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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, August 1, 2021

9:30 a.m.

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 13
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Tranquillamente*

M. J. Fischer

***OPENING HYMN:** "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The Spirit of God calls to us,

PEOPLE: With sighs too deep for words

Leader: The Spirit of God calls to us,

PEOPLE: Claiming us,

Leader: Summoning us to become more than we now are.

ALL: Calling us by name: God's children.**

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison**

May God continue to create a world of equality and just living
where the whole of creation enjoys life at its fullest.

Where there is neither the ruler and the ruled;
nor the powerful and powerless; nor the dominant and dominated,
but where all experience grace and live happily,

knowing that it is God, the Giver of Life, who cares for all of us.^{##} Amen

A prayer from the Philippines

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

O God of love, God of power, we have heard your promises of abundant life and have been afraid to believe them. We have worshiped you with our lips but have reserved parts of ourselves for our own purposes and plans. We are bound by our need for absolute certainty and so we often miss your living presence in the surprises of life. Renew us by turning our trust to you again.** Amen.

~ silence ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a

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When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but

one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan said to David, "Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die.

HERE ENDS THE READING. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 6:24-35

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So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

HERE ENDS THE READING. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

A GIFT OF MUSIC: *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness* Text by Johann Franck 1649
Translated by: Catherine Winkworth 1863
Tune: Schmuecke Dich Johann Crueger 1649

MEDITATION: “Choose Your Bread”

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation and Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE GREETING OF PEACE~unison

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

***CLOSING HYMN:** “There's A Wideness In God's Mercy”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Moderato*

U. L. Kirnberger

*Those who are able, please stand.

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In Our Prayers This Week are: Heather Rowe-Purcell, Onna & Sam Gott, Ben & Cole Purcell, Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, David Bellonio, Marlene Bellonio, Stefan McKosky, Linda Shannon, Joyce Bellonio, Betsy Gumbart, the family of Joe DeLuca, and the family of John Dockendorff.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Erin Mahoney 08/01, Caitlin Elizabeth Thalken 08/02, Jennifer Lucibelli 08/03, William Adams 08/05, Brie Rose 08/06, Linda Rankin 08/08.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Jim & Leslie Dockendorff 08/01, Rebecca & Alan Conley 08/04, Barbara & Richard Massey 08/05, LaVala & Kevin Rossi 08/07.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free Kenmore Gas Range

A friend of the church has a 30” Kenmore Gas Stove that she is looking to “Re-home”. The Stove is in good working condition and free to anyone who needs it. Please call the church office at (203) 239-5691 if you are interested, or know anyone that needs a stove.

Covenant to Care: Back Pack Project- Due to church Sunday, August 8th

Is it Time to Think About School Again, Really? Yes, Really. The school busses are not yet parked in the bus lot having completed the 2020-2021 school year, yet it is time for this faith community to prepare the children who will be hopping on them again for the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

We do this through our long commitment with Covenant to Care for Children, for children identified by our DCF social worker contact, Brett Stephen, as those being in-particular need. When names disappear from the list it is always hoped that it is because their family circumstances have improved, and it is saddening when the same names appear time after time.

We once again will use the gift card method for accomplishing our mission. Please buy a gift card or cards in the amount of \$25 at Target or Walmart and send them or leave them at the church. Alternatively, you can send a check in any amount you want to give to the church identified as being for the backpack project and we will buy the gift cards. Please have these into the church by **SUNDAY, AUGUST 8TH**.

This may seem early, but just as the busses need to be serviced and ready for the new school year we too, need to be able to accommodate the schedules of people involved and have the gift cards to the families of the children in time to buy their own supplies for schools that have different re-opening dates.

May the children, teachers, school support staff, and the parents who have in many instances had to support virtual learning have a good rest and have their engines ready to go in the fall.

Habitat For Humanity Work Day Aug 14

We are gathering a group of volunteers to work with Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven on **Saturday, Aug. 14, 9am-3:30pm**. We will be working at 603 and 611 Middletown Avenue – just over the town line! **We need 7 volunteers** to fill our group of 10. To sign up go to habitatgnh.org, click on Get Involved, drop down to volunteering as a group activity, click on the VolunteerUP button. Questions? Call Scott Morrow.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	8/1	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream)
Monday	8/2		
Tuesday	8/3	6:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	8/4	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN ReOpening (Zoom)
Thursday	8/5	6:30 p.m.	Mothers of Twins (CH)
Friday	8/6	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	8/7		
Sunday	8/8	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

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MISSION

Our church's mission is to bind ourselves with Jesus Christ in:

- Worship together;
- Nurture of Christian discipleship; and
- Compassionate service to our community and beyond.

VISION

We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed Mission Teams.

VALUES

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

*OPENING HYMN: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

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The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: Eb, Ab, Eb, Fm, F, Bb. Lyrics: 1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, 2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood, 3 We taste your ev - er - liv - ing bread, 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay,

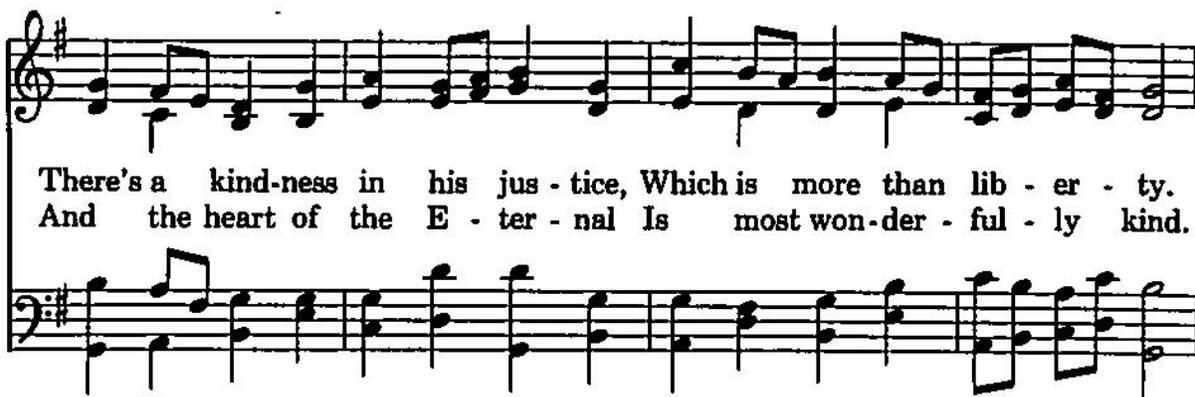
System 2: Chords: Bb, Bb/C, Bb7, Eb, Dm, F7, Bb. Lyrics: the fount of life, the light of all you plead with all to call on you, and long to feast up - on you still, make all our mo - ments calm and bright,

System 3: Chords: Bb7, Fm, Bb7, Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb7, Eb. Lyrics: from ev - ery bliss that earth im - parts we to those who seek you, you are good, to we drink of you, the foun - tain - head, our chase the bleak night of sin a - way, shed

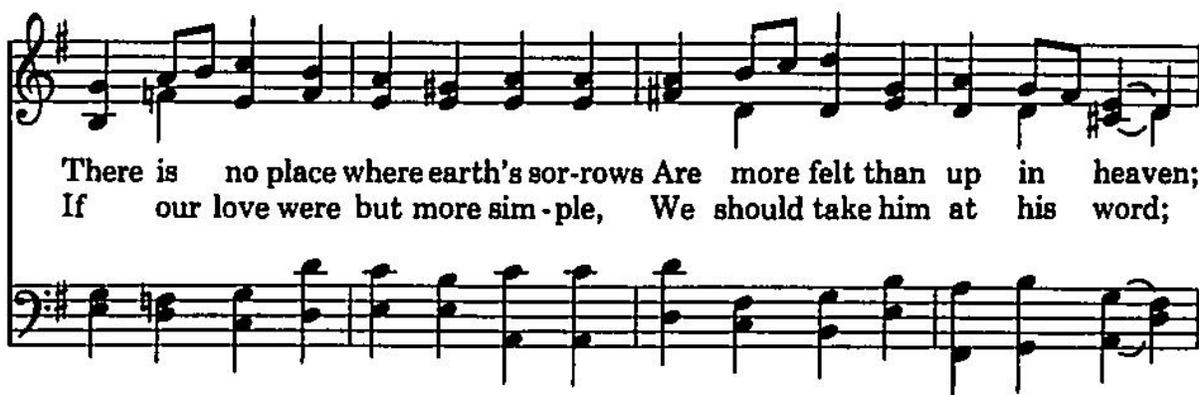
System 4: Chords: Bb, Cm, Bb7, Eb, Fm, Bb, Eb. Lyrics: turn, un - filled, to hear your call. those who find you, life is new. thirst - ing souls from you we fill. o'er the world your ho - ly light.



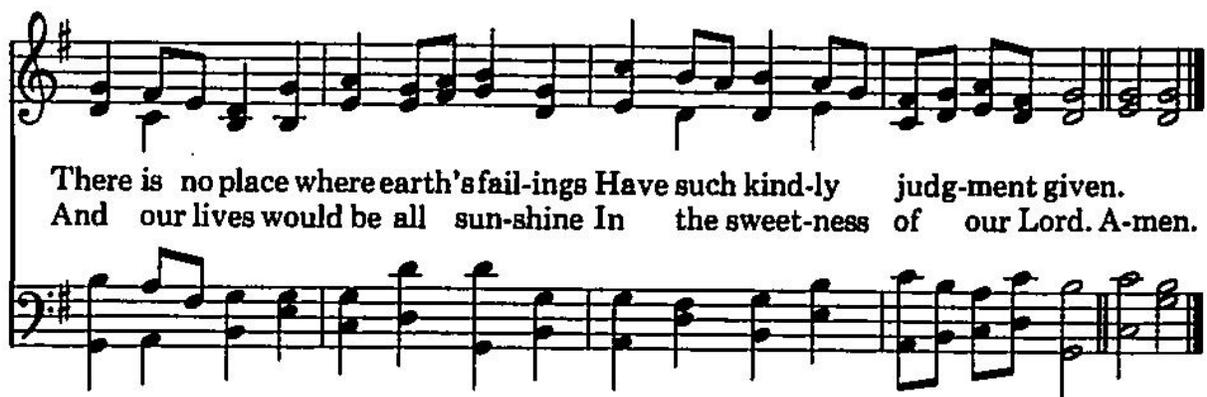
1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas - ure of man's mind;



There's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more sim - ple, We should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
And our lives would be all sun-shine In the sweet-ness of our Lord. A-men.