

Hiram Christian Church  
Ordinary Time  
Sunday, February 4, 2024



*John the Baptist*

*Do Not Run After*

Receive the one  
who comes

Do not run  
after the one  
who turns his back on you

*~ Al-Sulami*

# A Service for the Worship of God

February 4, 2024

May this time of worship be nurturing to your Spirit,  
further encouraging you to be who God has created you to be.

Prelude	<i>Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song</i>	<i>Les Petites Soeurs</i>
Welcome		
Peace		
One:	God's Grace and Peace be with you.	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>	
*Call to Worship:		
One:	Spirit of Extravagant Welcome, help us to invite all parts of ourselves into worship today.	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Guide us to see no stranger within us or around us as we care for our world as the Body of Christ.</b>	
One:	Help us to break down all barriers to belonging and the systems sustained by suffering and greed.	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>For, in discipleship there is abundance through togetherness and your acceptance of all we feel, carry, and desire.</b>	
One:	So, today, and on any given Sunday, use all that we come here with to build a sanctuary for you.	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Amen.</b>	
*Hymn	<i>Let Us Build a House</i>	(see insert)
*Prayer of Invocation		
Children's Sermon		
Scripture Reading	Mark 6: 1 – 29	
Sermon	<b>"A simple wrong would have done just fine."</b>	Rev. Chris McCreight
*Hymn	<i>Called as Partners in Christ's Service</i>	#453
Prayers of the People		
Silent Meditation		
The Lord's Prayer	<i>(The language of "debts" and "debtors" is often used. The prayer may begin with the image of parent, "Our Father" or "Our Mother." Use the language that draws you close to our God.)</i>	
Installation of Church Officers		
Invitation to Stewardship ++		Ann Patella
Offertory		
Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye Heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.	#46
*Prayer of Gratitude		
Invitation to the Table	This is the Lord's Table. This is an Open Table. All are welcome. All are worthy.	Ann Patella
Communion Hymn	<i>Become to Us the Living Bread</i>	#423
Celebration of Communion		
Words of Institution		
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Ann Patella
*Hymn of Going Forth	<i>O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life</i>	#432
*Benediction		Rev. Chris McCreight
Postlude	<i>Ennius, 77.77D</i>	

Following the Benediction, your service begins.

## 36 We Pr Let Us Build a House Roseemer

TWO OAKS 9.6.8.6.8.7.10 with refrain

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A)  
C7 F C F B $\flat$  C

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and  
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be -  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their

(Bm) (D) (A) (D) (Bm7)  
Dm F C F Dm7

all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and  
words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren  
wa - ter, wine, and wheat: a ban - quet hall on  
yond the wood and stone to heal and streng - then,  
songs and vi - sions heard and loved and treas - ured,

(Em) (A) (Em) (A7) (G) (D)  
Gm C Gm C7 B $\flat$  F

chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of  
dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the  
ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the  
serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the  
taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of

(F $\sharp$ m) (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)  
Am Dm Gm C F

hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of  
cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's  
love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and  
out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's  
tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of

(G) (D) (G) (F $\sharp$ 7) (Bm)  
B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  A7 Dm

grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



Refrain

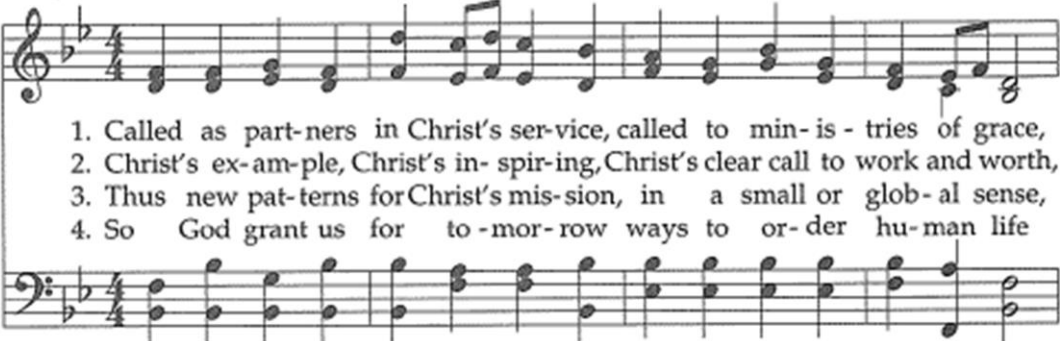
(Em) Gm (Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Em) Gm

all are wel - come, all are wel - come,

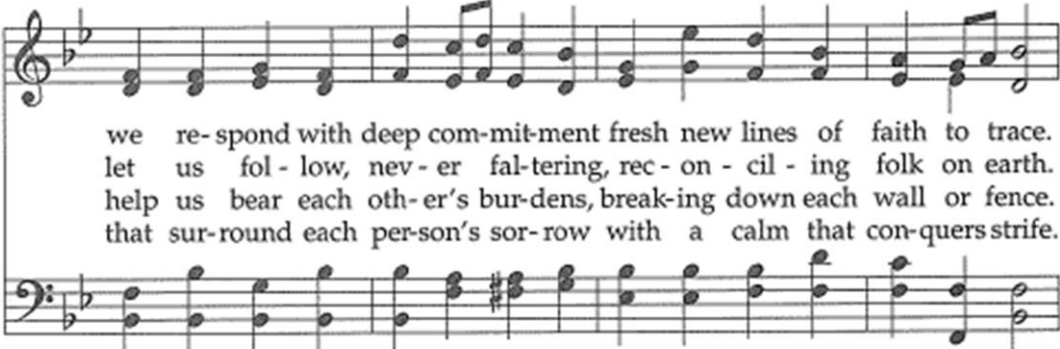
(D) F (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F (G) Bb (D) F

all are wel - come in this place.

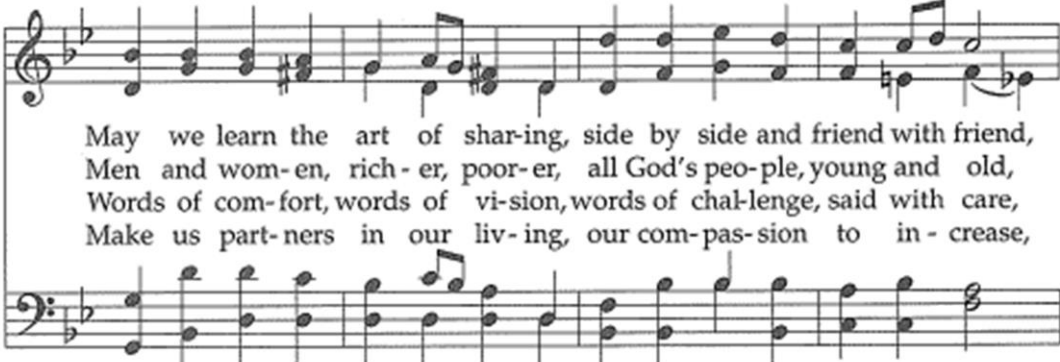
## 453 Called as Partners in Christ's Service



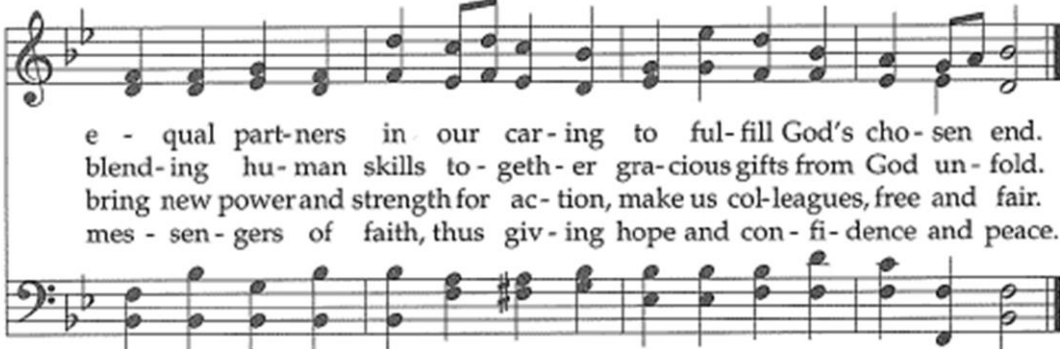
1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4. So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-que-ers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1981  
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

BEECHER  
 87.87D

# Become to Us the Living Bread

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1. Be - come to us the liv - ing bread by which the Chris - tian  
 2. Be - come the nev - er - fail - ing wine, the spring of joy that  
 3. May Chris - tians all with one ac - cord u - nite a - round the

life is fed, re - newed, and great - ly com - fort - ed,  
 shall in - cline our hearts to bear the cov - enant sign,  
 sa - cred board, to praise your ho - ly name, O Lord,

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Miriam Drury, 1970

MUSIC: *Schönes Geistliches Gesangbuch*, 1609; harm. *The Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

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## 432 O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life

1. O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, be with us now, we pray;  
2. O faith-ful Guide, re - new our trust in love that does not fail;

di - rect our steps as we go forth to do your will this day.  
and give us strength to work and pray, that peace may soon pre - vail.

WORDS: James L. Merrell, 1991  
MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836  
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ST. PETER  
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<b>Ministers:</b>	All Friends and Members of Hiram Christian Church
<b>Organist:</b>	Drew Hinkle
<b>Reverend:</b>	Chris McCreight

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**4C's Needs:** For February – canned potatoes, granola bars, coffee (any kind). Please remember to check any expiration dates before donating! Monetary donations can be sent to: The 4C's, P.O. Box 227, Mantua, OH 44255

**Nelson Garrettsville Comm. Cupboard:** 8233 Park Ave, Garrettsville, OH 44231

**++ Stewardship:** If you would like to make a gift to the church via credit/debit card, you can follow the link to our website below.

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

Sun. Feb. 4: **9:45am Adult Elective in Fireside Room**

**11:00am Worship**

**1:30pm Chi Rho event**

Tue. Feb. 6: **9:00am Bible Study in Rev. Chris' office**

**8:00pm AA**

Sun. Feb. 11: **9:45am Adult Elective in Fireside Room**

**11:00am Worship**

### **STAFF CONTACT & AVAILABILITY:**

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Church office hours: Mon. 9:30-12:30pm; Tue. & Wed. 9:30-3:30pm.

Key: **in Admin. bldg.**; **in the Hall**; **an in-person event**; **hybrid event**.

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