



All Saints' Day (Observed) • The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 29, 2023

–G. K. Chesterton

Kindly silence cell phones and other devices during worship. All hymns are included on pages 5-8.

Prelude	O Sinless Lamb of God, BWV 656	Johann Sebastian Bach
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Call to Worship Psalm 34:1-10, 22

One: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

One: O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

One: Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

All: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

One: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

All: O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

One: O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

All: The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Hymn 481 (p. 5) *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* Grand Isle

Prayer of Invocation

Gloria (*Unison*)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Words of Welcome; Our Ministry and Mission

Anthem *These Are They Which Follow the Lamb* John Goss

Children's Moment

Today we will read the Sermon on the Mount, which includes the Beatitudes, from the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus begins each statement, "Blessed are..." Blessed are those who mourn, blessed are those who make peace, and so on. All of these people are blessed by God. They may not always seem so, and may be ignored by our world, but they are blessed, they are loved by God. Please remember that. Always.

Hymn 310 (p. 6) *O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be* O Quanta Qualia

Scripture Lessons

Revelation 7:9-17. ⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Matthew 5:1-12. When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Sermon

"Saints: Made or Born?"

Stephen R. Silver

Sharing of Joys and Concerns; Pastoral Prayer

As we hold community members in prayer, please exercise care and discretion when sharing. Help keep our prayer list current by contacting Rev. Silver or the church office to add or remove names.

Today we offer ongoing prayers for Pete, Arlene, Evelyn, Barbara, Gordon, Greg, Jan, Edith, Eileen, Waneta, Terry, Juanita, Dan, Ethan, Travis, Garrett, Sue, Rick, Edward, Duane, Priscilla, Ron, Lauren, and Brian.

Holy, loving God: on this Sunday we remember the saints who have gone before us, and we honor those among us. We lift up in prayer those whose love, those whose service, and those whose faithfulness have made tangible your grace and your steadfastness among us and your people. We give thanks for these saints, these women and men of faith, who have shown us how we might follow the way Jesus blazed for us. We pray this, and all the joys and concerns we hold in our hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

The 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.

Offering of Gifts

Remembering those who are without, who are in need, who are often ignored, we invite your support of our ongoing ministry in and for the community.

Offertory *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

David Willcocks

Doxology (Unison)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Gracious God, we offer our gifts this morning with gratitude and conviction, sure that you would have us do for others what you have done for us: share some of our bounty, some of our love, both here in our community and around this fallen, but still blessed, world. Amen.

Hymn 306 (p. 8) *For All the Saints*

Sine Nomine

Benediction

Postlude *Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death, BWV 625* Johann Sebastian Bach

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Leading Worship This Week

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor
Ernie Drown, Organ • The FCC Choir • Chris Chase, Liturgist
Bob Ross and Gail Wasson, Ushers • Barb Jones, Zoom Greeter

If you wish to have a joy, concern, or prayer request lifted up in the service, or if you know of someone who may need special prayers, a card or phone call, or some other form of pastoral care, please email prayer@fccleb.org or speak with Rev. Silver directly.

New Covenant Members to be Received— Sunday, November 5

Have you found a welcoming community of people and a spiritually nourishing church home here? Would you like to get more involved in our programs and events? **If so, you are warmly invited to join our church as a covenant member.**

If you are interested in this invitation or have questions about membership, please speak with the Rev. Steve Silver—or, actually, anyone else!—after the service at coffee hour.

Do Your Part to Fill the Cart!—LISTEN Visiting November 5

Greater Lebanon continues to struggle with poverty and food insecurity, and we are resuming the collection of items in our shopping cart in the Parish Hall, to support a variety of beneficiaries.

CURRENT BENEFICIARY—LISTEN COMMUNITY SERVICES

A representative from LISTEN will visit us during worship on November 5 to tell us more about the organization's current needs and local programs. Please consider a donation of non-perishable food or personal-care items, at anytime before that date.

Direct financial contributions to any Upper Valley service organization are always needed and much appreciated. Thanks for fighting local poverty and hunger!

Neighbors in Need: Behold!—Last Call for Special UCC Offering

The UCC's Neighbors in Need program supports ministries of justice and compassion across the country. Two-thirds of the collection funds the UCC's **Justice and Witness Ministries** in local and national initiatives, advocacy efforts, and the fight against systemic injustice. The rest goes to the **Council for American Indian Ministry**, a voice for Native Americans in the UCC, sustaining a proud denominational tradition of support. **This year, NIN focuses on environmental justice, addressing the egregious inequities and ecological harm of waste-disposal practices worldwide.**

Please contribute as you're able to this vital mission program, by cash or check (payable to FCC, memo "Neighbors in Need") or online at www.ucc.org/nin. Thank you!

Lesbia Scott, 1898- , alt.

GRAND ISLE Irregular
John H. Hopkins, 1861-1945*In unison*

1 I sing a song of the saints of God Pa-tient and brave and true,
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, And his love made them strong;
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, There are hun-dreds of thou-sands still;

Who toiled and fought and lived and died For the Lord they loved and
 And they fol-lowed the right, for Je - sus' sake, The whole of their good lives
 The world is bright with the joy-ous saints Who love to do Je - sus'

knew. And one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, And
 long. And one was a sol - dier, and one was a priest, And
 will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, In

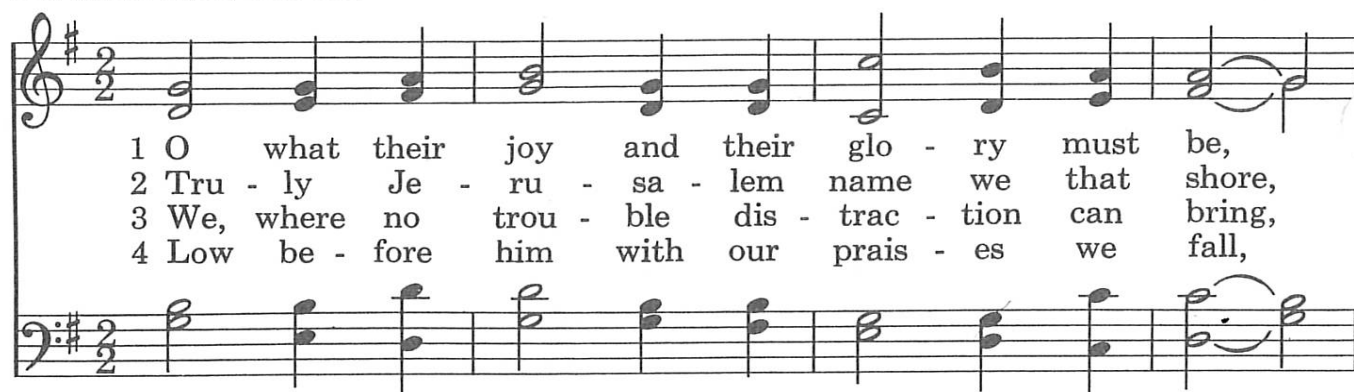
one was a shep-herd-ess on the green: They were all of them
 one was slain by a fierce wild beast: And there's not an - y
 church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; For the saints of

saints of God, and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 rea - son, no, not the least, Why I shouldn't be one too.
 God are just folk like me, And I mean to be one too.

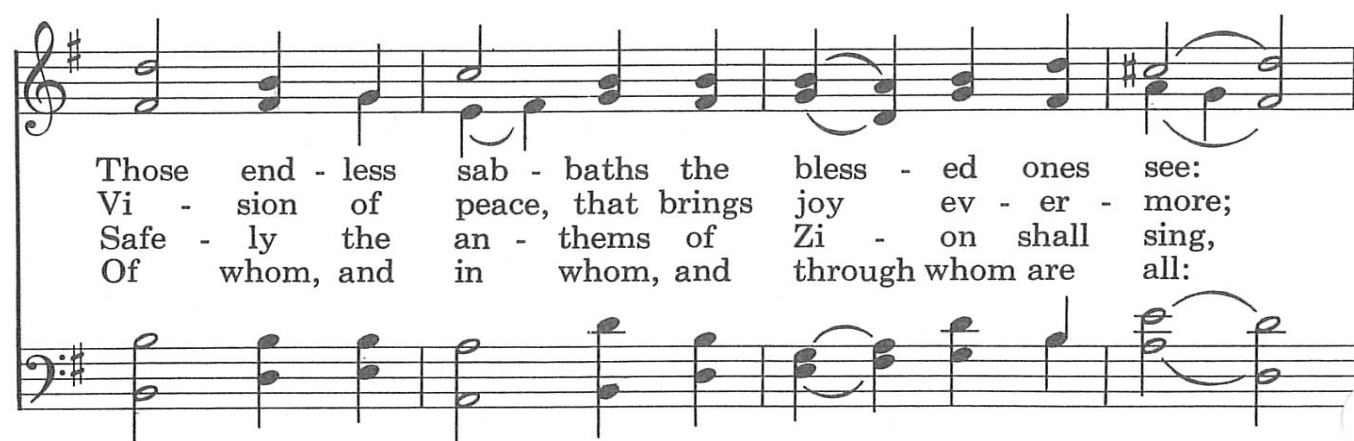
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Peter Abelard, 1079-1142
Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866

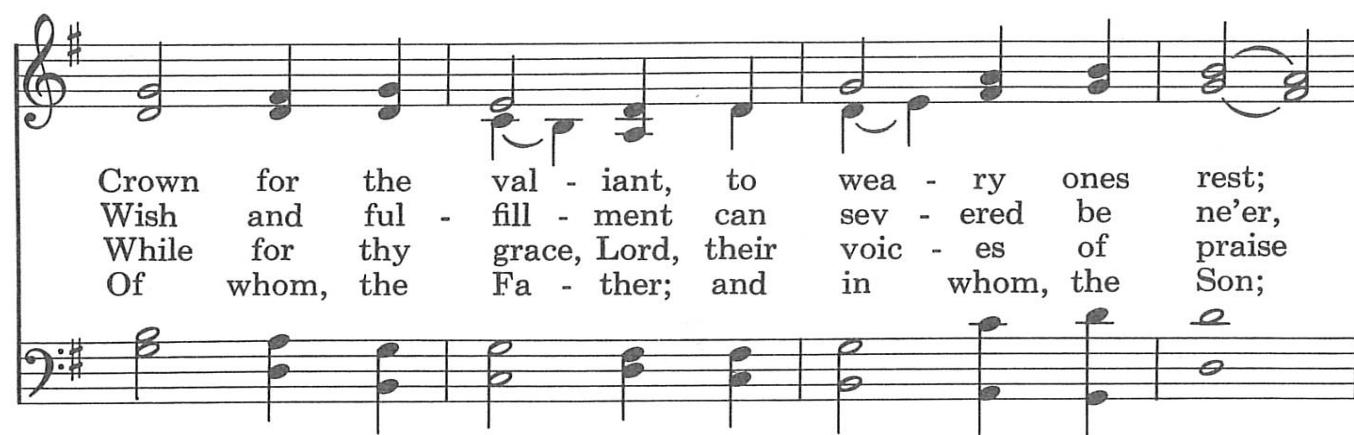
O QUANTA QUALIA 10.10.10.10.
La Feillée's "Méthode du Plain-chant," 1808



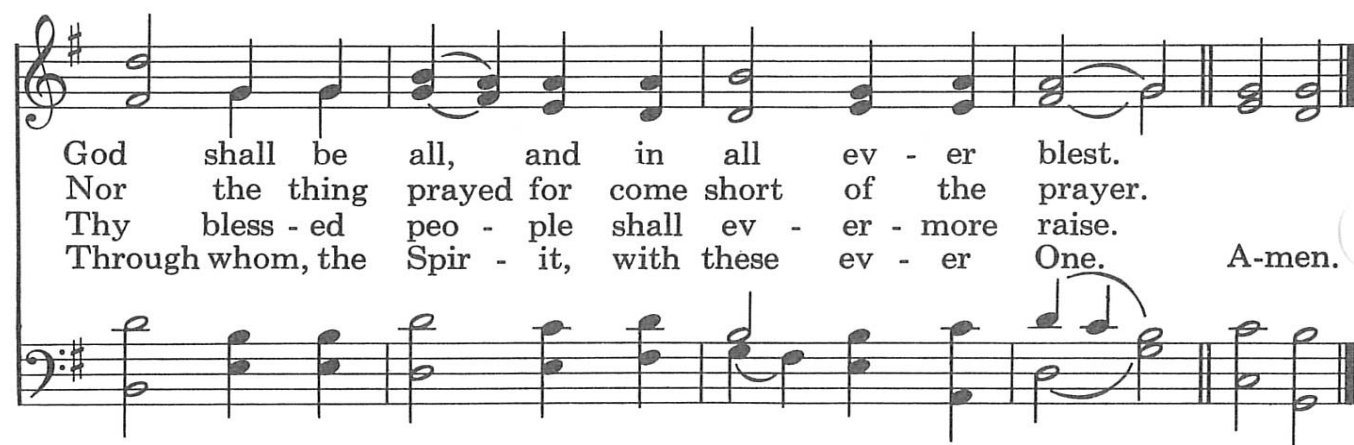
1 O what their joy and their glo - ry must be,
2 Tru - ly Je - ru - sa - lem name we that shore,
3 We, where no trou - ble dis - trac - tion can bring,
4 Low be - fore him with our prais - es we fall,



Those end - less sab - baths the bless - ed ones see:
Vi - sion of peace, that brings joy ev - er - more;
Safe - ly the an - thems of Zi - on shall sing,
Of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all:



Crown for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest;
Wish and ful - fill - ment can sev - ered be ne'er,
While for thy grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise
Of whom, the Fa - ther; and in whom, the Son;



God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.
Nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.
Thy bless - ed peo - ple shall ev - er - more raise.
Through whom, the Spir - it, with these ev - er One. A-men.

By All Your Saints Still Striving 325

Capo 5: (Dm) (F) (Am) (G) (Dm)

Gm B \flat Dm C Gm

1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your
 2 We praise you for the Bap - tist, fore - run - ner
 3 All praise, O Lord, for An - drew, the first to
 4 For Mag - da - lene we praise you, stead - fast at
 5 We pray for saints we know not, for saints still

(F) (Am) (C) (Am)
 B \flat Dm F Dm

saints at rest, your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for -
 of the Word, our true E - li - jah, mak - ing a
 wel - come you, whose wit - ness to his broth - er named
 cross and tomb. Your "Mar - y!" in the gar - den dis -
 yet to be, for grace to bear true wit - ness and

(C) (F) (G) (C) (Am)
 F B \flat C F Dm

ev - er - more be blessed! For those passed on be -
 high - way for the Lord. The last and great - est
 you Mes - si - ah true. May we, with hearts kept
 pelled her tears and gloom. A - pos - tle to the a -
 serve you faith - ful - ly, till all the ran - somed

(F) (Em) (C) (G) (Em) (Bm)
 B \flat Am F C Am Em

fore us, we sing our praise a - new and, walk - ing
 proph - et, he saw the dawn - ing ray of light that
 o - pen to you through - out the year pro - claim to
 pos - tles, she ran to spread the word. Send us to
 num - ber who stand be - fore the throne as - crite all

(Dm) (Am) (Em) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
 Gm Dm Am Gm Am Dm

in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.
 grows in splen - dor un - til the per - fect day.
 friend and neigh - bor your ad - vent ev - er near.
 shout the good news that we have seen the Lord!
 power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected and adapted from a much longer hymn by the nephew of the famous naval hero whose name he shares; it was intended for use on saints' days observed by the Church of England. The tune name honors the Norfolk seaport town where the tune was collected.

TEXT: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1864, alt.

MUSIC: English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

KING'S LYNN

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For All the Saints

First Tune

William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.
R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

In unison

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who thee by faith be -
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might: Thou, Lord, their cap-tain
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith-ful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who
 4 O blest com-mun - ion, fel - low-ship di - vine! We fee-bly strug-gle,
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, Steals on the ear the

fore the world con-fessed, Thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.
 no - bly fought of old, And win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold.
 they in glo - ry shine; Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 dis-tant tri-umph song, And hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A-men.



The Anonymous Coffeehouse—Fridays, Oct. 27, Nov. 10 and 24, Dec. 1 and 15, all 7:30 pm

Our comfy community venue for live folk music is thriving in its fourth season! An informal “listening room” for emerging musicians, each show features several acoustic acts. Come and go as you please; food and drink available. *Free admission. For performers and more, visit anoncoffee.org.*

UVMC Presents Ensemble Halcyon—Saturday, October 28, at 5:00 pm

As part of a day-long workshop in early music, the Upper Valley Music Center offers this concert by Ensemble Halcyon—Chris Rua and Sarah Cantor on recorders, Jane Hershey on viola da gamba, and our own Ernie Drown on harpsichord. Reception to follow! *Adults \$20, more at uvmusic.org.*

Classicopia: The Mendelssohns and the Schumanns—Sunday, October 29, at 2:00 pm

Cellist Jacques-Pierre Malan joins pianist Dan Weiser to explore the connections between these two musical families in the early-Romantic period. While the men gained wider fame, Felix’s sister

Fanny and Robert’s wife Clara also distinguished themselves from a young age as composers, performers, and musical advocates. Tenor Brian Clancy joins Dan for an excerpt from Robert Schumann’s beloved song cycle *Dichterliebe*. *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15; more at classicopia.org.*

Classicopia: Four-Hand Holiday—Sunday, December 3, at 2:00 pm

Pianists and longtime friends Daniel Weiser and Philip Liston-Kraft renew this seasonal tradition with a delightful selection of favorites in exciting, four-hand arrangements. *Adults \$20, FCC members \$15; more at classicopia.org.*

Bel Canto Chamber Singers—Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7:00 / Sunday, Dec. 10, at 4:00

Director Jane Woods leads Bel Canto in its ever-popular holiday program. *Program details TBA. Adults \$15, students \$10, under 13 free; for more, visit www.belcantosingers.org.*

Upper Valley Music Center Messiah Sing!—Sunday, December 17, at 3:30 pm

UVMC brings back its annual performance of G. F. Handel’s beloved oratorio, with student soloists and chamber orchestra. All welcome to join the chorus (scores available!) or just listen.

Fee \$15 choral/orchestral participants; suggested \$10 audience donation. More at uvmusic.org.

Stewardship Sunday is November 19

Our annual stewardship appeal will soon be in the mail, and you are invited to prayerfully consider your commitment to FCC’s mission and ministry in the coming year. In three weeks, we will gratefully dedicate our 2024 pledges together in worship.



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Weekly Worship Resources Enclosed!

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Welcome!

We are a Christ-centered community that celebrates the love of God. Although we are of varied minds, with varying measures of belief and unbelief, we are one body, bound together in Christ. We recognize the uniqueness of every individual as God's beloved child. We seek to respond faithfully to God's call for justice for all creation. We strive in word and deed to be faithful to Jesus' model of loving acceptance. We seek to create a sanctuary where all will know they are welcome and included.

No matter your age, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, race or ethnicity, physical or mental ability, or economic circumstance, you are invited into the full life and ministry of First Congregational Church of Lebanon, including its worship, sacraments, and rites.

Join us as we grow together in God's love.

First Congregational Church of Lebanon

The Rev. Stephen R. Silver, Pastor

Ernie Drown, Organist and Choir Director • Brian Clancy, Church Administrator

Jon Scott, Chair of Church Council • Linda Gerlach, Chair of Deacons • Barbara Jones, Moderator

Church Office Hours: Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9:00-12:00 (or by appointment as needed)

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