

Caregiver Sunday**WORDS TO PONDER**

The God who offers care to others—through Jesus Christ, through the comfort of the Holy Spirit, and through loving men, women, and children—hears the prayers of others in need. Our Lord Jesus Christ, like a Good Shepherd, also offers unconditional love for those who care “for the least of these, our brothers and sisters.” Let us give thanks for those who care for, love, and support others in their lives.

GATHERING MUSIC**Elder Tameron Gennae and the Higher Ground Band**

1. “Hold to God's Unchanging Hand”
2. “Rejoice (Again I Say)”

WORDS OF WELCOME | *PASSING OF THE PEACE**Rev. Ann Hayman****CALL TO WORSHIP****Matt Gwin**

The one who cared about you before you were born, the one who loved you in your mother's womb, and the one who persistently has never let you go is present with us now.
Let us worship God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

BEATITUDES FOR CAREGIVERS**Matt Gwin**

Blessed are those who care and who are not afraid to show it — they will let people know they are loved.

Blessed are those who are gentle and patient — they will help people to grow as the sun helps the buds to open and blossom.

Blessed are those who have the ability to listen — they will lighten many a burden.

Blessed are those who know how and when to let go — they will have the joy of seeing people find themselves.

Blessed are those who, when nothing can be done or said, do not walk away, but remain to provide a comforting and supportive presence —they will help the sufferer to bear the unbearable.

Blessed are those who recognize their own need to receive, and who receive with graciousness —they will be able to give all the better.

Blessed are those who give without hope of return — they will give people an experience of God.

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***OPENING HYMN KNOX CAREGIVER HYMN**

(“O God, Whose Healing Power” A setting of Aurelia - The Church's One Foundation - words by Mary Louise Bringle, 2002)

Verse 1

**O God, whose healing power is present everywhere
Pervading all creation, with Your eternal care
Look now in Your compassion Upon this world of pain
And lives now bound and broken Make free and whole again.**

Verse 2

**O Christ, who came among us to heal the sick, the blind
To bless the poor and burdened, the broken heart to bind.
Send us where they are waiting For hands to help and heal.
And through the gifts we offer, Your grace again reveal.**

Verse 3

**O Spirit, holy, healing, Descend to us today.
Restore to all creation The peace for which we pray.
Redeem us from the powers That ravage and destroy
Till earth and all its people Shall greet the dawn with joy.**

EXPRESSION #1 **Elder Hansonia Caldwell-Harriford**
Introducing the Family CareGiver Ministry | What is the CareGiver?

TIME WITH CHILDREN **“Being Thankful”** **Rev. Ann Hayman**

EXPRESSION #2 **Elder Sandra Sparling | Rev. Ann Hayman**
Presenting the Appreciation Certificates

ANTHEM **“I Asked the Lord”** **Elder Tameron Gennae
Dr. Hansonia Caldwell - Harriford**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Matt Gwin**

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 90:12-17**

SERMON **“Setting an Example”** **Rev. Ann Hayman**
Hebrews 6:10-12

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

We praise and thank our God.
For all that we have been given!
We praise and thank our God.
For earth and oceans, rain and sun, for food and homes.
We praise and thank our God.
For the blessings of life and faith and hope.
We praise and thank our God.

For the Creator who made us, the Christ who saved us, and the Counselor who guides us.

We praise and thank our God.

For family and friends, for neighbors and coworkers.

We praise and thank our God.

For God has blessed us beyond all expectations.

We praise and thank our God.

For all blessings which compel us to reach out to those with less, to be of service to any in need, to keep company with the unwelcome, to seek peace and make friends of our enemies.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, you have enriched us, saved us, loved us. Open our hearts and minds to your will that we may be free to share everything we have, to give away whatever holds us hostage in spirit, that we may always know that possessions are just that: things, lovely to have, but in the end only good for the good they can do in this world. Keep us always in that work, the work of Christ and Christ's kingdom, the kingdom of God. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Ann Hayman

THE OFFERING

Call to Giving

Matt Gwin

Offertory

“I Love You Lord, Today”

+Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Ann Hayman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matt Gwin

***CLOSING HYMN**

“I'll Walk with God”

**Amira Willighagen
and Lukhanyo Moyake**

I'll walk with God
From this day on
His helping hand I'll lean upon
This is my prayer my humble plea
May the Lord be ever with me

There is no death though eyes grow dim
There is no fear when I'm near to Him
I'll lean on Him forever
And He'll forsake me never
He will not fail me as long as my faith is strong
Whatever road I may walk alone
I'll walk with God
I'll take His hand
I'll talk with God He'll understand
I'll pray to Him

Each day to Him
And He'll hear the words that I say
His hand will guide my throne and rod
And I'll never walk alone
While I walk with God

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Dr. Hansonia Caldwell-Harriford

***UNISON CLOSING PRAYER “The CareGiver Serenity Prayer”**

Rev. Ann Hayman

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Ann Hayman

POSTLUDE

Dr. Hansonia Caldwell – Harriford

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