

## Living into the Promise

Rev. Ann Kansfield, UCC pastor, FDNY chaplain and author of *Be the Brave One: Living Your Spiritual Values Out Loud and Other Life Lessons* shares the courage that led her to write a book about her experiences.

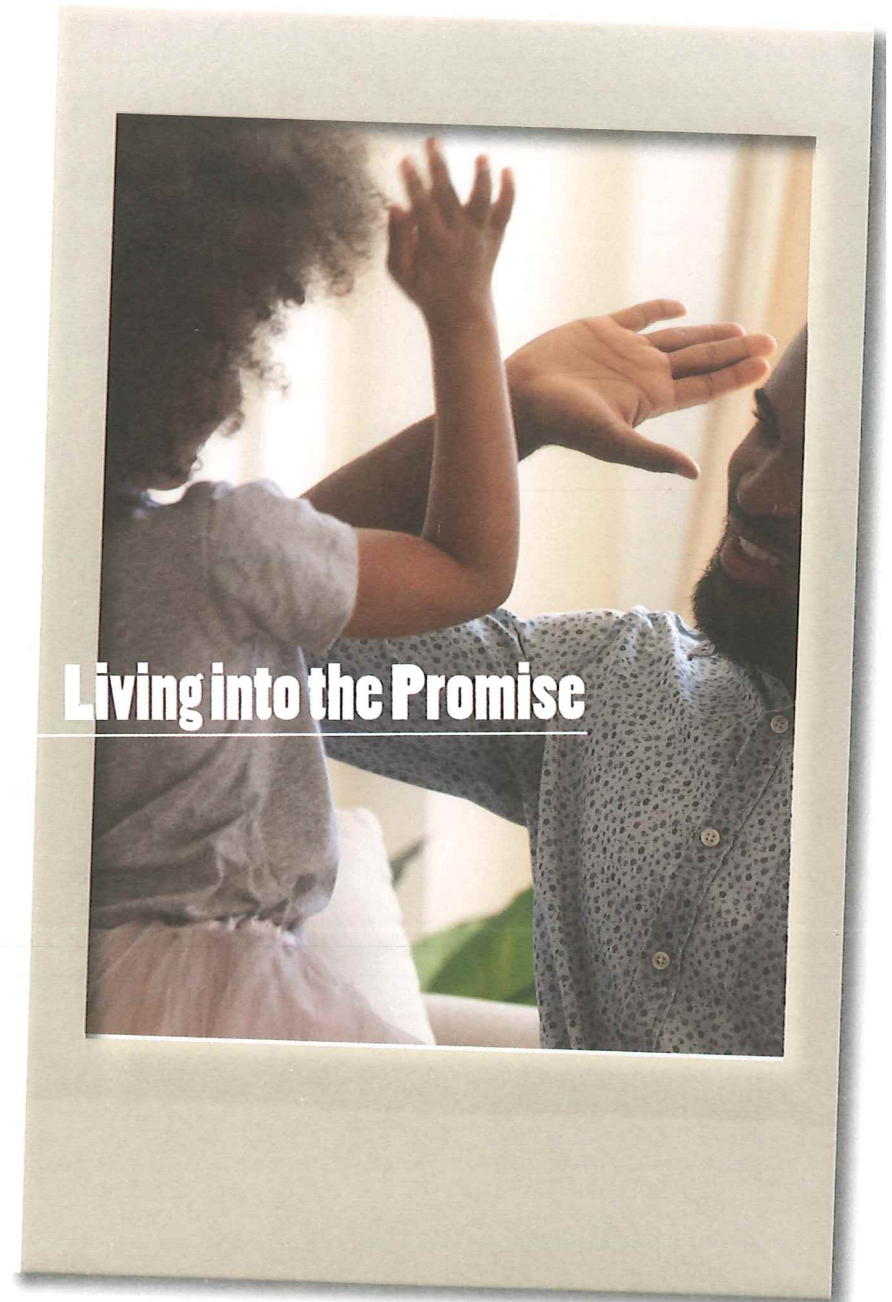
“My wife Jennifer and I serve part-time as co-pastors of the Greenpoint Reformed Church, (a joint UCC and Reformed congregation in Brooklyn, NY). We do our best to love God and neighbor, even though we aren't always sure how to do that.

My other ministry setting is as a chaplain for the fire department of the City of New York. I am one of seven chaplains who serve the department as a whole. I never know what might happen on any given day, but I pray that God can use me in a way to be of service to others. Also, the uniforms are pretty great.”

Although friends encouraged her to share her stories and reflections, Kansfield shied away from the idea of writing a book. “One of the things that really changed the trajectory of the book was connecting with Marty St. George, my co-author... He is really the one who helped take a bunch of stories and thoughts and turn them into a book. I think it's actually a really great story in itself because it shows that sometimes we can do big things when we have friends and fellow travelers who walk alongside us and help us. Sometimes we minister to others and other times they minister to us. Life is really best lived when it's done in mutual ministry with others around us.

For me, bravery is doing things which make us uncomfortable, things which we would rather not do or avoid. And being brave is what allows us to be authentic and vulnerable and have important conversations which we would otherwise want to avoid. Bravery is not just about apologizing for our mistakes but asking ‘how did my mistake impact you?’ and then being quiet and listening.

We can all use some extra bravery these days. It's not always easy to be our most authentic selves. It's certainly difficult to be vulnerable and to share our deepest hopes and fears and listen to the hopes and fears of others. That stuff can be terrifying! But that's the space where God often leads us - to authenticity, vulnerability and bravery.”





# Bismarck-Mandan Area UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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August 7, 2022 at 10 AM Indoor Worship

Pastor: Rev. Gretchen Deeg | Liturgist: Teri Nitschke

Accompanist: Joann Otterness | Video: David Augustadt

NO MATTER

Sing! 35

CALL TO WORSHIP

**All: We wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.**

HYMN O God, Our Help in Ages Past NCH 25 verses 1-4

SCRIPTURE Psalm 33:12-22

CONFESSION

**Gracious God, you have created a world of abundance and flourishing. Every resource, every gift, every product originates from the generosity of your creation and the creativity you have bestowed upon us. Forgive us for misuse and overuse of your gifts. Reveal our miserly attitudes toward the plentiful trove of resources you have entrusted to our care. Sow generosity in us, reveal abundance to us, and enable flourishing through us. Amen.**

GLORIA NCH 760

Amen, we praise your name, O God. Ma-si-thi. (x2)

Amen, Ba-wo, Amen, Ba-wo,

Amen, we praise your name O God.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE Genesis 15:1-6 & Luke 12:27-40

SERMON

HYMN Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer NCH 18

COMMUNION Let Us Break Bread Together NCH 330

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, we give thanks for the fruits of the vine and the grains of the earth which sustain us. May this meal we have shared nourish and strengthen us to grow in communion with you and one another. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN O Jesus, I Have Promised NCH 493

CARRY GOD'S LOVE

## Thank You for Worshiping with Us!

Although we do not “pass the plate” during worship, your offerings are essential for the ongoing ministry of this congregation. Donations can be made using this QR code, online at [www.uccbismarck.org/donate](http://www.uccbismarck.org/donate), mailed to the church, or placed in the box at the sanctuary doors.



## OUR PRAYER LIST

Family of Lewis Gwin (Sarah Faraci’s father), Family of Phyllis Kemmet, Doretta Reule, Macey Franks (Jane Thomson's grandson), Bella & Kayla Bruning, Michael Bruning, Jon Thomson, Pat Lerberg, Maggie Demaree, Perry Weekes, Jan Johnson, Audrey Heinle, Howard Etson, Camille Grothier, East Timor, Charles Hall Institute, Those affected by COVID-19

\*Contact the church office to be added to our weekly prayer list.

## Jack’s Food Pantry - Current Needs

Diapers (newborn and size 6), canned vegetables and toilet paper.

Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from  
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### Sponsor a Sunday

We have dates open in August and September for sponsorships. This is a wonderful way to remember or honor our loved ones. It is \$500 to sponsor, and you can visit [www.uccbismarck.org/donate](http://www.uccbismarck.org/donate) to choose your date.

#### THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES: August 7-13

- Sunday: 11 AM Fellowship & 12 Noon [Online](#) Fellowship
- Monday: 7 PM Music Committee Meeting
- Tuesday: 12 Noon Block Party Planning Meeting  
2 PM Quilting/Knitting
- Wednesday: 8 PM Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
- Thursday: 5 PM Pool Party at Mandigo's
- Friday: 8:30 AM Bible Study (in-person & [online](#))
- Sunday: 10 AM Worship (in-person & [online](#))  
11 AM Fellowship & 12 Noon [Online](#) Fellowship

### Cast Your Vote on Paint Choices Today

We will be repainting the church and you can help choose the color! Cast your vote by adding donations to the jars in the alcove after the service. All donations put in the jars will go towards repainting the church. The total cost for repainting is \$9,800. Currently "Gray Cloud" is just slightly in the lead ahead of "Neutral Ground."

### Summer Worship Under the Trees!

Worship in God's creation every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the summer months and inside the sanctuary on all the other Sundays. It's a blessing to be with one another in our sacred spaces and hear a diversity of voices from the pulpit!



- August 14 – Outdoors (Rev. Gretchen Deeg)
- August 21 – Indoors (Hannah Vanorny)
- August 28 – Outdoors (Rev. Deborah Blood)
- September 4 – Indoors (Rev. Gretchen Deeg)



Wednesday, August 17 at 5:30 PM

Bismarck UCC parking lot/lawn

Bring a side dish to share



Thursday, August 11 at 5 PM

Evan & Tove Mandigo's house

2489 Timberlane Place, Bismarck

Bring a lawn chair & side dish to share

GATHER

# 35

# No Matter

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F Dm Gm<sup>7</sup> C F F<sup>7</sup>

No mat-ter who, no mat-ter what no mat-ter where you are on the

B<sup>b</sup> G<sup>7</sup> F Dm G<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup>

jour-ney of life; you're wel-come, wel-come in this place. No mat-ter

F Dm Gm<sup>7</sup> C F F<sup>7</sup>

who, no mat-ter what, no mat-ter where you are on the

B<sup>b</sup> G<sup>7</sup> F Dm Gm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>7</sup> C F F

To verses Last time, Fine

jour-ney of life: ac-cept-ed, wel-come-d by God's grace. grace.

## Verses

F B<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup> B<sup>b</sup>m<sup>add</sup>9

1. For we are fam - i - ly, meant to be  
 2. And in di - ver - si - ty, u - ni - ty,  
 3. To - geth - er we will sing, wor - ship bring,  
 4. The God who spoke through Christ, speaks to us;

F F<sup>9</sup> F<sup>7</sup> B<sup>b</sup>add<sup>9</sup>

pur - posed for e - ter - ni - ty. Born in love,  
 har - mo - ny for all to see: Just - ice and  
 hands and hearts out - stretched to all. Je - sus praise,  
 lis - ten to our Sav - ior's call. Wel - come home,

B<sup>b</sup>m<sup>add</sup>9 G<sup>9</sup> G<sup>7</sup> Gm<sup>7</sup>/C C<sup>7</sup> D.C.

from a - bove, God's com - mu - ni - ty,  
 e - qui - ty, God's com - mu - ni - ty,  
 hearts a - blaze, lis - ten to God's call.  
 wel - come in, wel - come one and all...

# O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 90:1-2, 4-5

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
Short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ev-er-roll-ing stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
We fly for-got-ten, as a dream  
fades at the o-pen-ing day.

6 O God, our help in a-ges past,  
our hope for years to come,  
Still be our God while trou-bles last,  
and our e-ter-nal home!

*Watts, minister of a Congregational church in London, wrote theological and philosophical works and hundreds of "hymns of human composure" (everyday language). He augmented the congregational singing of psalms with a new style of hymnody.*

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.  
William Croft, 1708

# Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

Rev. 22:1-2

William Williams, 1745

St. 1, transl. Peter Williams, 1771; alt.

St. 2-3, transl. William Williams, 1772; alt.



my great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
the crys - tal foun - tain, where the heal - ing  
the Riv - er Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



I am weak, but you are might - y;  
Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



ower-ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
our - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
eav-en's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es



it no more, feed me till I want no more.  
gth and shield, ev - er be my strength and shield.  
to you, I will ev - er sing to you.



z, composed this tune  
dda, Pontypridd, Wales.  
" area surrounding the

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.  
John Hughes, 1907  
Alternate setting: ZION

# Let Us Break Bread Together

Acts 2:42

*African-American spiritual*

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 \* 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

HOLY COMMUNION

My God, have mer - cy on me.

## O Jesus, I Have Promised

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*John E. Bode, 1868; alt.**Luke 9:57; John 14:1-4*

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend:  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will!  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too;

I shall not fear life's strug - gles if you are by my side,  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol!  
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guar - dian of my soul!  
 O give me grace to fol - low my Sav - ior and my Friend!

*John Ernest Bode wrote these words when his daughter and two sons were confirmed. Although the Oxford scholar and rector wrote books of hymns, this is the only one to achieve lasting fame.*

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6.D.  
 A. H. Mann, 1883  
 Alternate tune: MUNICH