

Bismarck-Mandan Area  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



1200 E Highland Acres Rd, Bismarck, ND 58501

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March 11, 2026 at 6:30 PM Worship

**Bound by Dishonest Systems**

Pastor: Rev. Gretchen Deeg | Worship Leaders: Youth

Accompanist: Jeanne Kolberg | Video: Youth



WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary Sing! 187 x4

CALL TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE Genesis 39:1-20

PRAYER

SILENT REFLECTION

*Think of a time something felt unfair like a rule, a system, or a situation. In this silence, offer it to God.*

HYMN We Shall Overcome NCH 570 v. 1-5

HEALING

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.

\*TRUTH-TELLING LITANY

God, restore us to wholeness.

\*HYMN There is a Balm in Gilead

NCH 553

\*CARRY GOD'S LOVE

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*LENT & EASTER*  
*United Church of Christ*

<b>WEDNESDAYS</b> <b>FEB. 18 - MAR. 25</b>	5:30 PM - Soup Supper 6:30 PM - Lent Worship	
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> <b>MARCH 29</b>	10 AM - Palm Sunday Worship 11 AM - Pancake Breakfast 3 PM - Palm Procession (Trinity Lutheran to ND State Capitol) 4 PM - Palm Worship (ND State Capitol steps)	
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> <b>APRIL 2</b>	5:30 PM - Soup Supper 6:30 PM - Tenebrae with choir & orchestra	
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <b>APRIL 4</b>	7 PM - Community Easter Vigil (begins outside around a fire and continues inside the sanctuary)	
<b>EASTER</b> <b>APRIL 5</b>	6:30 AM - Sunrise Service (front lawn of Hay Creek, 1144 College Dr) 10 AM - Easter Worship 11:15 AM - Easter Egg Hunt	

Unless otherwise noted, all events at  
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RESPOND

# 187 Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary

$\text{♩} = 60$   
D/A Em/A D A

1. Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
- pow'r me to be a wit - ness for you, act - ing

G Em7 D/A A A7

ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks -  
bold - ly, in your name; seek - ing.

D A

-giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu -  
jus - tice, where there is hurt - ing off - 'ring

G Em7 A7 D D/A Em/A D

- ar - y for you. 2. God em -  
hope where there is pain.

# We Shall Overcome

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United States traditional

John 8:31-32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11



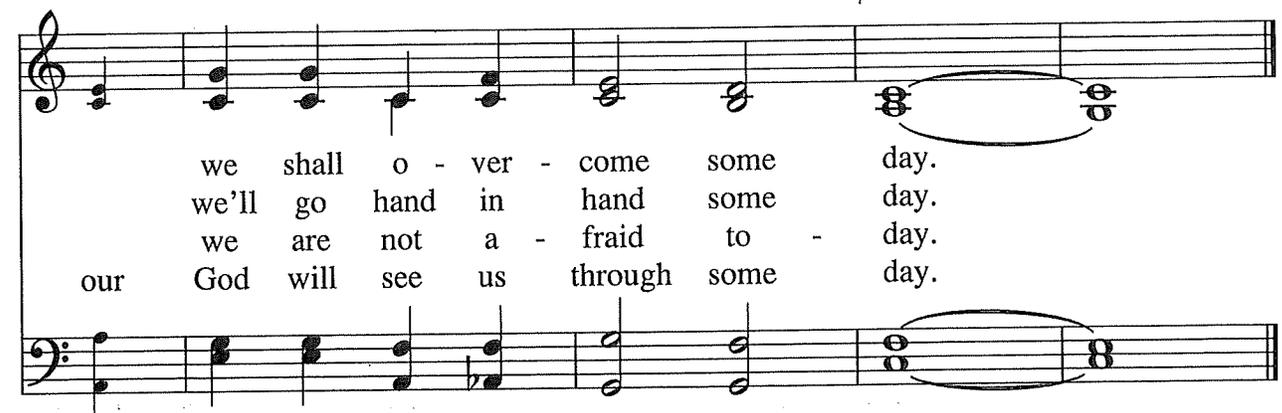
1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -  
 2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in  
 3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -  
 4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us



come, we shall o - ver - come some day;  
 hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;  
 fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;  
 through, our God will see us through some day;



(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,



we shall o - ver - come some day.  
 we'll go hand in hand some day.  
 we are not a - fraid to - day.  
 our God will see us through some day.

- 5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.
- 6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

*This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently sung at mass meetings and marches. Several sources have been cited as its origins, including the spiritual "No more auction block"*

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.  
 United States traditional  
 Harm. J. Jefferson Cleveland, 1981

# There Is a Balm in Gilead

Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43

African-American spiritual; alt.

*Refrain*

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

*Last time, end*

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,  
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,  
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

*to Refrain*

But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
 who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.  
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

*This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.*

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain  
African-American spiritual