# Trinity United Methodist Church
## Sunday, November 1, 2026 – 10:00am

ACCIDENTAL SAINTS

**Gathering Music** *"All Bow Down"* Celebration Praise Band

**Welcome** Rev. Dr. Deb De Vos

* **Call to Worship**

Leader: For all those who have paved the way for our freedom of worship, we give thanks, O Lord.

**People: For those who have taught us about witness and the power of love, we give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: For those who work in our church that we may come to know what it means to serve, we give thanks, O Lord.

**People: For all the saints, those who rest from their labors, and those who labor still, we give thanks, O Lord.**

Leader: Praise be to God, who continually inspires and guides workers and witnesses.

**People: Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, and help us to become good workers for you. AMEN**

* **Opening Hymn** *"For All The Saints"* (verses 1-4) 711

**Children's Time**

**Holy Communion**

**Hymn of Preparation** *"I Sing A Song of the Saints of God"* 712

**Scripture Readings** *Ephesians 2:19-22, Genesis 50:15-21*

**Centering Prayer**

**Amazing and Wondrous God, you continue to shed new light on the vision for our lives, the vision that guides us into a life of hope and joy. Draw us out of the darkness where all we see are shadows that confuse us. Keep us to the hope of vision and to trust in your faithfulness when the world seems dark and bound to disorient us. Guide us away from the world's false light that shines around us but doesn't help us move forward, that holds us to where we are; instead, help us to grow and journey with you in your light. In the name of Jesus, who is the Light of the World, we pray. Amen.**

**The Message** *"Accidental Saints: Joseph"* Rev. Erica Munoz

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

Ministry of Music Anthem *"Seek Ye First"* Chancel Choir

Doxology

Offering Prayer

**Gracious God, we present these offerings with thankful hearts, mindful of the great cloud of witnesses who have shown us the way of faith. Just as you worked through them, work through us to bring hope to those in despair, faith to the faithless, and love to those who feel forgotten. Bless these gifts to lift burdens and transform lives, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Ministry Opportunities**

* **Passing of the Peace**

* **Praise Singing** *"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"*
*"All the Earth"*

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction** *"A Choral Benediction"*

**Closing Music** *"All Bow Down"*

*Please stand if you are able

Our acolyte this morning is Braelon Munoz

Join us next weekend as we continue our sermon series *Accidental Saints.* We will look at Gideon using the scripture readings Hebrews 11:32-34 and Judges 6:11-17.

## Prayer Concerns

Millie Heyer, Amy, Laura Spann, Ms. Stone, Annette Barry, Arnie, James, Alyssa, Toni, Mark Buddle, Andy Martin, Neil DeCostanza, Henessey Dekmar, Kayla Moyer, Michael & Elijah Sepulveda, Nevaeh, Jemma, Steve & Sharon Roff, Robby Littlewood, Nancy Blazier, John Flood, Bob Thorton, Joy Snyder, Tara, Andy Barber, Lisa Dittman, Sanna, Jamie, Lori Murray, Bennett Onderko, Hope Dingley, Mary Lou Dunn, Hana Hund, Norm & Edna Barrier, Evan Duryea, Becky Neidhart, Joe Carr, George Hackett, George Weiser, Annette Parker, Jennifer Bush, Diana Karns, Skylar Lynn, Laurie O'Mally, Russell Blazier, Stanley Jacobowski, George Fisher, Doris Fisher, Edna Burton, Dolly Miranda, Gean, Julius Somogyi, Claude Buchman, Evan Fondiller, Candace, David Izatt, Arthur & Jean Koenig, Jack Bozzuffi, Candice, Sarah Hergert, Jerry, Colleen, Stewart, Kathy, Mary, Brian, Linda, Hope, Erica H., Nathan, Matthew Lott, Ted Ziegert, Terry & Donald Perrine, Anthony Pami, Meghan MacDonald, Matthew McKinnon, Linda Blazier, Bradley, Meghan W., Danny

## Scripture Readings

**Ephesians 2:19-22 (NIV)**

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people
and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with
Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and
rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become
a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

**Genesis 50:15-21 (NIV)**

15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a
grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" 16 So they sent word to
Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 17 'This is what you are to say
to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating
you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their
message came to him, Joseph wept. 8 His brothers then came and threw themselves down
before him. "We are your slaves," they said. 19 But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I
in the place of God? 20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish
what is now being done, the saving of many lives. 21 So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for
you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

**Pastoral Team**

Rev. Erica Munoz – Lead Pastor
Rev. Dr. Deb De Vos – Associate Pastor, Spiritual Formation & Discipleship
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# 711 For All the Saints

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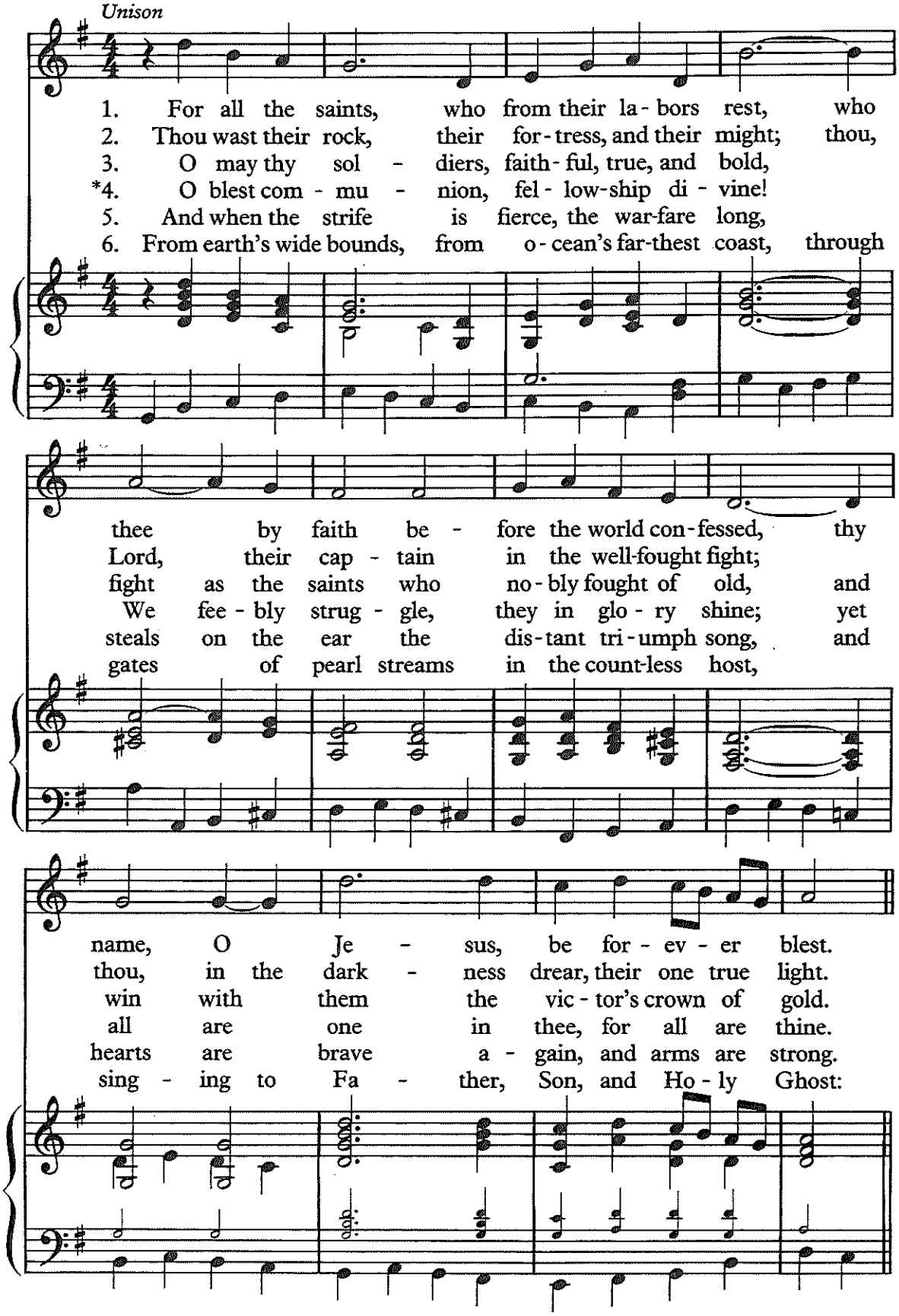


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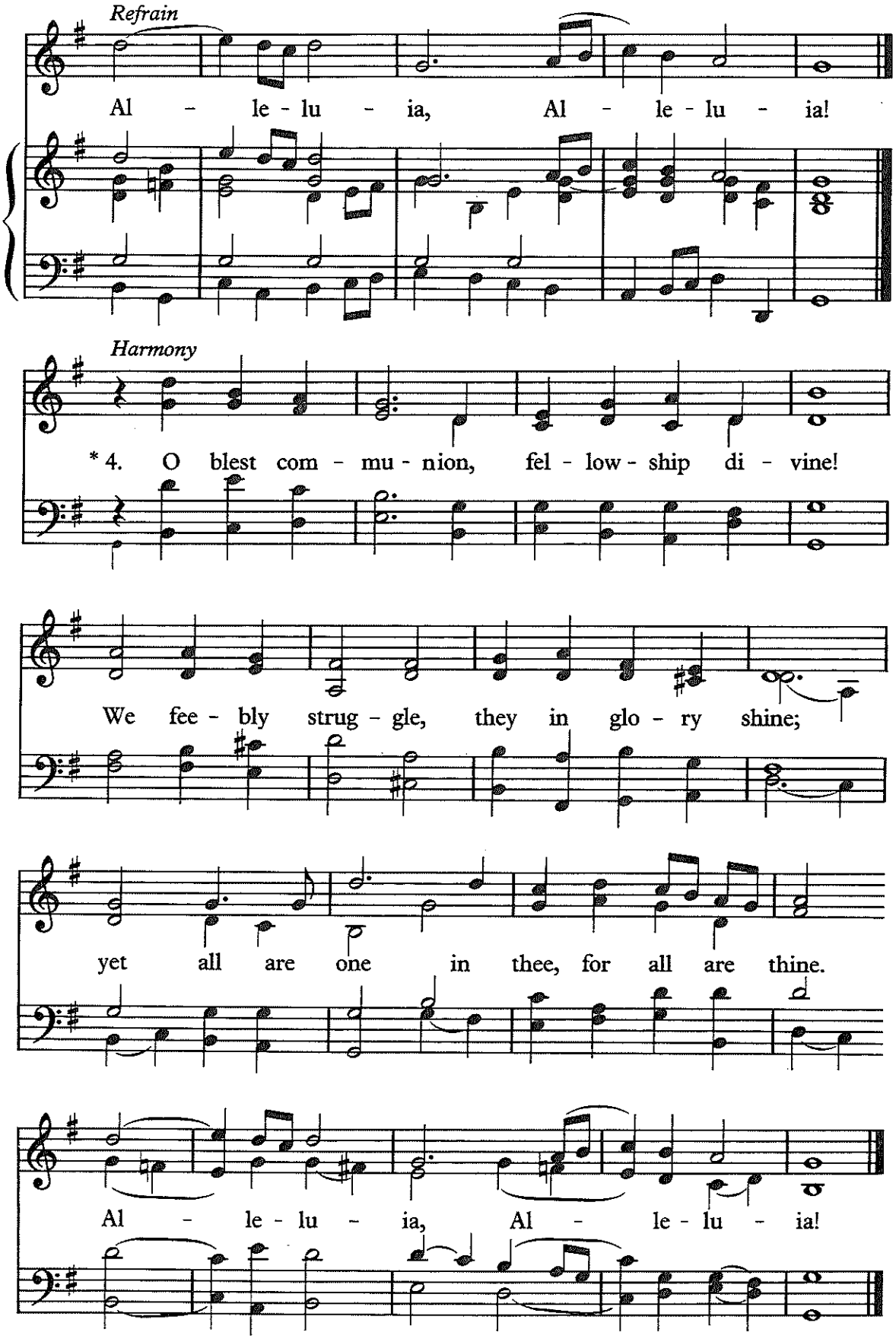
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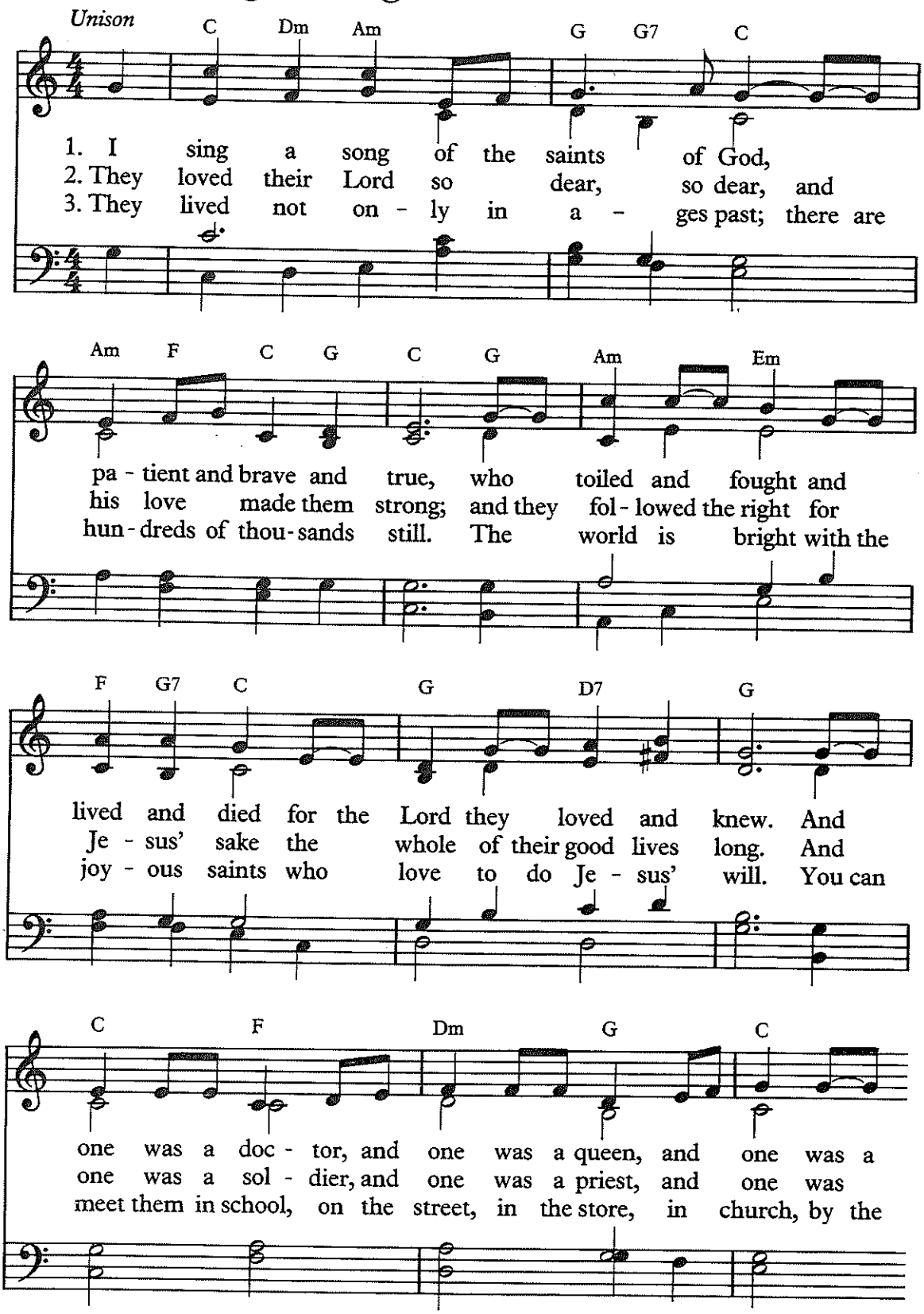


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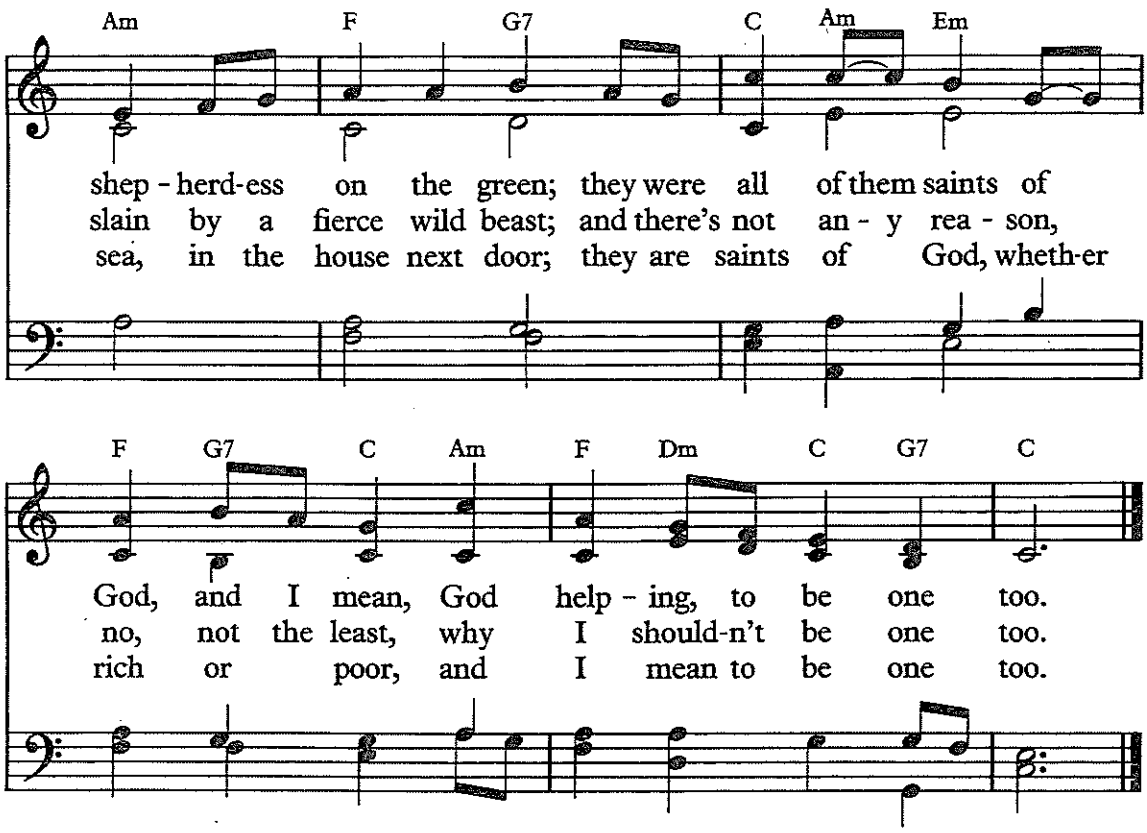
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shep - herd-ess on the green; they were all of them saints of
slain by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son,
sea, in the house next door; they are saints of God, wheth-er
F G7 C Am F Dm C G7 C
God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.
rich or poor, and I mean to be one too.

# Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

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Anthony J. Showalter | Elisha Albright Hoffman

What a fellowship what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness
What a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

**Chorus**
Leaning, . . . Leaning, . . .
Safe and secure from all alarms
Leaning, . . . Leaning, . . .
Leaning on the everlasting arms

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path
Grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms

**Chorus**

What have I to dread what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace
With my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

**Chorus**

**Chorus**

# All The Earth

CCLI Song #: 3287499 Authors: Andrew Ulugia Wayne Huirua
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Father into Your courts I will enter
Maker of heaven and earth
I tremble in Your holy presence
Glory glory in Your sanctuary
Splendor and majesty Lord
Before You all life adores You

All the earth will declare
That Your love is ev'rywhere
The fields will exalt seas resound
Hear the trees' joyful cry
Praising You and so will I
A new song I'll sing
Lord I will glorify and bless Your holy Name

Jesus, Lord of all life and salvation
Into Your presence we come
We worship You our precious Savior
Fill us, fill us with Your holy power
Set us aflame with Your love
'Til nations all know Your glory

All the earth will declare
That Your love is ev'rywhere
The fields will exalt seas resound
Hear the trees' joyful cry
Praising You and so will I
A new song I'll sing
Lord I will glorify and bless Your holy Name

All the earth will declare
That Your love is ev'rywhere
The fields will exalt seas resound
Hear the trees' joyful cry
Praising You and so will I
A new song I'll sing
Lord I will glorify and bless Your holy
Glorify and bless Your holy
Glorify and bless Your holy
Name

# Announcements

**Worship Attendance**

| Oct 24/25 | In Person | Facebook Peak Views |
|---|---|---|
| 5:00 | 44 | 5 |
| 10:00 | 166 | 34 |

Please note that online numbers represent devices.

**-Take 5 Meet & Greet:** Every week after worship we invite newcomers to spend just 5 minutes with a few of our church members at the rear of the worship space. It's a time to say "hello" and put names with faces. Join us for 5 minutes and you'll also receive a small welcome gift!

**-Special Communion Offering** – As we celebrate Holy Communion at both services this weekend, we will take a special offering for Native American Ministries. Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we help develop and strengthen Native-led ministries, provide educational scholarships, and fund programs that preserve Native culture and traditions. Your offering directly impacts Native American churches and leaders within our annual conference and beyond.

**-L.I.F.T.** – On the first Sunday of the month, **November 1st**, we gather in Starr Hall from 4:30 – 6:30pm for LIFT (Living in Faith Together) which is designed to foster intergenerational community by bringing generations together around tables for activities: sharing food, enjoying fellowship, worshipping, and studying the Bible. All ages are welcome. Bring a dish to share, drinks and desserts will be provided.

**-Trinity Friendship Circle** – Join us at Heath Village on **Monday, November 2nd** at 1:00pm. The Custode Brothers are returning to for an afternoon of wonderful music that we all really enjoyed! You do not want to miss this delightful afternoon! We are giving you an early reminder so you do not miss this amazing experience! We will top off the afternoon with Italian pastries and cannoli. Be sure to join us on for this fun-filled time and be sure to bring a friend!

**-Fear of Falling?** - Healthy Aging and Balance: Because Falling Is Not Normal- Jessica Lane from Physical Therapy at St. Luke's will provide education, prevention strategies and free screenings on **Wednesday, November 4th** 1:30 - 2:30 pm in the Trinity Resource Center. Please use Just Say Yes #2. To let us know you would like to attend.

**-Discover Trinity Dinner** – Are you new to Trinity and want to know more about our ministries? Have you been attending worship regularly and wish to become a member? Then you are invited to attend the Discover Trinity Dinner on **Friday, November 13th,** 6:00-8:00 pm in the Rotunda. Enjoy a casual meal, meet some members of Trinity and learn where you can grow in your spiritual journey. You will also be offered an opportunity to confirm your interest in joining Trinity UMC the following weekend, November 21/22. Children are welcome. Sign up using Just Say Yes #1.

**-Bishop's Day on the Skylands District** – Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi will visit the Skylands District on **Friday, November 20th** at Denville Community Church, 190 Diamond Spring Road, Denville. We will share in a worship service beginning at 5:00pm followed by a time for questions and answers.

**-Lunch & Learn -Make Space: Less Hurry, More Holy** - Join us Sunday November 8th at 11:30 in the Rotunda for our Lunch and Learn on how to make space for your relationship with God. Bring your lunch and a friend. Use Just Say Yes #3 to let us know you will be joining us.

**-UMM Breakfast** - Our **Saturday, November 14th** breakfast speaker will be Dr. Joseph Linskey. Dr Linskey is an Air Force veteran, retired Franklin Twp police officer, member of American Legion post 164, Hackettstown, and more recently a professor of criminal justice at Centenary University. Dr. Linskey will help us celebrate Veteran's Day. If you are a veteran please consider attending the November breakfast and please inform either Bill Blaskopf or the church office that you are coming so that we may be able to properly Thank You for your service. Breakfast begins at 8:00am with coffee at 7:45am for early arrivals and ends at 9:30.

**-Senior Social** – Come spend a relaxed afternoon chatting and playing trivia! How much do you recall from your favorite 1960's TV shows? Feel free to bring a friend for some great fellowship with other seniors. We'll have tasty snacks ready for you. We'd love to see you in Trinity House on **Thursday, November 19th** from 1:00 – 2:30pm.

**-Golden Gathering Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Lunch** - All Seniors welcome. Join us on **Monday, November 23rd** at 12:30pm in the Connection Café in Trinity House. Bring your favorite side dish to share (not required) Please let us know you will join by using Just Say Yes #6.

**-Thanksgiving Dinner** – we will be offering the community and congregation a free Thanksgiving turkey dinner in Starr Hall from 12:00-2:00pm on **Thursday, November 26th**. We are looking for volunteers for Wednesday, November 25th to set up and help with meal prep as well as for Thursday, November 27th. Use Just Say Yes #5 to let us know how you can help.

**-Operation Christmas Child** – We are again partnering with Samaritan's Purse to send gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with a message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are called to spread the word of Jesus Christ to make disciples in our world. This is a wonderful opportunity to do just that as well as brighten the lives of children around the world who have little or nothing at all. With this small gesture of love, we can help to make a child's life brighter and to spread the word of Jesus. Here are several ways you can make your Christmas box:

1. Pick a box up on your way out after worship. Follow the instructions on the How to Pack a Shoebox brochure. Choose from the label a boy or girl and the age group. Fill your box and return to church **no later than November 16th**
2. No time to shop? No worries, you can go online: samaritanspurse.org/buildonline. For a suggested donation of $25 they will build a box for you.

**-Christmas Assistance Program** - We will be providing a Christmas Assistance Program for families who are in need during the Christmas season. The Church Office will soon be accepting requests from families starting in November. Last year our congregation assisted 60 families, allowing these families to have a joyous Christmas. If you would be interested in sponsoring a family or more information about this program, please respond using Just Say Yes #7 and Betsy Hart will be in touch with you. No time to shop ------- you can still participate by making a monetary donation or contributing gift cards to the Christmas Assistance Program. All gifts will need to be delivered to the Rotunda on Wednesday, December 16th or Thursday, December 17th. Families will be picking up on Friday, December 18th.

**-Christmas Wreath Sale** – UMM is selling 12-inch and 14-inch Fraser Christmas Wreaths for $38.00 and $48.00. Wreath pickup will be at Donaldson's Greenhouse between November 27th and December 24th. All proceeds go to the Torgersen Scholarship Fund. Use Just Say Yes #8 to place an order. Orders will be accepted through November 23rd.

**-Looking for Vendors** – On **Saturday, December 5th**, the United Women in Faith will sponsor a Community Craft Fair in Starr Hall from 10:00am – 3:00pm. The proceeds will benefit projects organized and sponsored by the United Women in Faith. Vendor registration closes **November 21st**. For more information use Just Say Yes #9.

**-Hot Soup~Warm Souls** -At the Craft Fair on **December 5th** the United Women in Faith will be having another Hot Soup~Warm Souls sale! If you would like to donate your signature soup to this event, please let us know. We supply quart soup containers and labels. Please use Just Say Yes #10 to let us know what type of soup you would like to make and how many quarts you would like to provide. Any questions, please contact Pat Riegler at patdriegler@gmail.com or 908-303-2067.

**-Laundry Ministry Volunteers Needed** -Come spend a little time with us at the laundromat — you may be surprised by how much fun ministry can be! Our Laundry Ministry continues to grow, providing local families with the opportunity to wash and dry their clothes at no cost while creating a welcoming space for conversation, laughter and connection. Volunteers help families get settled, visit with our guests, lend a hand with children and, most importantly, help make everyone feel welcome. Last month included cookies, conversation, lots of laughter and even a little ball playing with one of our youngest guests! Volunteers are needed on:

**November 5 • November 19**

Come for an afternoon, meet some wonderful people and help us continue Spreading the Joy — one load at a time! Interested in volunteering? Sign-up using Just Say Yes #12.

**-LocalShare Free Pop-Up Produce Market** – LocalShare connects farm fresh produce from local NJ farms with community members throughout the northwest parts of NJ. A free pop-up produce market will be held in the parking lot on **Tuesday, November 17th** from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm. It is open to the public and free of charge. Shoppers are asked to bring their own bags.

**-Employment Opportunities** – There are two employment opportunities at this time with job descriptions and applications available on our website as well as from the church office.

- **Financial Secretary** - requires 6 hours per week; and 8 hours per week during the monthly and yearly close periods with Mondays required.
- **Director of Communications and Marketing** – is a 10 hour per week position with a flexible schedule.

**This Week at Trinity November 2 - 8**

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| **Monday** | 1:00 pm | Heath Village | Trinity Friendship Circle |
| **Tuesday** | 10:00 am | Room 104 | Sister Share |
| | 6:00 pm | Room 104 | ESL Beginner |
| | 7:00 pm | Room 104 | ESL Intermediate |
| | 7:00 pm | Room 103 | Trinity Banned Book Club |
| | 7:00 pm | Zoom | Tuesday Evening Bible Study |
| **Wednesday** | 9:00 am | Connection Café | Wednesday Bible Study |
| | 10:00 am | Connection Café | Wiseman's Journey |
| | 1:30 pm | Connection Café | Fear of Falling |
| | 6:00 pm | Music Room | Agape Ringers |
| | 6:30 pm | Upper Room | Youth Group |
| | 7;00pm | Blue Room | UWF |
| | 7:30 pm | Music Room | Chancel Choir |
| **Thursday** | 9:00 am | Kitchen | Faithful Food Share |
| | 6:00 pm | Room 104 | ESL Beginner |
| | 7:00 pm | Room 104 | ESL Intermediate |
| | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary | Celebration Praise Band |
| **Saturday** | 8:00 am | Room 103 | Men's Bible Study |
| | 9:00 am | Room 104 | ESL - Intermediate |
| | 10:00 am | Room 104 | ESL - Beginner |
| **Sunday** | 8:45 am | Blue Room | The Gleaners Bible Study |
| | 11:30 am | Room 104 | Sunday Morning Bible Study |
| | 4:30 pm | Starr Hall/Rm 303 | LOL – 5th&6th Grade Fellowship |
| | 6:00pm | Starr Hall | Pickleball |

# Just Say Yes - Opportunities To Serve

**(fill out and place in offering plate or basket at the door)**

1. **Discover Trinity Dinner** - Enjoy a casual meal and learn more about Trinity ministries on **Friday, November 13th**, 6:00-8:00 pm in the Rotunda.

   _____ Yes, I/we would like to attend the dinner.

   _____ # of adults _____ # of children

   _____ Yes, I/we are interested in becoming members of Trinity UMC.

2. **Fear of Falling?** - Healthy Aging and Balance: Because Falling Is Not Normal- Jessica Lane from Physical Therapy at St. Luke's will provide education, prevention strategies and free screenings on **November 4th** 1:30 - 2:30 pm in the Trinity Resource Center.

   _____Yes, I would like to attend the Fear of Falling presentation on November 4th.

3. **Lunch & Learn - Make Space: Less Hurry, More Holy** - Join us Sunday November 8th at 11:30 in the Rotunda for our Lunch and Learn on how to make space for your relationship with God. Bring your lunch and a friend.

   _____Yes, I would like to attend Make Space: Less Hurry, More Holy on November 8th.

4. **UMM Breakfast** - Our **Saturday, November 14th** breakfast speaker will be Dr. Joseph Linskey. Dr Linskey is an Air Force veteran, retired Franklin Twp police officer, member of American Legion post 164, Hackettstown, and more recently a professor of criminal justice at Centenary University. Dr. Linskey will help us celebrate Veteran's Day. If you are a veteran please consider attending the November breakfast and please inform either Bill Blaskopf or the church office that you are coming so that we may be able to properly Thank You for your service. We continue to collect new underwear and socks, and gently used shirts, pants, and jackets for Midnight Run. Breakfast begins at 8:00am with coffee at 7:45am for early arrivals and ends at 9:30. Everyone is invited to UMM breakfasts.

   _____Yes, I would like to attend the UMM breakfast on Saturday, November 14th.

   _____Yes, I am a veteran.

5. **Thanksgiving Meal** - we will be offering the community and congregation a free Thanksgiving turkey dinner in Starr Hall from 12:00-2:00pm on **Thursday, November 26th**. We are looking for volunteers for Wednesday, November 25th to set up and help with meal prep as well as for Thursday, November 27th. Please let us know how you would like to help.

   _____Yes, I would like to be part of the planning team.

   _____Yes, I would like to shop on Monday or Tuesday, November 23 or 24.

   _____Yes, I would be able to help cook/set up on Wednesday.

   _____Yes, I would be able to help Thursday during the meal.

   _____Yes, I would be able to help clean up after the meal.

   _____Yes, I will provide the side dish _____.

   _____Yes, I will provide a dessert.

**Name:** _____

**Phone:** _____ **Email**_____

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES ➡

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   _____Yes, I would like to attend the Golden Gathering on November 23rd.

7. **Christmas Assistance Program** - We will be providing Christmas assistance for families who could use some help during the Christmas season this year.

   _____ Yes, I would like to sponsor a family for Christmas assistance. Please contact me with more information.

8. **Christmas Wreath Sale** – UMM is selling 12-inch and 14-inch Fraser Christmas Wreaths for $38.00 and $48.00. Wreath pickup will be at Donaldson's Greenhouse between November 27th and December 24th. All proceeds go to the Torgersen Scholarship Fund. (Please attach a check or send to the church office with wreath in the memo.)

   _____Yes, I would like to order Christmas wreaths.

   I would like _____ 12-inch wreaths @ $38.00 each

   I would like _____ 14-inch wreaths @ $48.00 each

9. **Looking for Vendors** - On Saturday, December 5th, the United Women in Faith will sponsor a Community Craft Fair in Starr Hall from 10:00am – 3:00pm. The proceeds will benefit projects organized and sponsored by the United Women in Faith. Vendor registration closes November 21st.

   _____Yes, I'd like more details regarding being a vendor at the Community Craft Market on December 5th.

10. **Hot Soup~Warm Souls** - At the Craft Fair on December 6th the United Women in Faith will be having another Hot Soup~Warm Souls sale! If you would like to donate your signature soup to this event, please let us know. We supply the quart soup containers and labels.

    _____ Yes, I will make _____quarts of _____soup.

11. **Breakfast Run-** Our next run into NYC is scheduled for Saturday morning November 21st. We will meet at church at 6:00 am to prepare the food and then go into the city. Just a reminder that you do not have to drive into the city yourself – we will have designated drivers.

    _____Yes, I would like to go on the Breakfast Run on November 21st.

12. **Laundry Ministry Volunteers Needed** -Come spend a little time with us at the laundromat — you may be surprised by how much fun ministry can be! Our Laundry Ministry continues to grow, providing local families with the opportunity to wash and dry their clothes at no cost while creating a welcoming space for conversation, laughter and connection. Volunteers help families get settled, visit with our guests, lend a hand with children and, most importantly, help make everyone feel welcome. Last month included cookies, conversation, lots of laughter and even a little ball playing with one of our youngest guests! Come for an afternoon, meet some wonderful people and help us continue Spreading the Joy — one load at a time!

    _____Yes, I can help with the Laundry Ministry on the following dates:

    _____ November 5th  _____ November 19th

**Name:** _____

**Phone:** _____**Email**_____