



God is Here

FINDING OUR
SACRED CENTER*

*HENRI NOUWEN

~ Welcome Visitors! ~

Guide to the bulletin: An asterisk (*) indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit. Text printed in **BOLD** indicates everyone says them together. **NCH** is the New Century Hymnal next to your pew chair.

Children: Children are always welcome here. We know youth grow – in the love of God and the love of others – when they have opportunities to worship in community. After the Message for All, children are welcome to join in Sunday Funday activities. There are a variety of quiet activities and fidgets the youth (and adults!) can do available by the sanctuary doors. There is also a [Prayer Ground](#) set up at the front of the sanctuary. There are several quiet activities prepared for children. We know many of us need to wiggle a bit to be comfortable. Kids do too!!! Adults are welcome to sit in this area as well! #ChildofGod. You and/or your children are welcome to get up during the service to select something to do.

GATHERING TOGETHER

Prelude

Two Preludes

Chopin

Welcome and Community Connections

***Opening Song** *Breath on Me, Breath of God* NCH 292

***Call to Worship**¹ (based on Psalm 50)

One: The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Many: Out of the kingdom, the perfection of beauty, the splendor of creation, the wonder of ages, God shines forth.

One: The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and calls to the heavens above and to the earth in order to judge the people.

Many: Out of justice and righteousness, God shines forth.

One: The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and receives our thanksgiving, honor, and praise.

Many: Out of our witness, worship, and testimony, God shines forth.

***Opening Prayer**

Wonderful God, set your kingdom before us anew. Dwell with us as we bring our songs and prayers, our hopes and hesitations, our faith and our disbelief before you. Demonstrate your kingdom to us and through our time of gathering so that we may be firm and steadfast in love and action to make your way known. Reveal the path you trail before us so that we may follow you with the courage you grant us. May your Spirit enliven, challenge, and guide us in all things and for all days. Amen.

***Hymn** *Strengthen All the Weary Hands* NCH 612

HEARING THE WORD

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 1:1,10-20

Special Music *Andante cantabile* from Beethoven
Sonata No. 8 ("Pathétique")

Gospel Luke 12:32-40

Message for All

¹ Call to Worship and Opening Prayer based on UCC Worship Ways website

Prayer of Jesus

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. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

After the Message for All, children are invited to attend Sunday Funday, sit by their family in the sanctuary, or at the Prayer Ground.

Reflection

SHARING OUR LIVES

Call to Prayer

In Our Prayers

Sing! 125

**In our prayers, in our hearts, in our prayers, in our hearts,
God in your grace, hear our prayers.
God in your grace, O God, hear our prayers. (repeat)**

Prayers of the People

During our online worship service, we invite you to type your prayers in the comments section on your screen. Or you can text prayers to Pastor Peter at 608-338-2268. He will collect the petitions and read them during the service. Know that prayers shared on this day are public. If you have prayer request you would like to remain private, you may email them to: pastorpeter@memorialucc.org

GOING OUT TO THE WORLD

***Song for Going Out**

God of Grace and God of Glory

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Gnoissienne No. 2

Satie

Worship Leaders: Jonathan Schroerlucke (Dir. of Music), Marty Smith (Pianist), and Pastor Peter Morris

Readers: Merry Spangler and Jan Klawitter

Ushers: Jay Johnson

Media Room: Bill Jetzer

Fellowship: Outreach Committee feat. Just Bakery

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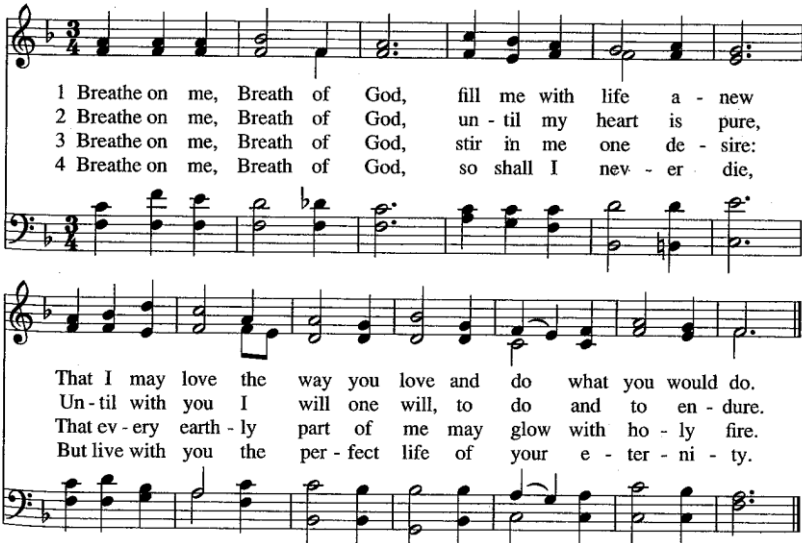
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Want to Know More About Us? Co-pastors Kris and Peter would be happy to set up a time to chat further. Feel free to contact either of them at pastorkris@memorialucc.org or pastorpeter@memorialucc.org. You don't need to be a formal member to get involved here. There is a lot of information on our website at www.memorialucc.org. You can also follow us on Facebook (@FitchburgMemorialUCC), Twitter (@MemUCC), or join our Facebook group Memorial UCC: Ever-Widening Circles.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Edwin Hatch, 1886; alt.



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.
 Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
 That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.
 But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Between parish assignments in London, Edwin Hatch taught classics at Trinity College, Quebec, and lectured at Oxford. This hymn appeared in a leaflet, "Between Doubt and Prayer" (1878). Other hymns were published posthumously in Towards Fields of Light, London (1890).

Tune: TRENTHAM S.M.
 Robert Jackson, 1894

Strengthen All the Weary Hands

Isa. 35

Marie McMane, 1991; rev. 1993

D Em A D G D/F#

1 Strength-en all the wea - ry hands, stead - y all the
 2 Wa - ters flow in the wil - der-ness, streams break forth a -
 3 Then the ran - somed shall re - turn, they shall come to
 4 Let the wil - der - ness be glad, and the des - ert

GM7 A D E7 Asus4 A

trem - bling knees, and say to all faint hearts:
 mid ar - id des - erts, burn - ing sands turn to pools.
 Zi - on with sing - ing. Joy shall crown their heads.
 burst in - to blos - som, dance and sing for joy!

D F#m Em7 A Em7 GM7 Asus4 D

"Cour - age, cour - age, do not be a - fraid.
 Be strong, fear not, for your God is near.
 Sor - row, sigh - ing, all shall flee a - way.
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

A D/A G/A G D/F# E Asus4 A7

(1-4) Look, your God is com - ing. God comes, comes to save you.

Marie McMane, an ordained United Church of Christ minister, wrote many songs for worship as a pastor-evangelist in local church and national settings. This one first appeared in Worship Comes Alive, a resource developed for a denominational program, "The Evangelism Institutes."

Tune: SONG OF REJOICING Irr.
 Marie McMane, 1991
 Harm. Don Brandon, 1991

D F#m Em7 A Em7 GM7 Asus4 D

Cour - age, cour - age, do not be a - fraid."
 Be strong, fear not, for your God is near.
 Sor - row, sigh - ing, all shall flee a - way.
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. The guitar part consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature. The chords are indicated above the top staff: D, F#m, Em7, A, Em7, GM7, Asus4, and D. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with some notes in the bass staff during the 'Hal - le - lu - jah!' section.

RESPOND

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In Our Prayers

O Lau Tatalo

♩ = 88
Cmaj⁷ Am⁷/G Cmaj⁷ Am⁷/G Cmaj⁷ Dm⁷ G

In our prayers,
O lau ta - ta - lo,

Dm⁷ G C Em/G C Cmaj⁷ Dm⁷ G

in our hearts, in our prayers,
Ma-i lo'u lo - to. O lau ta - ta - lo,

Dm⁷ G C Em/G C C⁷ F F/C

in our hearts, God in your grace,
Ma-i lo'u lo - to. Le A-tua Ma - ma -

F F/C Em⁷ Am⁷ Em⁷ Am⁷/G Dm

hear our prayers, God in your grace, O
na, Ta-li-a ma - i, Le A-tua Ma - ma-na A -

G Dm G⁷ Cmaj⁷ Am⁷/G Cmaj⁷ Am⁷/G C

God, hear our prayers.
-lo - fa, Ta-li-a ma - i.

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

John Hughes, c. 1907