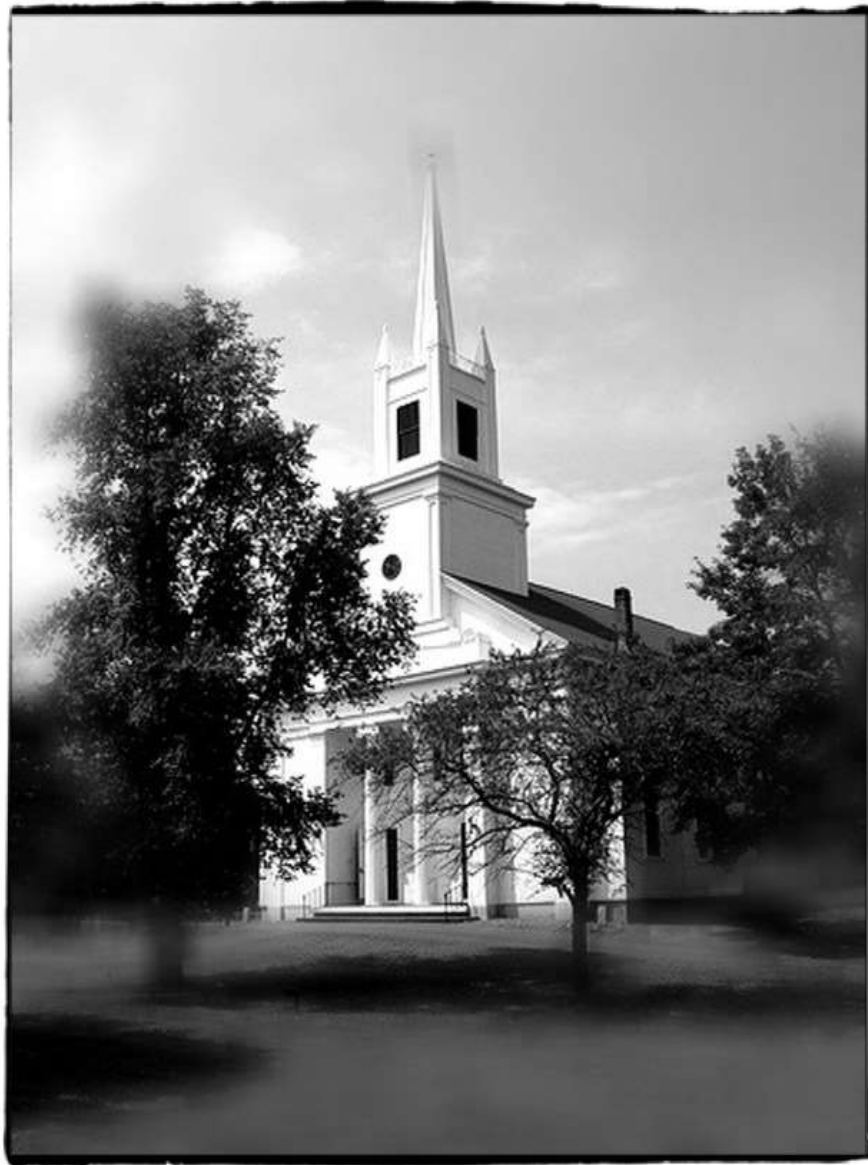


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***CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL - (MEET IN THE NARTHEX TO BE BROUGHT OVER)**

ANTHEM

Nun danket alle Gott from Cantata BWV 79

Johann Sebastian Bach

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:9-14

Lay Reader, Peter Lindholm

**Scripture Reading:
Luke 18:9-14**

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

SERMON

“Humility”

Rev. Dr. Dave VanArsdale

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)

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.

*You may substitute Creator/Mother/Maker, etc. as you choose in saying the prayer.

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN #479 (MH)

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

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ABERYSTWYTH

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Choralsvorspiel: Nun danket alle Gott

Justin Heinrich Knecht

Looking Ahead to Next Week, November 2, 2025

We read one of the favorite stories of Luke’s Gospel: the story of Zacchaeus. We can easily visualize the short man watching the parade and not being able to see the star attraction. His climbing a tree is noticed by Jesus and their relationship begins. Let’s come with great anticipation of the new era in ministry to begin as we explore the theme “Endowed for Ministry”.

ALL VERSES

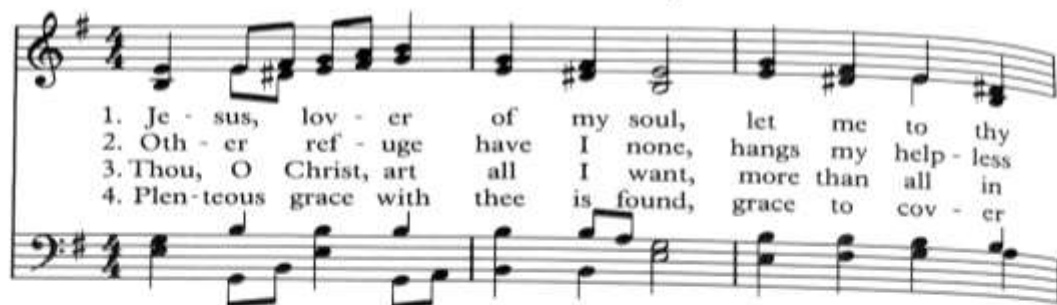
Breathe on Me, Breath of God 420

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, till I am whol - ly thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

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Jesus, Lover of My Soul



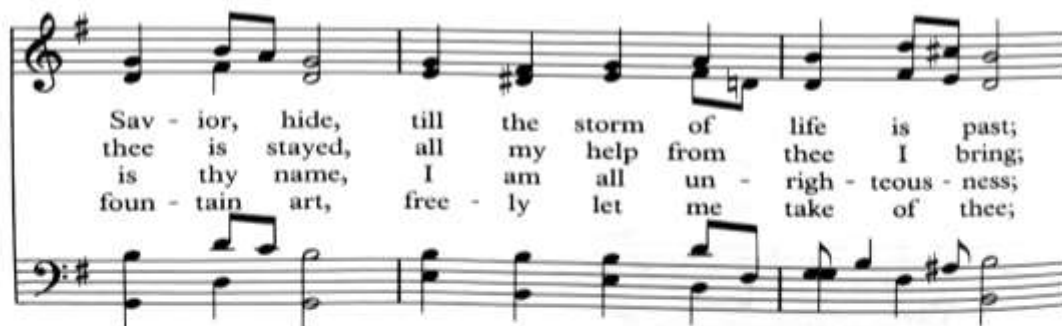
1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want, more than all in
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er



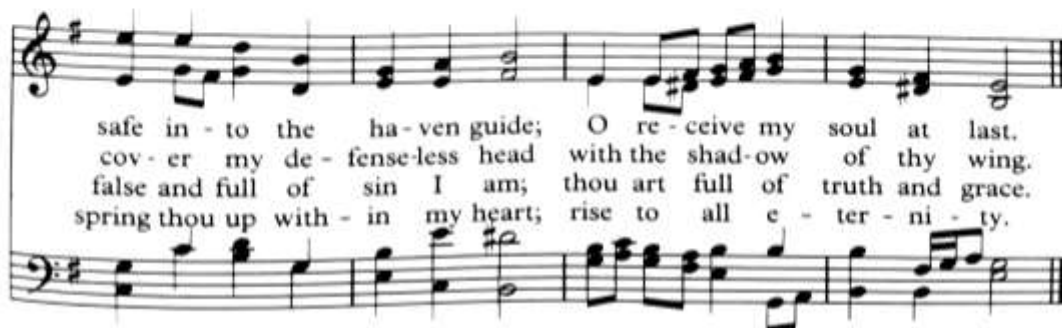
bos - om fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll,
 soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not a - lone,
 thee I find; raise the fall - en, cheer the faint,
 all my sin; let the heal - ing streams a - bound,



while the tem - pest still is high. Hide me, O my
 still sup - port and com - fort me. All my trust on
 heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and ho - ly
 make and keep me pure with - in. Thou of life the



Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 is thy name, I am all un - righ - teous - ness;
 foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;



safe in - to the ha - ven guide; O re - ceive my soul at last,
 cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart; rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Parish Care Ministry

Prayer Listing Contact:

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Healing Scripture:

"And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick" Matthew 14:14

Healing Prayer:

Dear Lord, I ask you to turn this weakness into strength, suffering into compassion, sorrow into joy, and pain into comfort for others. May your servants trust in your goodness and hope in your faithfulness, even in the middle of this suffering. Let all be filled with patience and joy in your presence as they wait for your healing touch.

Please Pray For:

Doug McIlvaine - Member of CCOT
Jane Moyer - Member of CCOT
Diana Titus - Member of CCOT
Cheryl Hopkins - Member of CCOT
Abby Bowling - Member of CCOT
Susan Gruber - Member of CCOT
Phyllis Heslet - Member of CCOT
Phil and Marilyn Knowles - Members of CCOT
Fred Hoover - Member of CCOT
Jacob Itz - Son of Kim & Charlie Itz
Jack Whelan - Brother of Steve Whelan
Doug Gruber - Brother of Susan Gruber
Mark Gosbee - Son of Judi & Gary Gosbee
Roger Talbot - Husband of Joyce Talbot
Lynn Barnes – Sister-in-law of Jim Barnes
Jim Quinlivan - Dad of Julie Quinlivan
Chloe - Great-great-niece of Diana Titus
Renata Carr - Sister of Ilona Vele
David Muise - Nephew of Kim Itz
Kevin Goldenbogen - Former Youth Leader at CCOT

Trish Hudson - Former member of CCOT
Maria Cecilia Guerra - Sister of José Guerra
Eva - Friend of Irina Günzel-Guerra from Norway
Andrea Sommer & Family - Relatives of Irina Günzel Guerra
GML - Friend of Judi & Gary Gosbee
Rick Anderson - Friend of CCOT
Kay - Family friend of Ellie Losee
Pete - Friend of Charlotte & Duane Melling
Nancy Woolford - Friend of CCOT
Margie & Vince Castellanet - Neighbors of Jane & Bruce Jones
Nancy - Friend of Julie Quinlivan
Linda VanArsdale - Daughter-in-law of Dave VanArsdale, bridge minister of CCOT
Cathy Flynn - Daughter of John Arathuzik, CCOT Church Caretaker
Mary - Friend of Susan & Joe Gibbons
Jon Mitchell - Friend of CCOT

