

October 11, 2026

Philippians 4:1-9

Praiseworthy Living

On this Access Sunday and Disabilities Awareness Week, we pause for a moment to give thanks for the work of the United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministry (UCCDM). According to their website, “The UCCDM envisions a world in which all people are included in the fullness of life because they are created in the image of God. The mission of UCCDM is to support all settings of the United Church of Christ (UCC) including but not limited to Local Congregations, Associations, Conferences, camps, Historically Underrepresented Groups (HUGs), and national settings, as they seek to recognize and provide access to people with disabilities in all aspects of the church’s life and ministry.

This includes, but is not limited to, affirming and claiming as its own the commitments of the UCC to be a multiracial, multicultural, Open and Affirming, Just Peace, and Accessible to All ministry, recognizing that people with disabilities have a multitude of other identities, and that all justice movements are interconnected; encouraging all settings of the wider church to be physically, socially, and virtually accessible to and welcoming of people with disabilities; encouraging and providing guidance to UCC settings as they work to become Accessible to All (hereafter A2A), and supporting them as they sustain their commitment; participating in denominational and ecumenical conversations related to disabilities and working with the UCC national setting and community partners to promote disability justice through an intersectional framework”.

For many churches, one of the greatest barriers to full participation is their buildings. Many church buildings, erected before a time of greater understanding, are not built to be fully inclusive. With generations of time, attention, and money given to maintain church buildings, it can be hard to think of changing them, even if it means being more inclusive.

Look around you now. Has this building become an idol, and object to appease and worship rather than a sanctuary of welcome? How can your community join the UCCDM movement of full inclusivity?



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



1200 E Highland Acres Rd, Bismarck, ND 58501

701-223-2915 www.uccbismarck.org

October 11, 2026 at 10 AM Worship

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Gretchen Deeg | Liturgist: Faith Schwartz

Music: Boram Chern | Video: David Augustadt

NO MATTER

Sing! 35

No matter who, no matter what
No matter where you are on the journey of life;
You're welcome, welcome in this place.
Accepted and welcomed by God's grace.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

All: May we have the grace to be present.

*OPENING PRAYER¹

*HYMN Come to the Banquet Sing! 8 v. 1-5

NEW MEMBERS

*Carol Bryntensen; Cindy Cresswell; Ross, Meghan, & Penn Hartley;
Matthew, Kelsey, & Elle Menge; Ellen, Melissa, & Sydni Murphy;
Izzy, Miyah, & Estelle Wheeler; Jenna & Ava Williams*

**We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church.
We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the
hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power
of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's
knowledge and love and be witness to our risen Savior.**

SCRIPTURE Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited to remain in worship or attend Sunday School after the Offering.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, our heavenly host;
Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, forgive us when we approach your sacred laws
like restrictions upon our personal freedoms rather than as a
framework for all people to live abundantly within community.
Remind us that we are bound as one people and forgive us
when we collectively fail to teach love to one another. Renew
our devotion to your ways. Restore our souls with hope.
Counsel us to live in the ways of Christ. Amen.**

*GLORIA

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Philippians 4:1-9

CHOIR ANTHEM Come Follow Me

SCRIPTURE Matthew 22:1-14

SERMON Rev. Gretchen Deeg

HYMN Come and Fill Sing! 34

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN Draw the Circle Wide Sing! 123

CARRY GOD'S LOVE

Permission to stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE, License #732302-A.

¹ Based on Psalm 23. Adapted from sacredise.com/god-you-are-enough.



Thank You for Worshiping with Us!

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, mailed to the church, or placed in the offering box.

Sponsor a Sunday

All of October is available. If you would like to sponsor a future Sunday, contact the church office at 223-2915 or visit uccbismarck.org/donate. Sponsorships are \$500.

Info Session: School Meals - Today

After worship, join us downstairs for an info session on the School Meals for All constitutional ballot measure. We'll look at what an initiated constitutional measure is, how the process works, the language of the proposed constitutional measure, and more.

Voicing Your Values: Speaking with Policymakers

Oct. 15, 6pm – 8pm at Lord of Life (1143 N 26th St, Bis). Practice and build skills for talking about values with elected officials at all levels. Sponsored by Interfaith Alliance of ND & Palm Sunday Path.

German Supper - Oct. 17

The German Supper is almost here! Get your tickets today and invite all your family and friends to join out at the German Supper on Sunday, Oct. 17 from 5 PM – 7 PM. Thank you to everyone who helped to make fleischkuekle yesterday!



Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat

During Sunday School on Oct. 18 the kids are delivering fliers and the youth group is collecting food from the neighborhood on Wednesday, Oct. 28 for hungry families in Bismarck through the work of Jack's Food Pantry & Adopt-a-Block. Please have your kids dress for the weather or wear their Halloween costumes!

Fall Clean-Up - Oct. 24

Join in with the Trustees as we tidy up our grounds on October 24 at 9am. Some of the tasks include leaf raking, tree & shrub trimming, weed pulling, and indoor organizing. Bring work gloves and a friend!

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES: October 11 - 18

Sunday:	New Member Sunday 11 AM Fellowship & 12 Noon Online Fellowship 11:15 AM Info Session: School Meals
Tuesday:	1 PM Quilting Knitting 6 PM Stewardship & Mission (on-site & online)
Wednesday:	6 PM Youth Group 7 PM Choir Practice
Thursday:	6 PM Book Study "Blood Brothers" (on-site & online) 6 PM Voicing Your Values (Lord of Life) 7 PM Bismarck Game Club playing Mahjong
Friday:	9 AM Bible Study (on-site & online)
Saturday:	5 PM – 7 PM German Supper
Sunday:	10 AM Sunday Worship 10:20 AM Sunday School & Trick-or-Treat 11 AM Fellowship & 12 Noon Online Fellowship

All Saint's & Soul's Worship - Nov. 1

Please submit names of deceased loved ones by Wednesday, Oct. 28 and bring photos of deceased loved ones to church to place on the altar during our service of remembrance on Nov. 1 at 10am.

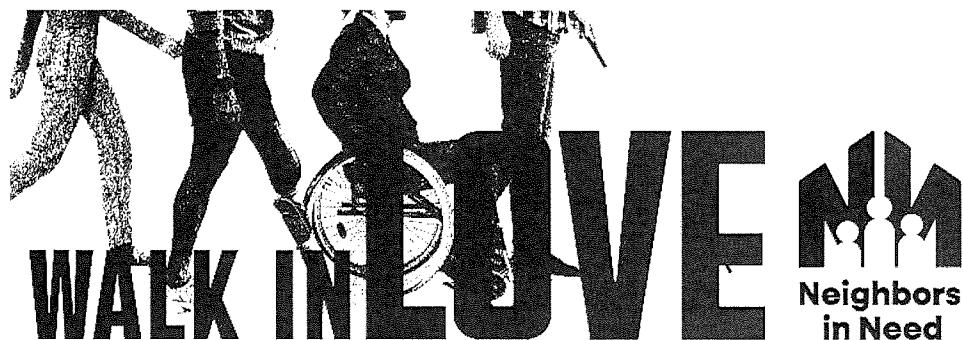
Día de los Muertos & Taizé Worship - Nov. 1

Join us at St. George's Episcopal Church for dinner and a Day of the Dead educational program and music at 5pm, followed by Taize Worship at 6pm as we honor the lives of those who have died. Everyone is welcome and invited to bring photos of deceased loved ones to display during dinner.

OUR PRAYER LIST

Family of Ben Moch, Family of Taylor Fisher, Family of Dana Brandenburg (plowed snow for UCC), Sharlotte Reddick (Jenna Williams' grandmother), Tove Mandigo, Jerry Lydeen, Evan Mandigo, Ivan Sadlier (Autum's uncle), Jody Miller, Kayla Bruning, Bella Bruning, Matthew Nitschke, Cooper (Brandon & Tasha Domagala's son), Amanda Wilson, Frank Picard, Carla Christenson (Monica Klein's mother), Fredrick Krause (Kerri Kraft's grandfather), Robyn Richter (Kyle Eisenbraun's aunt), Doretta Reule, Howard Etson, East Timor, Refugees

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



*Walk in love, as Christ loved us
Ephesians 5:2*

Advocating for Change

In 1999, General Synod affirmed four Special Mission Offerings for the United Church of Christ. Out of the four, the Neighbors in Need offering was highlighted as the offering for justice and compassion. The offering was tasked to help the church “advocate for a society where all people have a voice in the decisions that affect their lives.”

Today, this legacy continues as we follow the mandate for the offering to create justice not only through direct aid, but also through advocating for change. These advocacy efforts take place in partnership with the Washington, D.C. Office of Public Policy and Advocacy, the Education for Faithful Action Team, and recipients of the Neighbors in Need grants. Together, folks across the UCC work together to affect policy change guided by our faith.

When you give to Neighbors in Need, you make sure the United Church of Christ continues to be a leader for justice. Two-thirds of the offering supports justice projects across the church, and one-third supports the Council for American Indian Ministries.

Thank you for your gifts!



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There is an inherent connection between the Gospel call to respond to the hungry – the thirsty, the stranger, those in prison, and those who are sick – and the policy decisions that determine funding for issues such as school meal programs, global peacebuilding programs, standards for clean air, sentencing for nonviolent offenders, and health care access for all. Advocacy is essential to participating in God’s mission in the world.

-From Building A Just World For All: A Toolkit For Faithful Advocacy

www.ucc.org/nin

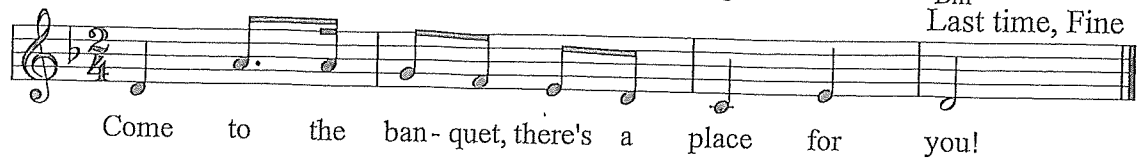


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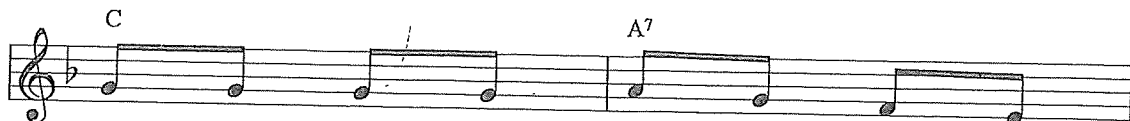
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Come to the Banquet

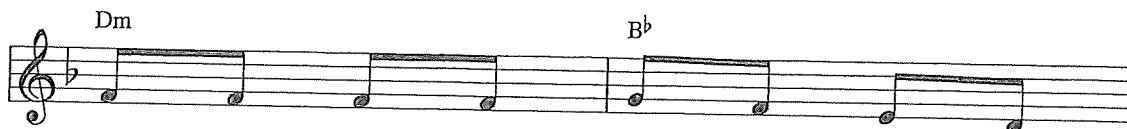
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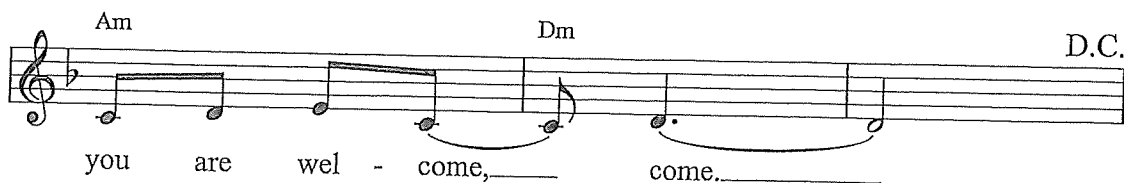
1. Though you may - be have no mon - ey,
2. See, you are an hon - ored guest, from
3. Wo - man wise one, mo - ther, maid - en,
4. Work - er, fath - er, lit - tle boy, old
5. Wheth - er you've been lost or faith - ful,
6. Here is one who runs to meet you,



though you may - be feel un - wor - thy
 con - stant serv - ing you may rest; so
 see your plate with food is la - den
 man or youth with - out em - ploy, come
 wheth - er you've been wise or waste - ful,
 lov - ing arms stretched out to greet you.



in your strength or in your weak - ness
 sit you down, be fed and blessed, for
 and your place is set and wait - ing,
 rest your wor - ry, here is joy, and
 here's a place of rest and grace, and
 Do not let your fear de - feat you.



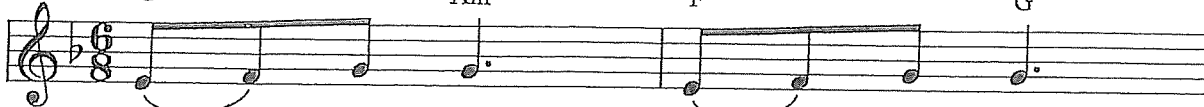
7. Willing hands have made this bread with yeast and salt and labor shared.
 Let all hungry ones be fed. It's time for feasting, come.

8. Abundant wine, enough for all! Our generous, loving host has called.
 The cup of blessing now is poured for sweet communion, come.

Come and Fill

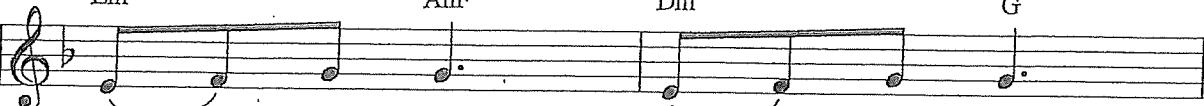
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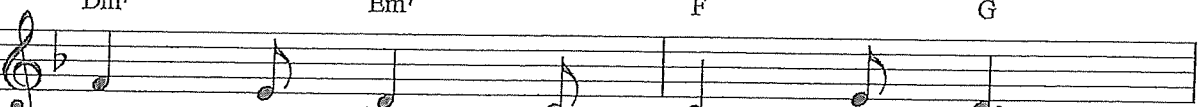
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2. Come_____ and fill all_____ my life,

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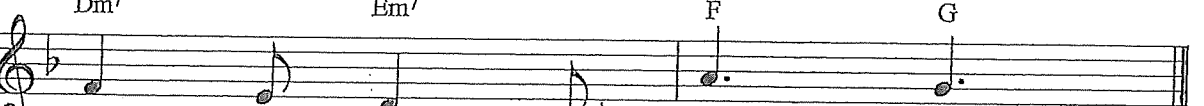
come_____ and fill all_____ my life.
come_____ and fill all_____ my life.

Dm⁷ Em⁷ F G



Each and ev - 'ry ten - der place:
Pour - ing gen - tly, rush - ing strong:

Dm⁷ Em⁷ F G

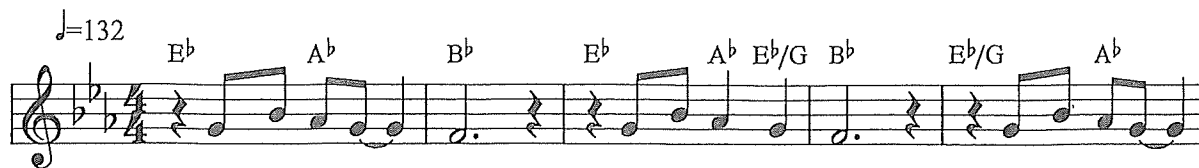


Ho - ly Breath, move through me.
Ho - ly Breath, move through me.

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Draw the Circle Wide



Draw the cir-cle_ wide.

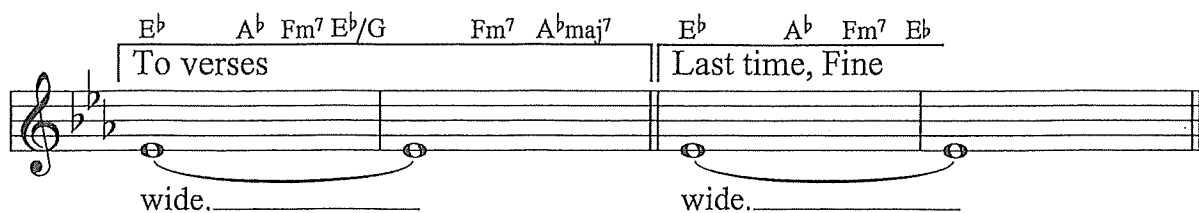
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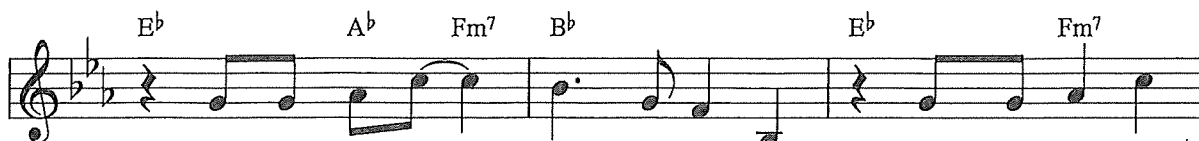
song, no one stands a - lone, stand-ing side by side,

draw the cir-cle_



wide._____

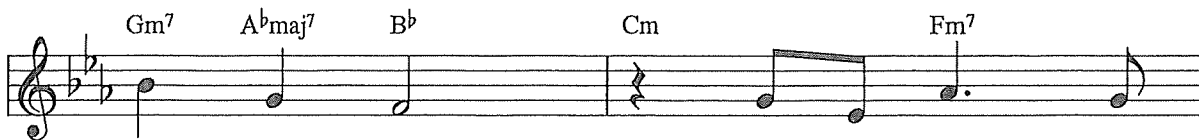
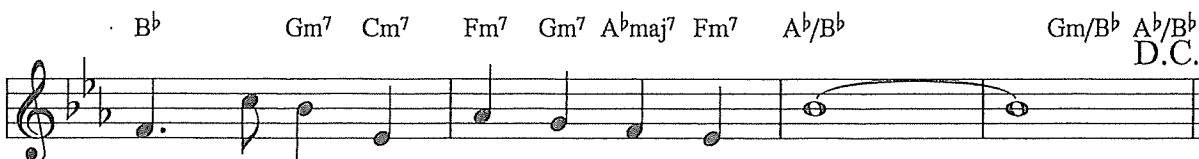
wide._____



1. God the still - point of the cir - cle, 'round whom all cre -

2. Let our hearts touch far hor - i - zons, so en - com - pass

3. Let the dreams we_ dream be larg - er, than we've ev - er

- a - tion turns;
great and small;
dreamed be - fore;noth - ing lost, but
let our lov - ing
let the dream ofheld for - ev - er in God's gra - cious arms._____
know no bor - ders, faith - ful to God's call._____
Christ be in us, o - pen ev - 'ry door._____