

If you are worshipping with us for the first time today, **we welcome you in Christ's name**. We invite you to stand, if you are able, where there is a "†" (cross) in the program and to join in speaking with the congregation any parts that are in **bold** type. Our Communion, normally held the first Sunday of every month, is open to all.

Today's Musician: Pam Laue

Ring of the Bell

Welcome

Prelude: "The New 23rd" Ralph Carmichael

Reflection: *We gather together, O Lord, with wounded and weary souls. Help flood our lives this morning with joy and love. And help give us the strength and courage to share this joy and love with others. AMEN.*

† **Responsive Call to Worship** from Psalm 138

One: Although the Lord is high and exalted,

Many: He regards the lowly.

One: If I walk a path full of trouble,

Many: His right hand delivers me.

One: For the LORD fulfills His purposes;

Many: Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

† **Opening Hymn** "God's Eye Is on the Sparrow" NCH # 475

† **Passing of the Peace**

Offering Invitation: *We express our dedication and thankfulness to God through our presence here & online as well as through the giving of ourselves, our time, our talents, & our offerings. This church prays to be a true & faithful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ & asks God's blessing on these offerings in Jesus' Name!*

Children's Moment

Today's Scriptures

Old Testament ~ *Isaiah 55:10-13*

Our Response ~ *Psalm 65* NCH pg. 661

New Testament ~ *Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

Unison Confession: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, but often we fall short of the love that God has for us, and that God expects from us in return. Let us confess our shortcomings and limits of our trust.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness: God's love for us is enduring & available in a deep way right now. The good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that brings us new life & transformation is arriving even as we speak & worship!

Responsive Prayers for the World by the People

Response: "Holy One, hear our prayer."

The Prayer of Our Savior

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, & 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 & the power & the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation "Lord Jesus, Once You Spoke to Men" Insert

Sermon "Why Parables?" Pastor Jono

Music for Meditation "Gentle Shepherd" Bill & Gloria Gaither

Sharing of Announcements, Prayer Updates, Joys and Concerns

-Thank you to everyone who helped out with the Rendezvous Pancake Breakfast! If you'd like some real Vermont Maple Syrup, we can help!

-New Member Sunday this summer - WE HAVE A DATE! If you're interested in "officially" joining the church, New Member Sunday will be August 23, 2026!

-Potato Fundraiser! Support our Pastoral Care Fund by ordering fresh Idaho potatoes through Stoddard Farms. Order forms with available types, sizes, and additional details are in the hall. All orders are due by August 14.

-Summer Newsletters are here! Be sure to grab one...

-Summer Lunch is here! If you'd like to help out with cooking/serving/clean-up/bake cookies, sign-ups are in the fellowship hall!

-New Sign-Ups for readers and help with littles are available online or in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your help!

-Hospitality is looking for folks to help out with fellowship! Now only 1 month instead of 3!

† **Closing Hymn** "O Savior, Let Me Walk With You" NCH # 503

† **Benediction**

† **Recessional** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" William Bradbury



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These are the ones I look on with favor:
those who are humble and contrite in spirit,
and who tremble at my word.

Isaiah 66:2