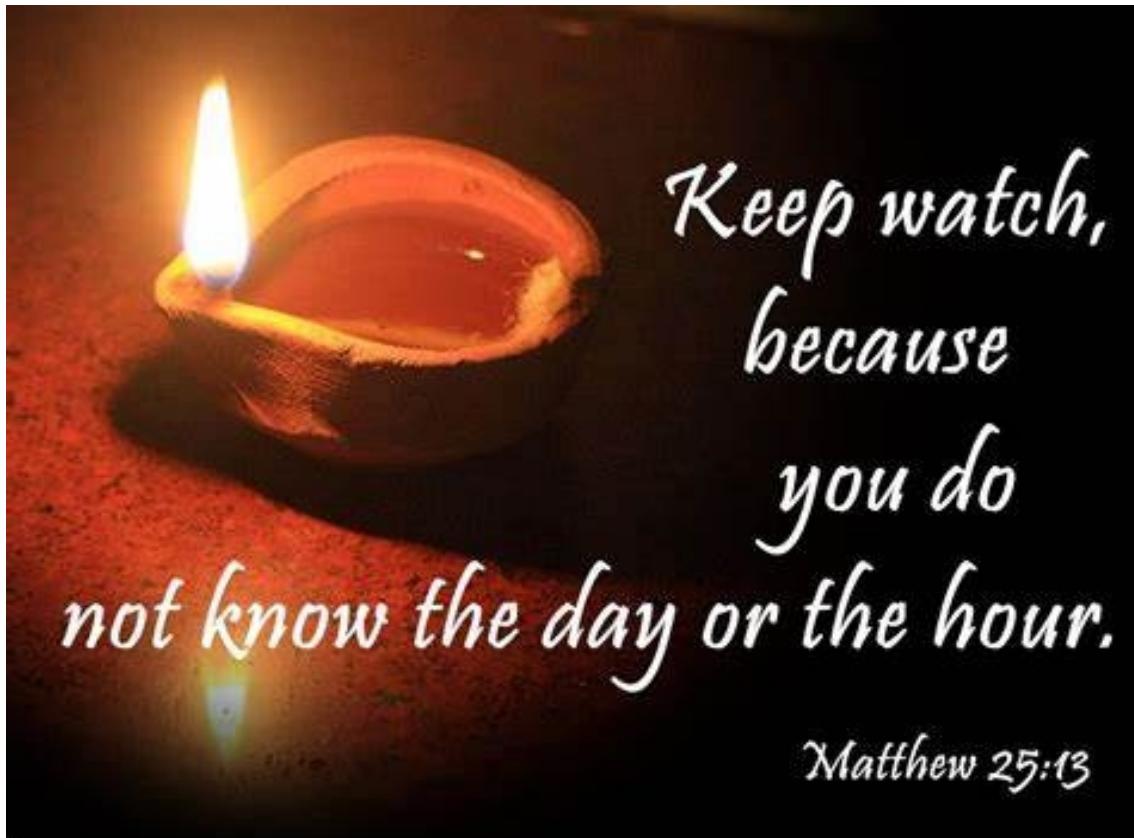


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No matter who you are,
or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.



*Welcome to our
Worship Service
In-Person & Streaming Online*

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**Sunday, November 12, 2023
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Healing Service**

Welcome

*May God's loving presence be very real to you,
and may you receive strength and guidance today
That will enable you to handle life's challenges.*



Children's Bulletins

Crayons and activity bulletins are available in the narthex.

The activities match today's Bible readings and are designed for 3-6 & 7-12 year olds.

Biblias en Español

Biblias Bilingües en Español y Inglés están disponible en el vestíbulo narthex en la mesa de visitantes azul.
(*Bilingual Bibles in Spanish & English are available in the narthex hallway on the blue visitors' table*).

Nursery

Persons of all ages (including children) are welcome to participate in the entire worship service. For an additional option, we have a supervised nursery for 0-8 year olds, located on the first floor. Please see Nursery Coordinators, Laurie Ostimchuk, Beth Miller & Geri Gammel if you are in need of the nursery.

Junior Worship

On the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month, following the mini message, the option of "Junior Worship" is offered downstairs for elementary age children to learn more about today's scripture lessons with fellow youth.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located both on the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

Changing Tables

All four of our restrooms have changing tables. Each restroom has two "child care protection seats" to keep toddlers safe and secure while their parents use the restroom.

Water Fountains

Water fountains are located on both the first and second floors to the left of the elevator.

Sunday School & Adult Faith Formation Classes

Classes for all ages are held at 9:00am.

Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship is held at 10:15am.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group, for those in grades 5-12 (or ages 12-20 years old), meets on the 2nd and Last Thursday of the month from 6:00-7:00pm. Members and visitors alike are welcome.

Young Children & Family Ministries

This ministry's focus is on children younger than youth group and their families, and most of the monthly activities are welcoming of children of all ages. Members and visitors alike are welcome.

Prayer and Care

If you would like to add yourself or someone else to the prayer list, or request a pastoral call, please call or email the church office. You are welcome to take home with you a copy of *Our Daily Bread* daily devotional booklet, located on a table in the narthex hallway.

Looking for a Church to Call Home

If you are looking for a new church family home, we would be happy for you to consider United Church of Christ of Robesonia. For more information about our church, we invite you to talk with our pastors, an usher, a greeter, or any member of our church.

More Information....

Additional literature about our missions, ministries, and fellowship opportunities is located on the **Blue Visitor Table** in the narthex hallway, or contact us using the contact information on the front page of this bulletin.

Please let us know if we can be in prayer with you or if there is any way in which we can help make your worship experience more meaningful.

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ORDER FOR WORSHIP

We Gather

*We are coming together as a community of faith to worship our God,
and provide for one another our love, support, and care.*

A TIME OF GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*{If you have not already done so,
please sign and pass the pew welcome pad
to the person next to you.}*

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ^② (*Unison*)

God of our ancestors, be our God today as we gather in sincerity and faithfulness to honor you. Attune our hearts to your commandments as we remember your mighty acts. Declare your Word to us so we may be inspired to obey. We know that we must decide today whether or not we will serve you. Not to decide is to reject you. O God, save us from the idols that appear so attractive to us, the toys that take so much of our attention and the pursuits that dominate our time. Make your dwelling place with us here. Amen.

PIANO PRELUDE

"A Prayer of Need"

an original piece by Penny Rodriguez

{Those who are able, please rise}

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying"

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*INVOCATION

Leader: We worship in the name of God the Father, and of God the Son, and of God the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

*CALL TO WORSHIP ^②

Leader: Put away the things you have substituted for God.
Let your worship of the one true God be genuine.

People: We seek to know God and to rejoice before our Creator.
We want to give joyous expression to a growing faith.

Leader: Our hope is in God's grace beyond all judgment.
Our trust is in God's love, greater than our feeble imitation.

People: We welcome the light God promises us.
We seek to respond with faithful service.

We Repent

This is a time to confess our wrongdoings and neglects, ask for God's mercy, admit our need for God's forgiving grace, hear the assurance of our forgiveness, and then give God our thanks and praise.

*CALL TO CONFESSION ^②

Leader: How seriously do we regard the decrees of our spiritual ancestors?

People: Obedience to the way of life God sets before us makes hope real.

Leader: The psalmist commands the teaching of God's law to our children, that we and they might not forget all that God has done.

People: Let us confess our failed times to personally reach out and support youth in developing their faith, and let us confess the ways we have failed to study, learn, and grow in our own faith.

Leader: Let us confess our sins.

People: Let us confess our need for God's help.

Leader: Let us pray....

*CONFESSON OF SIN ^② (*Unison*)

O LORD, if sin means cutting ourselves off from you and being unprepared to respond to your presence, surely we have sinned. Our lamps are not trimmed; our lives are not ready for your trumpet call. We have not listened well, encouraged one another in the faith, or shared the faith with others. The distraction of many things has kept us from mediation and prayer. We are witnesses against ourselves, for we have vowed our loyalty and then have gone our own way. Merciful God, we seek your forgiveness. Amen.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

{A time to silently offer our personal prayers of confession}

*SUNG PRAYER FOR MERCY

"God of Pity, God of Grace" vs. 1 & 5

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**God of pity, God of grace, When we humbly seek Thy face,
Bend from heaven, Thy dwelling place, Hear, forgive and save.**

**And what e'er our cry may be, When we lift our hearts to Thee,
From our burden set us free: Heal, forgive, and save.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON ^② (*Leader*)

God brought our spiritual ancestors out of bondage and protected them along their way. We believe God is eager to free us from all that imprisons us. Our days on earth are a trust from God, and we serve God best by investing our time in learning and living God's intentions for us. It is God's will that we live in harmony with one another, that we learn to love all God's children. God extends full pardon to us. Praise God for forgiveness and a second chance. **Amen.**

***SUNG PRAISE**

"Come, Let us Praise the Lord"

vs. 3

W&R #9

Timothy Dudley-Smith/John Darwall
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In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess;
the great Creator, he, the Lord of Righteousness.
He reigns unseen: his flock he feeds and gently leads in pastures green.

{please be seated}

We Hear the Word of God

We seek to learn more about God's love and grace, and how we are to live our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Bible is our primary text on faith, which we consider to be scripture - sacred writings. We believe the Bible to be the "inspired word of God." Gospel (which means "Good News") refers to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, which are Christians' most central books of the Bible.

PROCLAMATION OF SCRIPTURE

Old Testament scripture from the prophet Amos: [**Amos 5:18-24**](#)

New Testament letter from the Apostle Paul: [**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**](#)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Gospel (Good News): [**Matthew 25:1-13**](#)

Leader: This is the gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MINI-MESSAGE

CHILDREN'S SONG

"This is the Day"

W&R #652
Les Garrett

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

SERMON

We Respond with Thanks

*We have heard God's call and have come and worshiped,
we have confessed our sins and been assured of our forgiveness, we have learned more
about God's grace and God's will. We now respond by
re-affirming our faith in God,
praying with and for one another, trusting in God's providence in our world, and giving of
ourselves for the sake of the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.*

{Those who are able, please rise}

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison) "Apostles' Creed"

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead;
on the third day he rose again,
ascended into heaven,
and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

{Please be seated}

ORDER FOR HEALING

{The Rite of Healing is a time when we as a Christian family of faith gather to be in love, support, and care for one another, as a prayerful community. We seek healing and wholeness in body, mind, spirit, and relationship. Our prayers may be for ourselves, someone we know, or someone we heard about in the news media, for we desire healing and wholeness for all in our world. We trust in God's will and wisdom in answering our prayers.

"Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." (James 5:17.)

Leader: Christ promises to reach out to all people with healing grace and, through the Holy Spirit, endows the church with many gifts to become instruments of healing to all who hurt in body, in mind, in spirit, and in relationships. Upon this promise and commission, the church is entrusted with the ministry of laying on of hands, that through this sign those who suffer may be in touch with the power that brings wholeness.

PRAYER FOR ANOINTING

{A prayer offered over the oil used for anointing during the rite of healing}.

Leader: O God, as the apostles anointed many who were sick and you healed them, so may your Holy Spirit come on us and on this oil, that those who receive this anointing in repentance and faith may be made well in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

ALL: Amen.

INVITATION TO A TIME OF PRAYER

Leader: Let us focus our minds and hearts on the healing love and power of the living Christ.

HEALING PRAYERS (Four Options)

{There is no one way to come to God in prayer. We offer more than one way to participate in prayers of healing in order to better meet the spiritual diversity of those gathered for worship, and our preferences and needs change throughout our spiritual lives. You may participate in more than one of the following}.

ORDER FOR LAYING ON OF HANDS (Option 1)

{"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them...." (James 4:14).}

For those preferring this option, we invite you to come forward and sit in the first pew. One of our healing team pairs will pray for persons one at a time (or you may come forward as a couple or as a family). Let them know your name and if you have a particular healing prayer request or would just like a general prayer for healing. The prayer team will then place their hands on you (i.e. head/shoulders/back), pray for you, and then anoint your head with oil. After which you may depart.

If you are not able to come forward, allow an usher to know, as prayer teams are more than happy to come to you.

CANDLE LIGHTING PRAYER (Option 2)

We invite you to use the ritual of lighting a candle for your prayer. Simply come forward and use one of the match sticks to light a candle for healing and wholeness. If there are multiple persons for whom you are lifting up in prayer, you are certainly welcome to use additional candles for each person. You may wish to softly speak their name as you light the candle. You may also wish to pause and offer a silent prayer to God for them, for yourself, or for whomever you are praying.

KNEELING PRAYER (Option 3)

You are invited to come forward and kneel at the chancel rail to offer prayers of healing for yourself and/or for others.

REMAINING IN YOUR PEW (Option 4)

For those who do not come forward for any of the other three options, we invite you to pray for yourself and/or pray for those who come forward for healing and wholeness in your life and in theirs.

Picture those you bring to Jesus in prayer, with Him, whole not broken. May you know that what God sees in you first is not your illness, your mortal limitation, or your sin; God sees you first as His holy and precious child, created in His image, and He longs for you to be healed and whole - body, mind, spirit, and relationship - through this rite of healing, may you too see yourself through the eyes of the Divine.

HYMN

"Keep Your lamps Trimmed and Burning"

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CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

LITANY FOR VETERANS DAY

Leader: Loving God, the framers of our Declaration of Independence claimed that you have endowed us with inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet there are those who would take these from us.

People: Today we remember all those who have served in our country's armed forces to preserve the freedoms you have granted us, to make it impossible for those who would take away our freedoms from prevailing.

Leader: For the men and women who serve in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,

People: We ask your blessing.

Leader: For the family members who have made great sacrifices in order to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,

People: We ask your blessing.

Leader: For the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return,

People: We ask your blessing.

Leader: Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. For all those veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,

People: We ask your blessing.

Leader: For the veterans of past wars who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,

People: We ask your blessing.

Leader: For veterans who came home but couldn't "fit in" with their families or communities anymore,

People: We ask your blessing.

Leader: Keep all our veterans in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace. Teach all your people the ways of peace that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of your son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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.

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE**"O Lord, Hear My Prayer" vs. 1****W&R #484**

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**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer, come and listen to me.**

{Ushers, please assemble at rear of Sanctuary}

OFFERTORY INVITATION ^②

- Leader: How will our neighbors be prepared for times of crisis?
Who will teach them where to find oil for their lamps?
Who will help them discover spiritual riches more valuable than all their material possessions?
- People:** We will respond in faith to Jesus' call and warning. Our church is a resource, and our ministry is for the whole world. We give of our tithes, time, and talents in support of Christ's mission and ministry through this, his church.

RETURNING GOD'S TITHES AND PRESENTING OUR OFFERINGS**Online Giving**

{Today, we will be passing the offering plate in person. You may also offer your tithe and offering to God through our secure [Online Giving](#) option on our website at [sprucc.org](#) (Click Here), or you may mail your offering to United Church of Christ of Robesonia; 301 West Penn Ave; Robesonia, PA 19551}.

CHORAL OFFERTORY**"You've Got a Friend"**
Soloist: Terry Pastor

Words and music by Carole King

{Those who are able, please rise}

OFFERTORY RESPONSE*"For the Life That You Have Given"****W&R #684**

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**For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.*****OFFERTORY PRAYER ^② (Leader)**

God of all ages, we set our hope in you, and seek to serve you through our offerings and our efforts to encourage and equip one another for ministry. Help us decide daily to live according to your will, preparing ourselves for the opportunities and challenges you give us. May your rule shape our lives in ways that introduce many to the joys of eternity in the midst of time. **Amen.**

We Are Sent Out

*In response to God's love and grace,
we go out into the world to share God's Good News
through our words and actions.*

*COMMISSION ^②

Leader: God expects our complete loyalty and devotion.

God's love frees us for joyous living.

People: We will serve God whom we have met here.

We know that God goes with us everywhere.

Leader: May worship continue wherever we go.

May our service extend God's love to all we meet.

People: We will take time to meditate on God's word.

We will respond to others in the spirit of Christ.

ALL: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*THREE FOLD SUNG AMEN

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*SENDING HYMN

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

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{Acolyte carries the light back into the world, leading us,
as we now go to carry God's light and love back into the world.}

POSTLUDE

Join Us For Fellowship and Food in Miller Fellowship Hall

Free WiFi: StPaulsUCC-Guest & StPaulsUCC-5G-Guest

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The Flow of the Worship Service

Our worship service has an intentional order to it. The flow of worship is called the liturgical movement. The movement reminds us weekly of our journey in faith of moving from being separated from God by sin, to being restored by God's grace as disciples of Christ. It is based on the sixth chapter of the Biblical book of Isaiah.

- (1) God welcomes us and invites us
- (2) We respond to God's call by worshiping Him
- (3) We confess our need for God's forgiveness and grace
- (4) We are assured of God's forgiveness and grace
- (5) We learn more about God's will through scripture, song, and sermon
- (6) We grow closer to God and one another through prayer
- (7) We give God thanks by offering our time, talent, and treasure
- (8) God sends us into the world to share His love and grace with others

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About Today

Church Season: Pentecost -which is the season of the church in mission. It is the time between the ascension of Christ and his second coming, which is the time we are presently living in today, and as such is the longest season of the church year. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian church.

Color of the Paraments (cloths on the altar and pulpit):

Green - symbolizing the life God brings, especially through our mission work.

The suggested scripture lessons are from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), which selects passages throughout the Bible over a three year cycle. The RCL is the most common lectionary used by Christian churches. We are in **Year A**, which emphasizes the Gospel of Matthew.

The Bible is in two sections: Old Testament - OT (scripture prior to Christ's birth), located in the first 2/3 of the Bible; and New Testament - NT (about Christ & early church).

This Sunday, November 12, 2023, Lectionary Reading for 24th Sunday after Pentecost

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or Amos 5:18-24 and Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 and Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Amos

This OT book is a compilation of the prophet Amos' speeches and accounts about the prophet from between about 786-760 B.C. Throughout the book, Amos calls upon people to remember and adhere to the teachings of justice and righteousness found in scripture and their faith traditions, and declares that, due to the social injustice and religious arrogance of the people of Israel, they will be punished by a total military disaster. The prophecy came true in 722 B.C. when Israel fell to the Assyrians.

The First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

This epistle (letter) is the oldest book in the NT. It was written by the Apostle Paul in Corinth around 51 A.D. to the church in Thessalonica, which is the Roman capital of the Macedonian province, a port city on the northern shore of the Aegean Sea. Timothy, Paul, and Silvanus founded this church. Timothy went back to Thessalonica and reported to Paul that the people there were anxious because Paul had not returned, and in response Paul wrote this pastoral letter. Paul was a Christian, Jew, Pharisee, Roman citizen, and church leader, who had a direct encounter with Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus after Jesus' ascension into heaven. Paul wrote more of the NT than any other person.

The Gospel According to Matthew

Matthew's Gospel was written around 80-90 A.D. in Antioch, Syria by a Greek-speaking Jewish Christian. The first writing was probably by a Christian scribe who wrote in the name of Matthew. Matthew was a disciple who knew Jesus personally.

Next Sunday, November 19, 2023, Lectionary Reading for 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7 and Psalm 123 or Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Our Lord Jesus Christ

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T. CATHERINE WINKWORTH, 1858, alt.

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PHILIPP NICOLAI, 1599

With spirit

8. 9. 8. 8. 9. 8. 6. 6. 4. 4. 4. 8.



1. Wake, a-wake, for night is fly-ing, The watch-men on the heights are cry-ing,
2. Zi-on hears the watch-men sing-ing, Her heart with deep de-light is spring-ing,
3. Now let all the heavens a-dore Thee, And men and an-gels sing be-fore Thee



A-wake, Je-ru-sa-lem, a-rise! Mid-night's sol-emn hour is toll-ing,
She wakes, she ris-es from her gloom; For her Lord comes down all glo-rious,
With harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone; Of one pearl each shin-ing por-tal,



His char-iot wheels are near-er roll-ing; He comes! O Church, lift up thine eyes!
In grace ar-rayed, by truth vic-to-rious; Her Star is risen, her Light is come!
Where we shall join the choirs im-mor-tal In prais-es round Thy glo-rious throne;



Rise up, with will-ing feet Go forth, the Bride-groom meet: Hal-le-lu-jah!
Ah, come Thou bless-ed One, God's own be-lov-ed Son, Hal-le-lu-jah!
No vi-sion ev-er brought, No ear hath ev-er caught Such great glo-ry!



Lo, great and small, We an-swer all; We fol-low where Thy voice shall call.
We haste a-long, An ea-ger throng, And glad-some join the ad-vent song.
There-fore will we, E-ter-nal-ly, Sing hymns of joy and praise to Thee. A-MEN.



Matt. 25:1-13; Gal. 6:9

African-American spiritual

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps trimmed and burn -
 2 It's our faith makes us hap - py, it's our faith makes us hap -
 3 We are climb-ing Ja - cobs's lad - der, we are climb-ing Ja - cob's lad -
 4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er, ev - ery round goes high - er, high -

Last time, end

- ing, keep your lamps trimmed and burn-ing, for this work's al - most done.
 - py, it's our faith makes us hap - py, for this work's al - most done.
 - der, we are climb-ing Ja - cob's lad - der, for this work's al - most done.
 - er ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er, for this work's al - most done.

Refrain

Sis - ters, don't grow wear - y, broth - ers, don't grow
 wear-y, chil-dren, don't grow wear - y, for this work's al - most done.

*By tradition, a leader may call out substitute words for the refrain,
 such as "Christians don't grow weary, Christians don't grow weary, . . ."
 etc., or "people," "preacher," or any others that may be appropriate.*

*This spiritual is possibly one of the code songs in which to keep
 one's lamp "trimmed and burning" could have meant keeping a
 lookout for a conductor of the underground railroad, such as
 Harriet Tubman. It is often sung at church dedication services.*

Tune: KEEP YOUR LAMPS 7.7.7.6.6.6.6
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In joyous rhythm

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1. Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2. See that your lamps are burn - ing; Re - plen - ish them with oil,
3. Our Hope and Ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear!



The eve - ning is ad - van - cing, And dark - er night is near:
And wait for your sal - va - tion, The end of earth - ly toil.
A - rise, Thou Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere!



The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, And soon He draw - eth nigh;
The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro-claim the Bride-groom near,
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray, and watch, and wres - tle: At mid-night comes the cry.
Go meet Him as He com - eth, With al - le - lu - ias clear.
The day of earth's re-demp - tion That brings us un - to Thee. A-MEN.

