has traveled the states extensively with many different artists. He has also had extensive stays in foreign countries such as England, Germany, and Italy. As God has transformed his life, he is a dedicated soul winner for the kingdom of God and knows that God's best is yet to come in his life.

### **Anthony Singleton, drummer**

### **Raymond Wilson, keyboardist**



### **Seeking Deacons & Elders**

Are you or someone you know called to serve our church? The Nominating Committee is looking for 6 people to serve as elders (being leaders of the local church and beyond) and 6 deacons (serving those in need within the local church and beyond). The commitment is for 3 years. Please help us by identifying someone we should consider, including yourself. If we contact you about serving, please consider the request prayerfully before giving us your answer. Contact anyone on the committee for more information or to suggest a name.

Pat Garner (chair, [pgarner923@hotmail.com](mailto:pgarner923@hotmail.com)), Amy Hall, Ann Jaltuch, Gloria Tatar, Fred Veenbaas, Barb Webster, Wendy Wilhelm, Rev. Beth Freese Dammers (staff)

### **CPC Pet Blessing**

**TODAY**

**4:00 pm**

God loves creatures great and small and so does CPC! On August 27, you are invited to bring your animals to be celebrated and blessed at 4:00pm underneath the big tent on the south lawn. For every pet's and human's safety, we ask that animals be leashed or caged during our celebration. A free will offering will be taken for Hinsdale Humane Society or you can bring one of their wish list items found by [clicking here](#)



**This week at CPC:**

**Sunday, August 27**

**No Livestream**

9:30 am — **Worship on the Lawn**

4:00 pm — Pet Blessing; South Lawn

6:30 pm — CPC Youth Kickoff; Wickedball, Lombard

**Monday, August 28**

7:00 pm — Communications

7:00 pm — Worship & Music; Chapel & Zoom

**Tuesday, August 29**

7:00 pm — A & P; Chapel

**Wednesday, August 30**

7:00 pm — Stewardship; Chapel

**Thursday, August 31**

**Friday, September 1**

**Saturday, September 2**

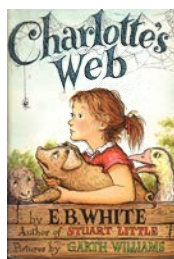
**Sunday, September 3**

9:30 am — **Worship**

**Monday, September 4**

**Labor Day**

**Church office closed**



**MOVIE UNDER THE STARS**

Friday, September 15

7:15pm (movie will begin at dusk)

Bring your own chair or blanket to spread out on. Popcorn, candy and drinks will be sold, cash only.

**Calling all kids 6yrs. and older**

You are invited to become an Acolyte. The Acolyte walks up during the prelude and lights the Christ candle on the chancel.

Although this is an important part of the service it is VERY simple... if you are interested please click [HERE](#) to register!



**NURSERY CARE**

The Nursery will be staffed on **September 10.**

Families can drop off their little ones to be cared for by our volunteers. We use a pager system in case a parent is needed. The Nursery is located across from the church office on the main floor and is always open and available for use even when not staffed by our volunteers.

**COMING SOON; live stream of the worship service in the Nursery!**



**FAITH FORMATION Starts September. 10**

We have a wonderful year of faith formation, community outreach projects and special events planned for all children 3yrs - 10yrs.

Please click on the QR code to register your child. Plan on a wonderful year filled with faith, fun and fellowship!



**JIM GILL FAMILY PLAY & CONCERT**

Sunday, September 24

3:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Music, movement and laughter abound when Jim Gill is leading an afternoon of intergenerational fun!

Bring a blanket to sit on and get ready for fun.

CPC Youth begins 9/10  
Middle School at 9:45am  
High School at 5:00pm



We are looking forward to beginning our programs on Sunday September 10th! See below for information below for a preview!

**Middle School:** We will kickoff our year on Sunday morning at 9:45am in room 8 on the Lower Level. Following the baptism in worship, we will gather together to have some food, play some games and begin getting to know one another!

**High School:** We look forward to welcoming you to the Youth Lounge on the lower level beginning at 5pm! Our time will include dinner so come hungry and ready to start our year together!



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SEPTEMBER PROGRAM**  
**SEPTEMBER 5**  
**Fellowship Hall 12:30**

Who was Mary Magdalene? Prophet?  
Prostitute? Crazy? Foundational?

Join Presbyterian Women as Rev. Marylen Marty-Gentile presents a new look at this mysterious and misunderstood biblical woman. We will look at some images of her through history, explore what scripture actually says, and look at recent scholarship that could SHAKE UP THE CHURCH! All invited to this first program of the year.

**MEAL A MONTH COLLECTION**

Food Pantries are in desperate need. Fill a bag with grocery items to be donated to Hinsdale Community Services. The suggested menu is:

- Cereal
- Mac & Cheese
- Rice or Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned Tuna or chicken
- Paper Products: Sandwich Bags, Plastic Wrap, Foil



Any non-perishable items will be most welcome! Pick up a bag in the narthex or use your own and return to CPC. Thank you for your generous donations.



**NEWS OF THE AMOS GROUP**

*Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Amos 5:24*

**Insights from the Social Justice Summer Read**

The book is *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love*, by Valarie Kaur. You can see more about the book on this [flyer](#).

Here's something that spoke to me recently: "We are all broken by something. We have all hurt someone and have been hurt. We all share the condition of brokenness even if our brokenness is not equivalent."

I hope that many others of you will join us in reading and discussing this book. **We all read on our own and then have a discussion in September, probably with folks from other groups who are also reading it.** There will be multiple date and time options for the discussion. If we have enough readers from CPC, we can host our own discussion, perhaps including Zoom access.

Please let me know if you are reading with us, so I can coordinate the discussion schedule. Please send your questions, ideas or comments to [Gregg Morton](#)

## LET'S GET CONNECTED



Did you know that your contact information in the CPC online directory is not viewable by others at CPC unless you allow it? Many have not changed their account privacy settings in Realm to “Anyone in the Church” so their contact information is not available to other CPC members.

So we are launching a “Let’s Get Connected” initiative to make it easier to find one another in our church online directory!

If you are among those whose contact information is not viewable by others in the church, you should have received an email to offer help if you would like to make this change to your privacy settings.

In the coming weeks look for more ways to improve using the Realm online directory and your Realm account! We are also readily available to help you with the online directory. Feel free to reach out to us anytime with questions about the CPC Realm online directory or your Realm account.

***We are so excited to work with you to improve this tool to help us all get connected!***

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## ANNOUNCING THE 2023 - 2024 CONCERT SERIES Save the Dates

The season opens on September 24 with something new for us: an afternoon of family singing and playing led by **Jim Gill**, presented in partnership with CPC Kids’ Academy. The other concerts feature brass and organ, jazz, and strings, as noted in the graphic. All concerts are free, although donations are appreciated. Additional information is posted at [chcpc.org/concert-series](http://chcpc.org/concert-series).

## CHOIRS AT CPC

The Chancel Choir and the Clarion Bell Choir will begin their rehearsals the week of September 4th!

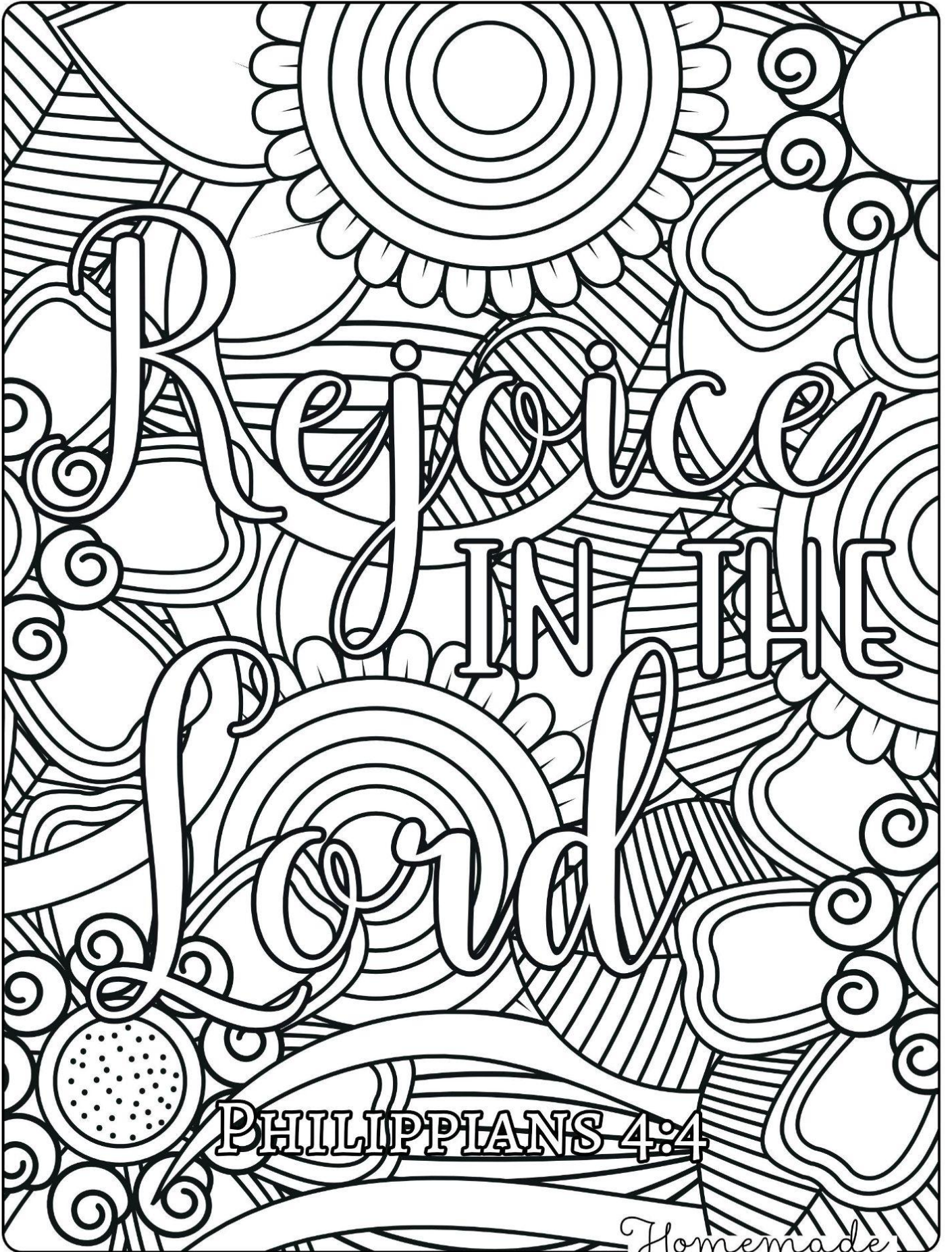
Chancel Choir - Wednesday, September 6 (7:00PM, Sanctuary)

Clarion Bell Choir - Thursday, September 7 (7:00PM, LL )

All are welcome!

For more information, contact [Christopher Cock](mailto:Christopher.Cock@chcpc.org).





PHILIPPIANS 4:4

### **Household Prayer: Morning**

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this new day. You have blessed me in so many ways in days that have come before. Today I will look and listen for signs of your joy and gladness present in my life, in the lives of others, and in the beautiful world you garden. As I begin this day, I pray that you will strengthen my soul and that whatever your purpose for me will be fulfilled in faithfulness and love. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

### **Household Prayer: Evening**

God of my salvation, preserve anyone in danger this night; reach out to anyone who is in trouble. Give us the quiet rest that comes from knowing you are above everything, watching over us with steadfast love. I pray that today, in some word I spoke, in some act of care I offered, Christ was lifted up. Continue to transform me so that I may discern what you find good and acceptable. Help me to dream always your own vision of a world in full bloom, verdant with joy and gladness, teeming with thanksgiving and justice. Ast the close of this day, I entrust myself, and all those I love, to your care and keeping. In Jesus' name. Amen.



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