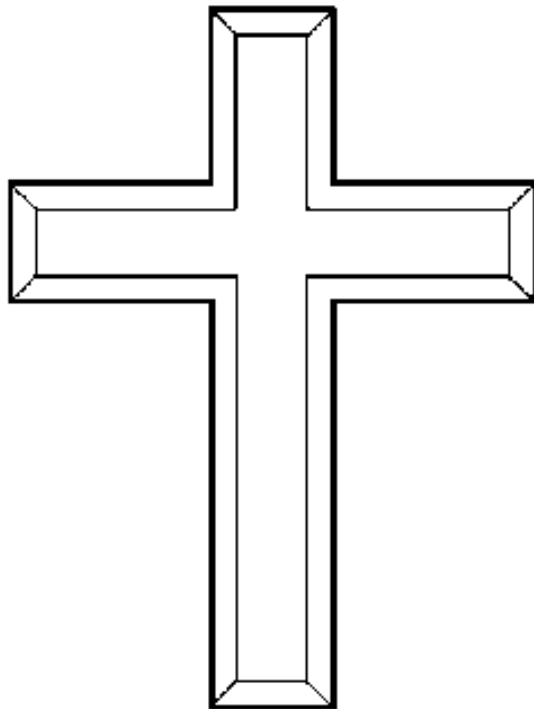


# Church of the Holy Cross



July 7, 2024  
10 a.m.  
Holy Communion

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# Gathering of the People

**Prelude**

*Lakeside Reverie* Melody Bober

**Opening Hymn** H 657

*Love divine, all loves excelling*



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

**Celebrant**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

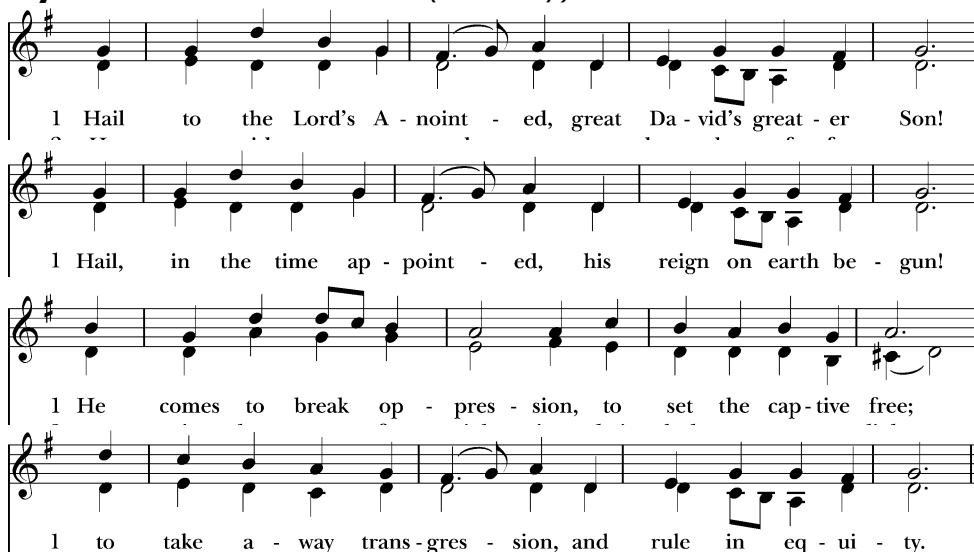
**People**

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

**Hymn of Praise** H 616

(vs 1 only)

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed*



1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 72. Music: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*, German folk song; adapt. and harm. *A Student's Hymnal*, 1923, after Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## Hebrew Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

A Reading from Ezekiel.

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \***  
**and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 **Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \***  
**for we have had more than enough of contempt,**
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

## New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

*Reader* A reading from Second Corinthians.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made

perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Sequence Hymn H 536** *Open your ears, o faithful people*

(sing vs 1&2 before the gospel, vs 3&4 after)



1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,  
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,  
 3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,  
 4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,



o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O  
 they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the  
 Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the  
 o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O



roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.  
 way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.  
 peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.  
 roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.



God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!



And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -



jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,  
 To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,



Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are  
 To - rah o - ra,



words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

"Torah ora" is Hebrew for, "The Law is our Light."

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## Holy Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

The Rev Stacy Salles

## Nicene Creed

*Please stand as you are able.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People** (Form IV)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence.*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*Please type in the Chat, or share aloud, any requests or thanksgivings you would like to offer in prayer.*

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**


*God's Peace is exchanged with one another.*

## **Liturgy of the Table**

### **Offertory Sentence**

## Offertory Music H 671 *Amazing Grace*

The congregation sings the Offertory while the Celebrant sets the table.



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
\*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright  
1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to  
1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus. Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851-1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919). Harmonization Copyright © 1974 by Abingdon Press.

## Communion Prayer

*Celebrant* God be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before you made us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our understanding, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore, we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

**Sanctus** S 124 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

What we do here, we do in imitation of what Christ first did. To his followers in every age, Jesus gave an example and command rooted in the experiences he shared with his disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

On the night on which he was betrayed, as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took bread, blessed it, and broke it. He gave it to the disciples saying, "This is my body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Later, after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine, blessed it, and gave it to the disciples saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, for the remembrance me."

So now we do as Jesus did.

**We take this bread and this wine, the gift of the earth and fruit of human labor. In these Jesus has promised to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.**

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus. And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

All this we pray, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns for ever, eternal Godhead, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

As Jesus taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**



## Breaking of the Bread *(Celebrant takes and breaks the bread.)*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy Gifts for Holy People.

## Fraction Anthem WLP 867 *The bread which we break*

The bread which we break is a shar - ing in the  
Bo - dy of Christ. We be - ing ma - ny are one  
bread, one bo - dy, for we all share in the one bread.

Music: Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Fraction Anthems, Canticles, and Chants*. Copyright © 1997 Carl Haywood.

## The Communion of the People

*No one who comes to the bread and wine seeking Christ is turned away. The words of distribution are:*

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven. *Amen.*

The Blood of Christ, the Cup of Salvation. *Amen.*

*Please join the choir in singing the Communion Music.*

## Communion Music *Instrumental*

## Announcements & Blessings of Life Events

### Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly One,  
you have graciously accepted us  
as living members of your Son  
our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Blessing

May the God who dances in creation,  
who embraces us with human love,  
who shakes our lives like thunder,  
drive us out with power to fill the world with God's love.  
And may the blessing of God the Holy Trinity  
be with you and those you love and pray for this day and always. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** WLP 780 (vs 1-2,4-5) *Lord you give the great commission*



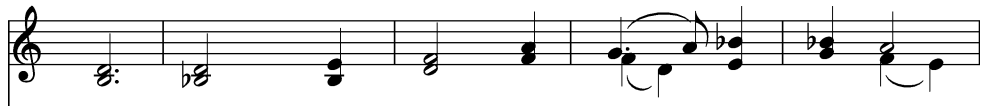
1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the  
 2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my  
 3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my  
 4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,  
 5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am



sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -  
 name bap - tize and teach." That the world may  
 bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for  
 what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as  
 with you to the end." Faith and hope and



glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -  
 trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for  
 earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -  
 pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly  
 love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -



heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose  
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us  
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us  
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us  
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,



with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty. )  
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty. )  
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 to a just so - ci - e - ty. )  
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty. )



gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Words: Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934). Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991).

**Going into the World**

**Deacon** Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, **ALLELUIA!**

**Postlude**

*This brings the worship to a close.  
All are invited for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the service.*

Ministers of Today's Service

Reader 1: **Volunteer needed**  
Reader 2: Silvia Huth  
Prayer: **Volunteer needed**  
Greeter/Usher: Leon Collins  
Zoom Host: Bekah Schulze  
Counters: Pam Hinkle & Leon Collins

Altar Guild

**Joanne Quinlan**, Carole Abshier, Gael Grossman, Anne Hamilton, Katherine Housman, Cathi Peterson, Edith Saywayne

Clergy

Bishop of Michigan: The Rt. Rev. Bonnie Perry  
Rector: The Rev. Ian Reed Twiss  
Deacon: The Rev. Dcn. Cleda Smartt

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Administrator: Teri Landreth  
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Sexton: Echo Bellows

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**IN-PERSON SERVICES**  
**Sunday 8am & 10am**  
WEEKLY ZOOM SERVICES  
**Sunday Service**  
 @ 10 AM  
**Wednesday Night Compline**  
 @ 7:45pm  
 Information and Zoom links  
 at [www.holycrossnovi.org](http://www.holycrossnovi.org)

**OFFICE SCHEDULE**

<b>Pastoral Hours</b>	<b>Teri's Hours</b>
While Ian is away, contact Rev. Cleda Smartt for pastoral emergencies. <a href="mailto:csmartt2010@yahoo.com">csmartt2010@yahoo.com</a>	Tues & Thurs 9am-3pm (In-person)  Wed 11am-5pm (Remote - call/email)

**Welcome Newcomers!**  
 Our regular pastor, Ian Reed Twiss, is away on sabbatical for the month of July. *(Clergy sabbaticals are a standard practice in the church, usually taken every 7 years.)* Meanwhile, our members and substitute clergy invite you to get to know our community and get involved as you feel moved!

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**  
 Sunday School **at 10am**. Children under age 12 are invited to meet in the Preschool Room (down the hall from the Sanctuary).

**GATHER-TRANSFORM-SEND PROCESS**  
 A team of 5 people attended the **College for Congregational Development** workshop last week. With so many newcomers in recent years, we identified a desire to assess and integrate who we are as a community. So, in the coming months we will be reaching out to do some 30-minute interviews, gather what we learn, and present it for discussion at an all-congregation coffee hour on *September 22*. If you would like to be interviewed, please reach out to Teri!

**SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY**  
 Next Meeting: August 8 - 6:30pm on Zoom  
[Link on the ministries page](#)  
[www.holycrossnovi.com](http://www.holycrossnovi.com)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE OUTREACH JAR**  
 is designated for  
**American Civil Liberties Union**

The ACLU was founded in 1920 and is our nation's guardian of liberty. The ACLU works in the courts, legislatures, and communities to defend and preserve the individual rights and liberties guaranteed to all people in this country by the Constitution and laws of the United States.

Next **Vestry** meeting: *No July Meeting*  
**August 7 - 6-8pm** on Zoom  
 Meeting minutes on our resource page at [www.holycrossnovi.org](http://www.holycrossnovi.org) Financials are always available on request from the church office.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**  
 If you would like to request a blessed prayer shawl for someone dealing with a physical or mental hardship, or celebrating one of life's blessings, let Tryn know.  
 Isabel [isabelmooney@yahoo.com](mailto:isabelmooney@yahoo.com).

**VESTRY OUTREACH**  
 We continue to support **Hospitality House Food Pantry** with personal care products in 2024: Deodorant, Shampoo, Shower & Hand Soap, Toothpaste and Sanitary Products.  
*Collection chest in the Narthex.*

**Please pray for:** Sally, Wanda, Tasha, Rhondda, Ronald, Kathy, Pam H, Tryn, Malcolm, Bill R, Greg, Marlene, Lori, Francis, Shirley, Bruce, Paul & Ann W, Jeri, Georgine, Al, Devin, the Rosa family, Christine, Gloria, Eddie, Jerry, Elisabeth, Sarah, Isabel, Colleen

*Do you have something or someone you would like us to pray for? Contact the church office or fill out the prayer request form on our Ministries page at [www.holycrossnovi.org](http://www.holycrossnovi.org).*



Make a joyful noise  
 unto the Lord  
 with the **Holy Cross Choir!**  
 No experience necessary.  
**Sundays 11:30 - 12:15.**  
 All voices welcome!

