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CELEBRATING OUR LEGACY

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- PLEASE RESPOND WITH WORDS IN BOLD PRINT.
- *PLEASE STAND IF COMFORTABLY ABLE.
- **NCH** IS THE NEW CENTURY HYMNAL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: “The Lost Chord” Sir Arthur Sullivan

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Gather together to hear stories of faith and courage. Listen for the ways God has acted among us.

Many: **Our ancestors in the faith listened for God’s word. They dared to believe God’s promises.**

One: Leaders like Moses and Paul saw evidence of God’s work. They believed they were face-to-face with God’s truth.

Many: **They looked beyond the present moment. They lived for dreams not yet realized.**

One: Many felt God’s love in knowing Jesus. They experienced a new relationship with neighbors.

Many: **We have come seeking community centered in Christ. We want to feel God’s presence as we worship.**

***OPENING HYMN: NCH 374**

“O God of All Your People Past” Hymn tune on page 6

***UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the earth was formed, long before

there were people on this planet, you were fashioning life in its myriad forms. Out of the billions of years you have been creating, our lives have come to this moment of meeting. We stand in awe before you, amazed to discover that you care about us, tiny blips on the screen of eternity. O God, we want our lives to count for something. Show us how to fit into your plans. Amen.

***GLORIA: NCH 759**

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three- in-One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

FIRST READING: Psalm 71:16-23

GOSPEL READING: John 10:22-30

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

SECOND TESTAMENT READING: Acts 9:36-43

SERMON: “The Beat Goes On” Nancy Eisenhower

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: NCH 299 “For all the Saints”
Verses 1-3 only**

PASTORAL PRAYER: *(Beginning with a time for silent personal prayer.)*

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come; Your 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH 773

**Remember me, remember me,
O Jesus, remember me.**

INVITATION TO SHARE:

OFFERTORY: “Meditation on ‘O Store Gud’ ” (“How Great Thou Art”) Lani Smith

***DOXOLOGY: NCH 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

As we give ourselves and our offerings, we pray, O God, that they may reveal your love in such a way that many will respond. Awaken in us a love for you and for one another that is contagious. Remove from us all apathy, pretension, and greed that we may grow in holiness and compassion, living joyously in communion with you. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: NCH 377**

“Forward Through the Ages”

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: NCH 82**

Go my children with my blessing, never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;

In my love's baptismal river

I have made you mine forever,

Go, my children with my blessing, you are my own.

***POSTLUDE: "Festal Piece" G.F. Handel**