



*The First Congregational Church  
of the United Church of Christ  
Stockbridge, Massachusetts*

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

*July 28, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.*

Each week in worship we welcome people to share their prayers. If you would like for a worship leader to read your prayer, fill out a prayer slip. Nursery care is available during the worship service; please ask an usher.

## **PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

### GATHERING MUSIC

PRELUDE *He's Got the Whole World In His Hand*, arr. by John Barr; Hui-Mei Lin, *piano*

FRAMING WORDS / WELCOME

Rev. Brent Damrow

## **GATHERING FOR WORSHIP**

\*GATHERING SONG *He Has Made Me Glad*

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\*CALL TO WORSHIP written by Rosie Venner

One: Come all who are weary

**All: of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division**

One: Come all who are heavy-laden

**All: with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger**

One: Come all who have hope

**All: for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom**

One: Hear these words

**All: "See, I am making all things new."**

\*HYMN

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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Chosen by the Rodgers Family.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Lord's Prayer

**Our God, 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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Pastor Brent

OFFERTORY

*St. Cecilia's Prayer* by Peter Frost

Dustin Qian, *flute*; Hui-Mei Lin, *piano*

\*DOXOLOGY

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low; Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; One God, Triune, whom we adore.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

\*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

**THE GIFT OF THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE READING

*Symphony of Psalms* Text 1 (Psalm 38: 13-14)

from the Douay-Rheims Bible

Rich Geiler

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and my supplication: give ear to my tears. Be not  
silent: for I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner as all my fathers were.  
O forgive me, that I may be refreshed, before I go hence, and be no more.

BRINGING OUR PRAYERS

PRAYER RESPONSE

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

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SCRIPTURE READING

*Symphony of Psalms* Text 2 (Psalm 39: 2-4)

from the Douay-Rheims Bible

Rich Geiler

With expectation I have waited for the Lord, and he was attentive to me.  
And he heard my prayers, and brought me out of the pit of misery and the  
mire of dregs. And he set my feet upon a rock, and directed my steps.  
And he put a new canticle into my mouth, a song to our God. Many shall see,  
and shall fear: and they shall hope in the Lord.



# He Has Made Me Glad

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I will en-ter his gates with thanks-giv-ing in my heart, I will



en - ter his courts with praise. I will



say, "This is the day that the Lord has made." I



will re - joice, for he has made me glad.

## *Refrain*



He has made me glad, he has made me glad. I



will re - joice, for he has made me glad.



He has made me glad, he has made me glad. I



will re - joice, for he has made me glad.

WORDS: Leona Von Brethorst (Ps. 100:2, 4; 118:24)

MUSIC: Leona Von Brethorst

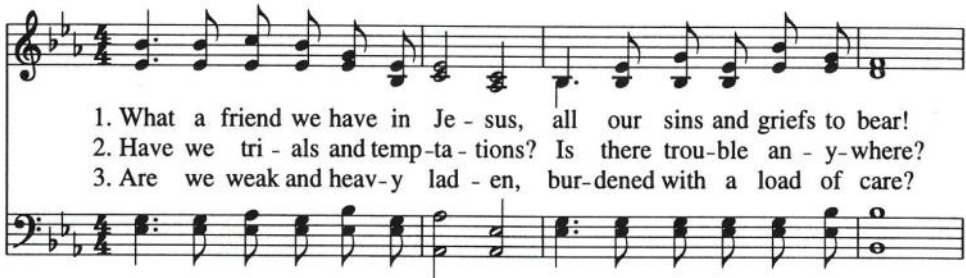
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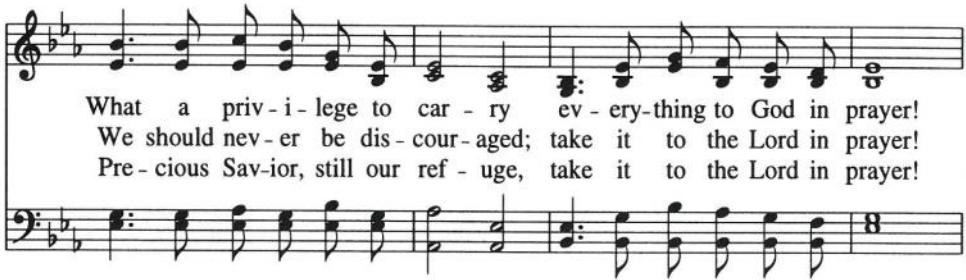
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*The Faith We Sing (2000)*

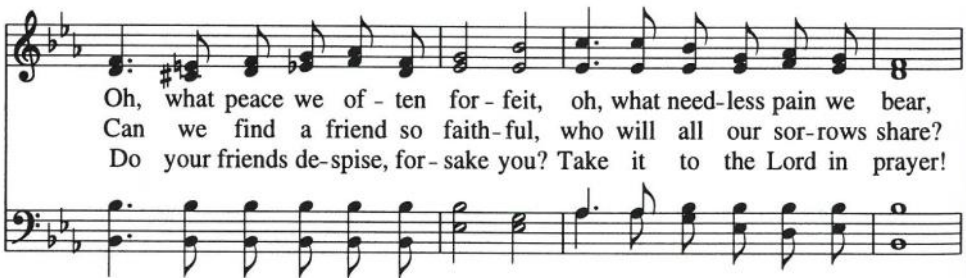
## What a Friend We Have in Jesus



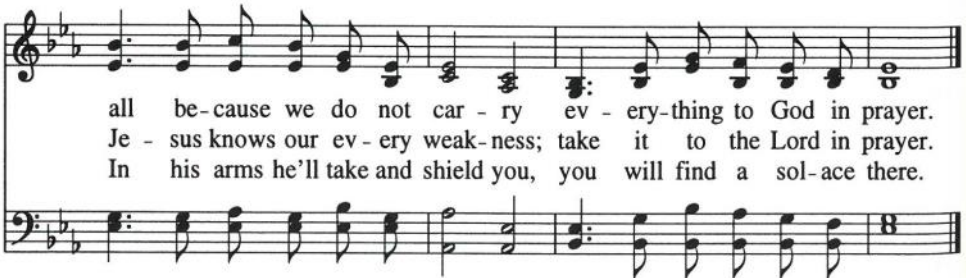
1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
 3. Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, bur-dened with a load of care?



What a priv-i-lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev-er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge, take it to the Lord in prayer!



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith-ful, who will all our sor-rows share?  
 Do your friends de-spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer.  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak-ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you, you will find a sol-ace there.

WORDS: Joseph Scriven, 1855, alt.  
 MUSIC: Charles C. Converse, 1868

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Joseph Scriven wrote this hymn for his mother in a time of deep sorrow. In this text he depicts Jesus as a loving parent who comforts a child and as a friend in whom we can safely confide.

*Hymns of Truth & Light (1998)*

# If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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Georg Neumark, 1641

Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Ps. 55:22

1 If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful heart through  
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's plea - sure in cheer-ful hope, with  
3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; of - fer your ser - vice

all your ways, you will find strength, with God be - side you,  
heart con - tent, trust-ing that grace which knows no mea - sure  
faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de - serv-ing,

to bear the worst of e - vil days; For those who trust God's  
will by un - bound - ed Love be sent; Nor doubt our in - most  
there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to

change-less love build on the rock that will not move.  
wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways near.  
guide and bless those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

*The comforting words of Psalm 55:22 inspired this beautiful hymn by Georg Neumark, who wrote both words and music. Neumark was a German poet who suffered much during the Thirty Years' War.*

Tune: NEUMARK 9.8.9.8.8.8.  
Georg Neumark, 1657

# O God Beyond All Praising

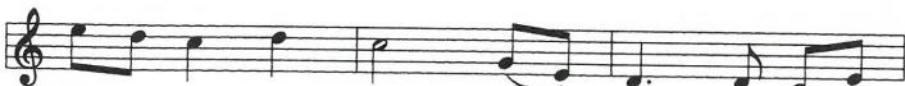
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1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to -  
 2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we



day and sing the love a-maz-ing that  
 bring, that we who know your fa-vor may



songs can-not re-pay; for we can on-ly  
 serve you as our king; and whe-ther our to-



won-der at ev-ery gift you send, at  
 mor-rows be filled with good or ill, we'll



bles-sings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out  
 tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you



end: We lift our hearts be-fore you and  
 still: To mar-vel at your beau-ty and



wait up-on your Word, we hon-or and a-  
 glo-ry in your ways, and make a joy-ful



dore you, our great and might-y Lord.  
 du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

WORDS: Michael Perry (Heb. 13:15)  
 MUSIC: Gustav T. Holst

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*The Faith We Sing* (2000)

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## O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

*The Faith We Sing (2000)*

*Welcome! We are Open and Affirming, which means that we invite persons of every sexual orientation, gender identification and expression, racial and cultural identity, age, physical ability, economic circumstance, faith background and family structure to share fully in the ministry, leadership and fellowship of this congregation's life in Christ.*

*As followers of Christ and committed to Isaiah's charge to "maintain justice and do what is right," we acknowledge with gratitude and humility that we are learning, speaking, gathering, and worshiping on the ancestral homelands of the Mohican people, who are the indigenous peoples of this land. Despite tremendous hardship in being forced from here, today their community resides in Wisconsin and is known as the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. We pay honor and respect to their ancestors past and present as we commit to building a more inclusive and equitable space for all.*

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