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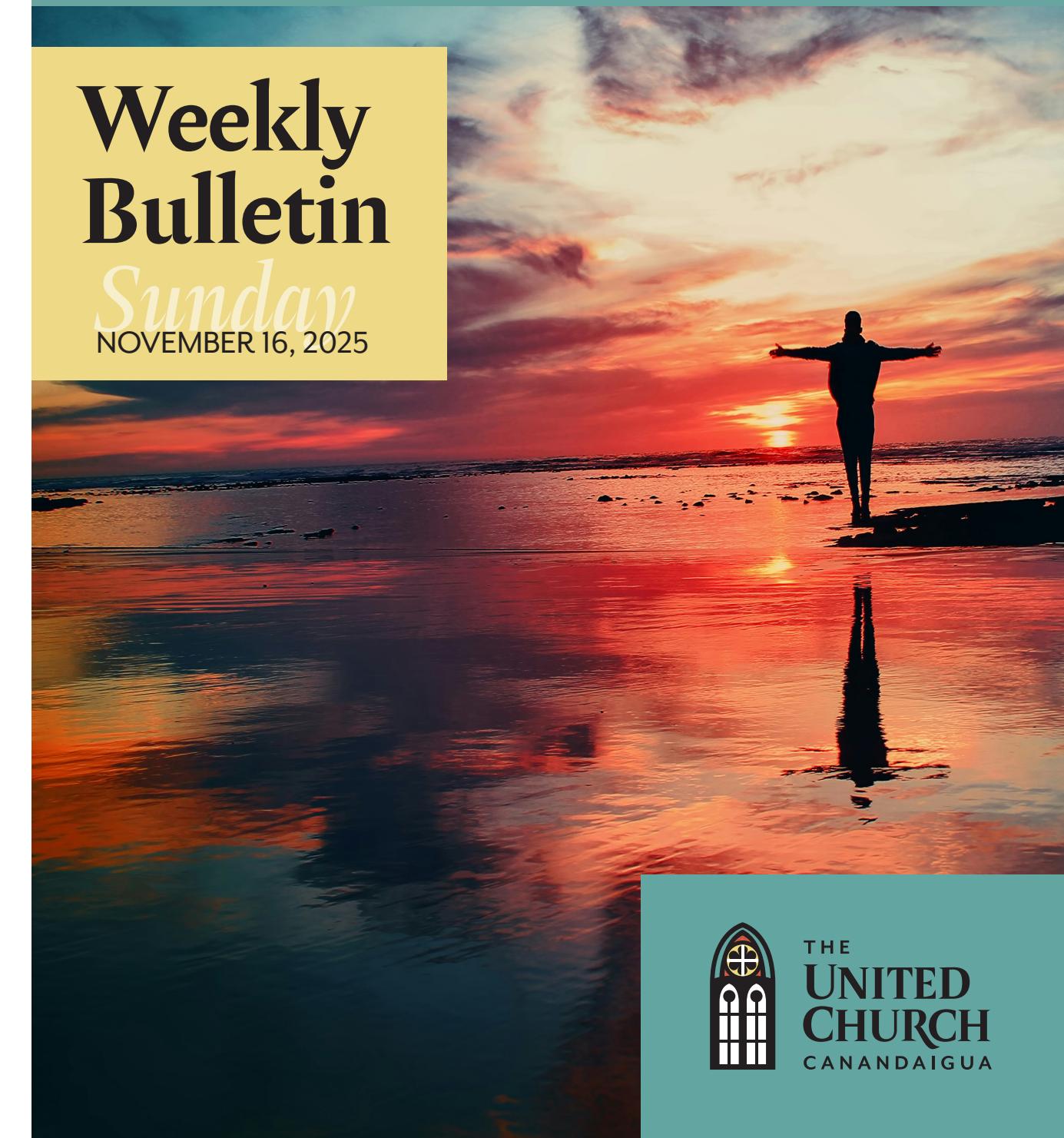
David Russell

WELCOME TO THE UNITED CHURCH

# Weekly Bulletin

## Sunday

NOVEMBER 16, 2025



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Order of Worship for  
NOVEMBER 16, 2025



Welcome! The United Church is a Presbyterian/American Baptist congregation. We hope you enjoy your visit and let us know if we can help you in any way.

**PRELUDE:** "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" by Dieterich Buxtehude

### WELCOME AND GREETING TO OUR ONLINE CONGREGATION

### OUR PREPARATION

Focus of the Day: Since this world is temporary, live for what lasts forever

**INTROIT:** (11:00) "A Prayer of Thanks"

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: This world and everything in it will pass away

People: But God's promises endure forever

Leader: We gather as people who are just passing through

People: Our true home is with the Lord

Leader: Let us worship the God who makes all things new

People: And calls us to live for what lasts forever

All: Come, let us worship with hearts set on eternity

**\*HYMN #517: "The Solid Rock"**

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**\*OPENING PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, we come before You as people living in a temporary world, seeking to invest our hearts in what will last forever. Help us to live with eternal perspective, making every effort to be found ready when Christ returns. We pray this in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray ... 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.

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

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, Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI: #807**

### GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH THE WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 6:19-21 (page 960) {A.B. page 1058}

**ANTHEM:** (11:00) "Speak, O Lord" arr. McDonald (words on insert) United Church Choir

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** (11:00)

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Psalm 102:25-28 (page 595) {A.B. page 669}

### Sermon

"Living for What Lasts Forever"

(2 Peter 3:11-16)

Pastor Wade Allen

### OUR RESPONSE IN FAITH

**\*HYMN #367: "Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment"**

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERTORY:** Meditation on "Day by Day"

**\*DOXOLOGY: #809**

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

**\*HYMN #679: "When We All Get to Heaven"**

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense" by Paul Manz

\* indicates an invitation to stand for those who are able and comfortable doing so.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**Health concerns:** Marion Sumpter, Julia Nayar (niece of Karen Gardner), Scott Smail (friend of Kathleen Boniak), Sheila Henderson, John DiVincenzo (friend of Steve Simpson), unborn daughter of Laura & Conner Fry (heart issues, relatives of VanIseghems), Wendy Stoddard, Braeden Flynn, Shirley Kem, Phil Greene (Sharon Meyer's brother), Pastor Debbie Kamm (pastor at Dundee Baptist), Kathleen (Wanda Munt's daughter), Emma Sanford (granddaughter of Karen), Shane Collins (from LeTourneau), Brooke Covey (friend of Parsons), Daniel Zimmerman (nephew of Wendy Bacon), Rodney Newfrock (friend of Elaine Allen), Jack Bigos, Everest & Carly Ferrante (family of Ardelle Bigos), Deanna and Brexten Stocker (friends of Ardelle Bigos), Karen Mount, James Sheppard, Linda Gilbert, Jessica Canham (Sharyn's daughter), Mary Jane Laird, Denice Bailey Tautges, Tom Babcock (friend of Jenny Caron), Erik Keating (son of Al and Dawn Rossi), Louise Huck, Catherine Kurzdorfer (Adam Thorman's mother), Marcus (friend of Sandi DiCicco), Denise Loy (friend of Kory Massey), Steve Sedlock (Nancy Tharp's brother), Clancy Cragle (Michelle's grandfather), Jack Schermond

**Cancer:** Mallory Long (friend of Sharon Erb), Daniel Cage (friend of Wade Allen), Karen Linder (niece of Joyce Laursen), Sue Whybra and Rod Gifford (cousins of Joyce Laursen), Kathy Cool (daughter-in-law of the Pecks), Sophie Snyder (friend of Amelia Cunningham), Chris Alexander (Carolyn Russell's brother), Joy Mickelsen Oliver (friend of Joy Van Riper), Sarah Hough (daughter of Dianne Beaumont), Walter Enright (friend of Ardelle Bigos), Jon VanBlargan, Laura Fiorito (daughter of Charles and Patti Cagwin), Christina Tharp (daughter of John and Nancy), Douglas Cook (Jen Eveleigh's brother), Keith Laursen (Joyce's brother-in-law), Sasha (friend of Megan French), John Tornow (friend of Elaine Allen), Susan Hennessy (Jen Eveleigh's sister), Rich Crowley (Steve and Beth Smythe's friend), Tom and Monica Yurik (Bruce and Deb Gardner's friends), Deb Dawson (Steve Smythe's niece), Roderick Simonds (father of Natalie Clark), Dawn Miller, David Pagoda (Eveleigh family friend), Jim Davis (Scott's father), Stephen Carges (Paula Traber's brother)

**Fire Recovery:** Earl and June Pettit

**Military Service:** Nicholas DelVillano (Frye's son-in-law) USAF stationed in Germany, JJ Callard (USN), US Army LT1 Andrew Marlin (Tyler Bosecks husband) home from deployment, LTJG Nick Castiller (USN), MAC Adam Thorman (USN), E6 Cody Wells (USN) home from deployment, TSgt Timothy Peck (USAF)

**Missionaries:** Carlos Bonilla & Mayra Giovantti – the BGs (Central/South America), Christy Lafferty (Nicaragua), Leodegario Hernandez & Maria Angela Bautista (Bacalar, Mexico pastoral couple).

## We want your Feedback!

Thank you for the feedback we have received. We want to continue to hear from you, so please share your thoughts or questions on the Feedback Pew Cards or contact us at [feedback@uccdga.org](mailto:feedback@uccdga.org).

## Highlights for This Week

- **Adult & Young Adult Sunday School:** New classes and groups start **TODAY** (9:45am start)
  - **Choir Group** - Room 26 (2nd floor), ends by 10:25am. "Case for Christmas" Advent Study by Max Lucado
  - **Parenting Coffee Hour** - Fellowship Room (1st floor). Focus on Advent. Read the rest of the bulletin for more info!
  - **Bible Study - James** - Downstairs Dining Hall. A 10-week study using a Max Lucado study book.
  - **"Dig Deeper" Young Adult Bible Study** - Bell Tower (with occasional coffee shop outings!) - A deep study of selected passages in Romans (using the SOAP method).
- We need a grocery shopper for Youth Club beginning in January. This volunteer role is shared with another person so that you don't have to shop every week. Shoppers are given a detailed list of needs and asked to shop on Mondays or Tuesdays. Interested? Please see Deb Marshall.
- **Calling All Parents!** Sundays, from 9:45-10:45am, our Parenting Coffee Hour is your time to connect, recharge, and refocus. You are welcome to join us on any Sunday that works for your schedule. We'd especially love to see you on **Sunday, November 23**, as we talk about **Advent** (which begins November 30) and share practical ways to keep our families focused on **Christ** throughout the Christmas season. Come for the coffee, stay for the encouragement — and don't miss your **special gift** just for parents who join us on **November 23**!
- Mark your calendar...**Sunday, November 30** - Intergenerational Sunday school at 9:45am in the downstairs dining room. We will not be having a regular breakfast, but we need a few people to bring baked goods - please let Deb or Mark know if you plan to bring something.
- **Advent Books** - Check out the Advent devotional and educational books in the Welcome Center! Sign up for the book you would like, and it will be ordered for you.
- **Our Greeter/Coordinator for November: Bev F.** Please contact Bev if you need help signing up. We've opened up the sign-ups for the remainder of 2025!

## Are You Visiting Us Today?

If so, WELCOME to the United Church, we are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us. We invite you to pick up a tan bag (with the United Church logo on it) for yourself/your family to take home and to learn a little bit more about us. **We are so happy that you joined us today and look forward to seeing you again soon!**



## Nursery Care

The nursery is open for parent use during the early service. We no longer staff the nursery during the 8:45 service, but it can be used for diaper changes or feeding infants as needed. **Nursery care** is offered during the late service. We use Room 10 (infants) and Room 11 (preschool) during the 11:00 am service.

## Children's Time

Children's Time meets after the Children's Sermon. Children aged Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate. Parents, please pick up your children **promptly** after the service. (Please note: Kids in 6th grade and up are asked to remain in the service with their families. Thank you!)



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please join us for knitting, this Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Room. All skill levels are welcome!

## Do You Have a Background in Care

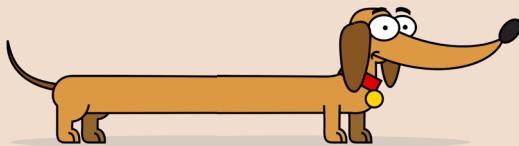
- looking for guidance?

Our Care Ministry is building a confidential **Care Referral/Professional Knowledge Contact List** to help connect members with resources such as assisted living, therapy, or counseling. You would not be asked to take on responsibilities--only to offer guidance, referrals, or suggestions when needs arise. If interested, please contact Christy Allen, Director of Care Ministry.

## Stewardship and Pledging

**Stewardship season is underway!** The new pledge forms for 2026 were mailed out in early October and there are extras on the Welcome Center desk. They can be returned over the next few weeks to the offering plate or the box in the Welcome Center or you can mail them into the office. You can also submit a pledge form digitally by following this link:  
<http://bit.ly/48BcbNw> or scan the code to the right.

We have a goal of getting **125 families** to return pledge forms, and we're up to **64!** Watch the main office and the Sunday bulletins for our progress towards this goal!



(meet Oscar, the dog,  
and our mascot for this season)

You may have noticed that I'm putting fewer email addresses, phone numbers, and last names in some of the bulletin (and Lamplighter) announcements. This is an effort to protect church members from scammers and bots that farm data from online publications and use it maliciously. You can always contact the church office if you don't have contact info for the people named. (New directories should be here before Christmas!) I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If this proves too troublesome and/or doesn't help the issue, we may backtrack.  
~ Carolyn (Office Manager/scam slayer)

## Missions Let the light of Christ shine through you in service to others...

**Volunteers Needed** at "Foodlink's Pop-up Food Pantry" **tomorrow...November 17th** from **9:00am-11:00am** at the Town of Canandaigua Highway Barn, 5440 Route 5&20.

## A 2026 Mexico Mission Team has formed!

Join us **today** in the fellowship room at **noon** to learn more and/or join our team.



## Food Cart & Card Ministry Location

The black collection wagon is in the Missions Collection Center in the south side of the newly remodeled Fellowship Room. We continue to collect needed food staples for **CCIA (Canandaigua Churches in Action)** and the **Salvation Army food pantry**. Our donations continue to be needed. Thank you for so generously sharing out of what God has provided for you. The **hand-made cards** that benefit Missions are also available there. Pop in after church to select some. Questions? See Mary Lou or Cathy B.

## Winter Wear Drive

As the air gets frosty, people in our community need your help staying warm! The United Church is partnering with CCIA in collecting **new or gently used coats and warm socks and gloves of all sizes**. Items must be clean and easily washed. Please leave your donations in the collection bin in the Mission Center. Thank you! ~ Missions Collection Team



## Thank you!

A big thank you to the congregation for stepping up to help those in our community in need. At the moment it looks like SNAP benefits have been put in place for November and with the re-opening of the government, December should be fine. All food and gift cards donated will be well used and appreciated!



## Christmas Angel Tree

Look for the Christmas Angel Tree tags **next Sunday** in the Welcome Center! It's a quick turn around! **Wrapped items are due back by December 7!!!!** Thank you ahead of time for caring for others.

## Congratulations to Linda Werts!

Linda was honored as one of the 6 nominees for this year's **Ontario County Athena Leadership Awards** for her work as co-founder of **Called to Care, Canandaigua**.

## Silent Auction 2026!

More information coming soon.

**Please Print Legibly**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettias at \$11.50 each.  
They are given in Memory or Honor (circle one) of:



1. Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Honor/Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Place this in the offering plate WITH your cash in an envelope or check made payable to  
"The United Church".

List in the memo section "Poinsettias". You may also mail it in or bring to the church office.

**ORDERS MUST BE IN NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7.**

You may pick up your poinsettia(s) after church on Christmas Eve or on Dec 28th. Thank you!

## Advent/ Christmas Decorating Event

### The Advent Season will soon be upon us!

Come join your church family on **Sunday Nov. 23rd** for a festive time of **decorating our Church** for the Advent Season. We will start at **4 pm** with children making a take home "Chrismon" ornament ( like the ornaments on our Church tree) and decorating Christmas cut out cookies. At **5 pm** we will join The Cause and High Schoolers in the Sanctuary for a Christmas themed worship and music service. At **5:15** we will begin decorating the sanctuary.

When we are finished decorating we can move to the fellowship room to enjoy a bite to eat and refreshments. We should wind up the night around **6:30**. All are welcome!! A sign up sheet will be on welcome desk. Please sign up to participate **by November 16th**. This will be a fun way to start the Season!



## More Holiday Dates to Put on the Calendar

*Watch the December Lamplighter and bulletin board for more details...*



**November 27-28** Office closed for Thanksgiving  
**Friday, December 5** Christmas Organ Concert featuring Duane Prill, 7:00 pm

**Saturday, December 6** Finger Lakes Symphony Orchestra concert, 4:00 pm

**Sunday, December 7** The Bell Choir will play during 11:00 worship service

**Saturday, December 13** Pageant rehearsal (9-10:30 am) and Mall Trip (6-12 graders)

**Sunday, December 14** Christmas Pageant (10:00) and Birthday cake for Jesus

**Sunday, December 21** Christmas Cantata (one service only at 11:00 am)

**Wednesday, December 24**, Christmas Eve service at 7:00 pm

**Sunday, December 28** Prayer Service (one service only at 11:00 am)

**December 24-January 2** Office closed for holiday (staff working from home)

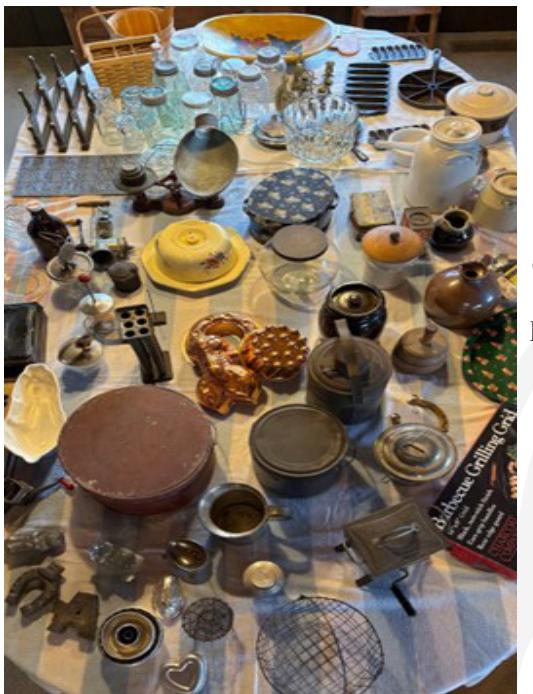
## “Estate Sale” to Support Missions -- Nov 22

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, you are invited to an event that will help support the Missions projects of our church. Beth and Paul Johnson are moving to

Maryland to be near family and will be offering a number of **antiques, household utensils and holiday decor, tools, and garden items** from their home. No prices will be marked; instead you are asked to make a financial donation of cash or check to “The United Church” indicating “Missions” on the memo line.



The “sale” will be held at 4638 Kear Road, Canandaigua (in Bristol) on **Saturday, November 22, from 9:00 to 3:00.** For directions or questions, call the Johnsons at (585) 396-3114. Contribute to God’s work through this one-time opportunity!



## Speak, O Lord

by Getty and Townsend/arr. McDonald

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word;  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the Light of Christ may be seen  
Today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all  
Your purposes for Your glory

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
Eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truth unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your Church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.