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

**Sunday, July 31, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 13**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Allemande* in C minor

J. S. Bach

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” V216

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Life can sometimes be very difficult.

**PEOPLE: We look around and wonder where God is.**

Leader: In the midst of our trials and tribulations, God is with us.

**PEOPLE: God surrounds us with love and courage.**

Leader: Come, let us praise God for God’s abiding presence.

**ALL: Lord, thank you for always being with us, even when we  
don’t recognize your loving presence. Amen.**

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

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children living in war, turmoil, and displacement. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, so that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. Amen.

Reverend Said Ailabouni

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison**

O Lord, you bind us together in love, to learn, to be healed, to grow, to serve. Be with us this day and open our hearts to the amazing opportunities to help others through the gifts we possess. In Jesus’ glorious name, we pray. Amen.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (*trespasses*)**

Organ Amen

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.

Vindicate me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence and go around your altar, O Lord, singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds.

O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

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

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Matthew 16:20-28 P. 1164

Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

**\*HYMN:** "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

V658

**SERMON:** "The Cost of Discipleship"

Rev. Jeanette Cooper Hicks

# PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Organ Response

## 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

## GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

\***CLOSING HYMN:** “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”V507

## \*THE BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** *Sinfonia* in C minor

J. S. Bach

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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We welcome the Rev. Jeanette Cooper Hicks as guest preacher and  
worship leader.

**Deacon** is Jim Bennett. **Scripture Reader** is Doris Ferner. **Greeter** is  
Mary Johnston. **Fellowship Hour** does not have a host.

**Today’s flowers** are given by the Baldino family. They would like to  
dedicate the flowers in memory of Richard Chandler, Sr., who was  
Sue’s grandfather and Saydee & Siennas great-grandfather. He passed  
away on June 27th at age 95. We will all miss him dearly and are  
grateful to have had him in our lives as long as we did.

**Church Staff:** All the Members, Ministers to the World

The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor

Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children

Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music

Julie Schweickert, Office Manager

Todd Swarney, Sexton

**In Our Prayers This Week are:** Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds,  
Marlene Bellonio, Lorraine Burdge, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen  
Robert and Treffle Robert.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Caitlin Elizabeth Thalken 08/02, Jennifer  
Lucibelli 08/03, William Adams 08/05, Brie Rose 08/06.

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7/31</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8/1</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>AA (K)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8/2</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 12:30 p.m. 7:00	<b>Al-Anon (CH)</b> Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) Music Under the Stars (Coyote River Band)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8/3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 1:30 p.m. 5:30	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8/4</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Mothers of Twins (CH)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8/5</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8/6</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30	<b>MENS FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (CH)</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/7</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)</b>

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

***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: "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" V216**



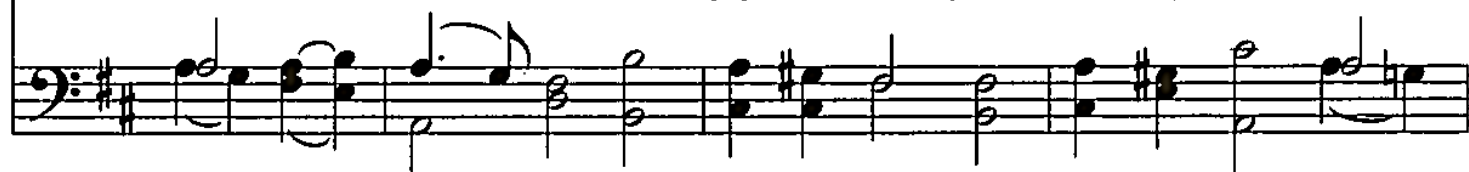
1 Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2 What God's al-might-y power hath made, God's gra-cious mer - cy  
3 Our God is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -  
4 Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud thy



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
keep - eth: by morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch-ful  
tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay, our peace, and  
prais - es that all may hear the grate-ful song my voice un -



our sal - va - tion; with heal-ing balm my soul is filled, and  
eye ne'er sleep - eth; with - in the shel - ter of God's might, lo!  
joy, and bless - ing; as with a moth - er's ten - der hand, God  
wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in your God, my heart! Both



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled:  
all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
gent - ly leads the cho - sen band:  
soul and bod - y take your part:





1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
2 O Light that fol - lowest all my way, I yield my  
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not  
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



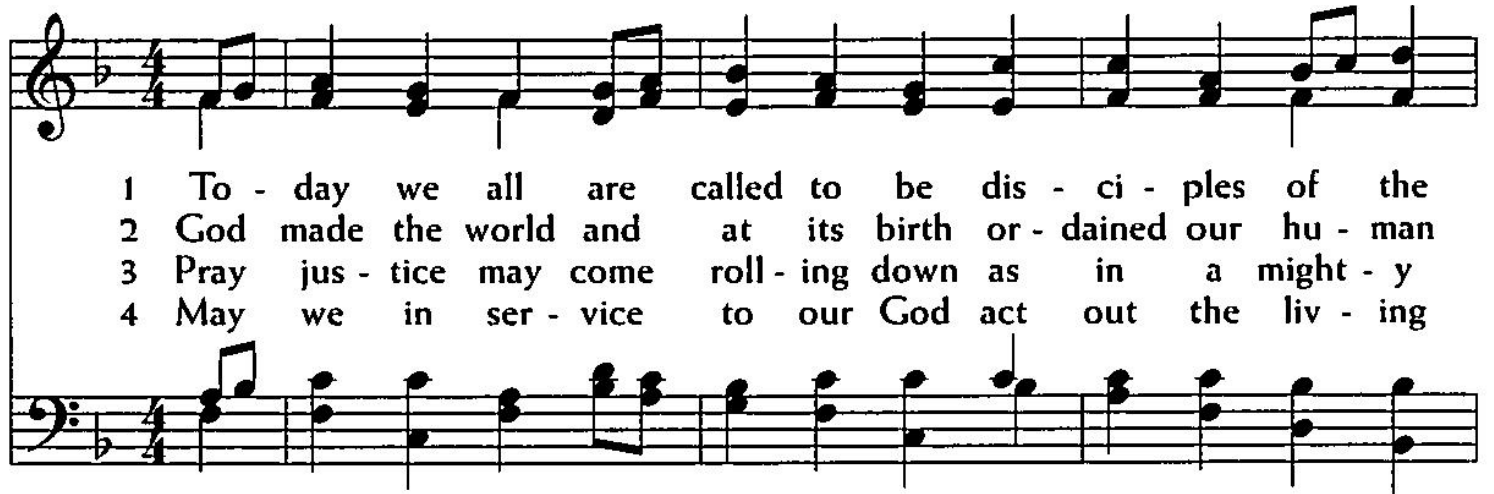
wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe,  
flick - ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray,  
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain,  
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead,



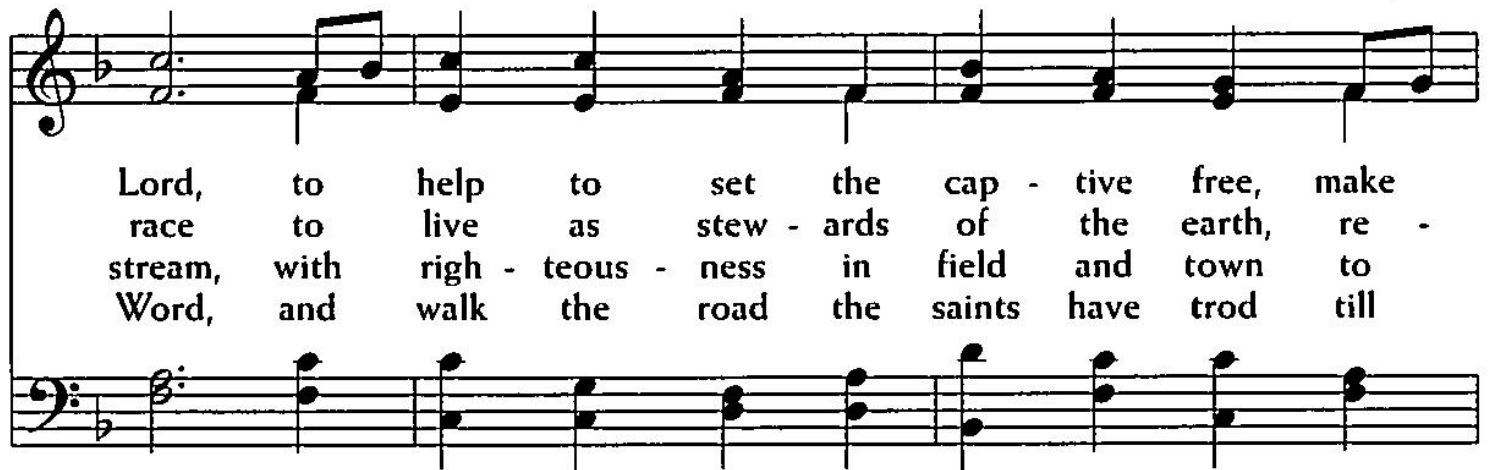
that in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
that in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
and feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.  
and from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.



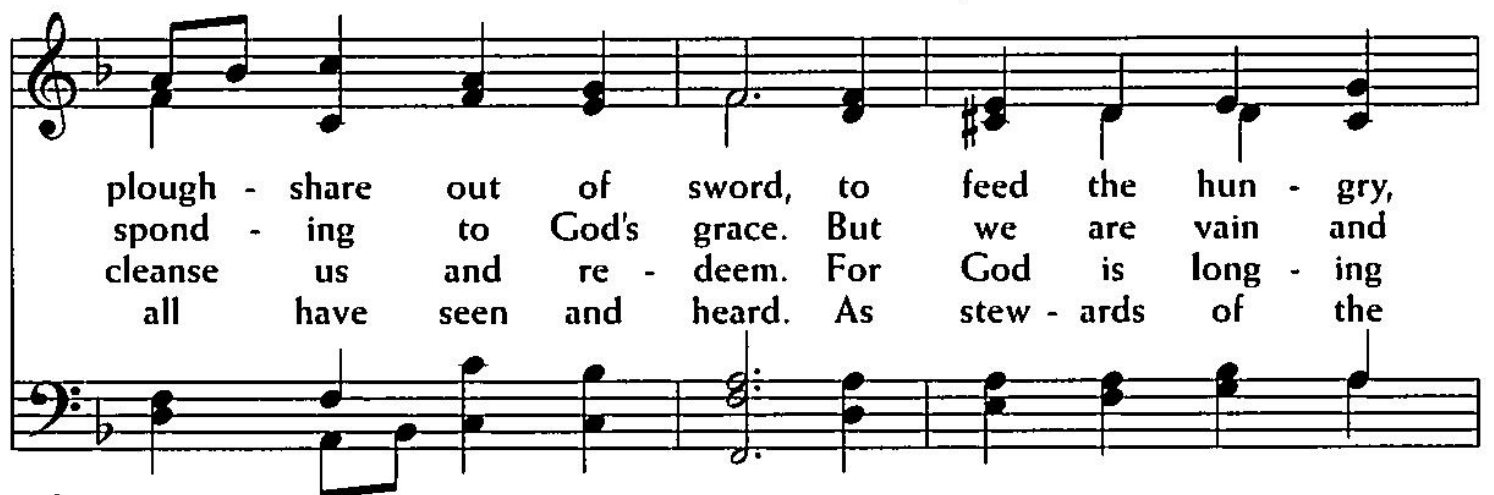
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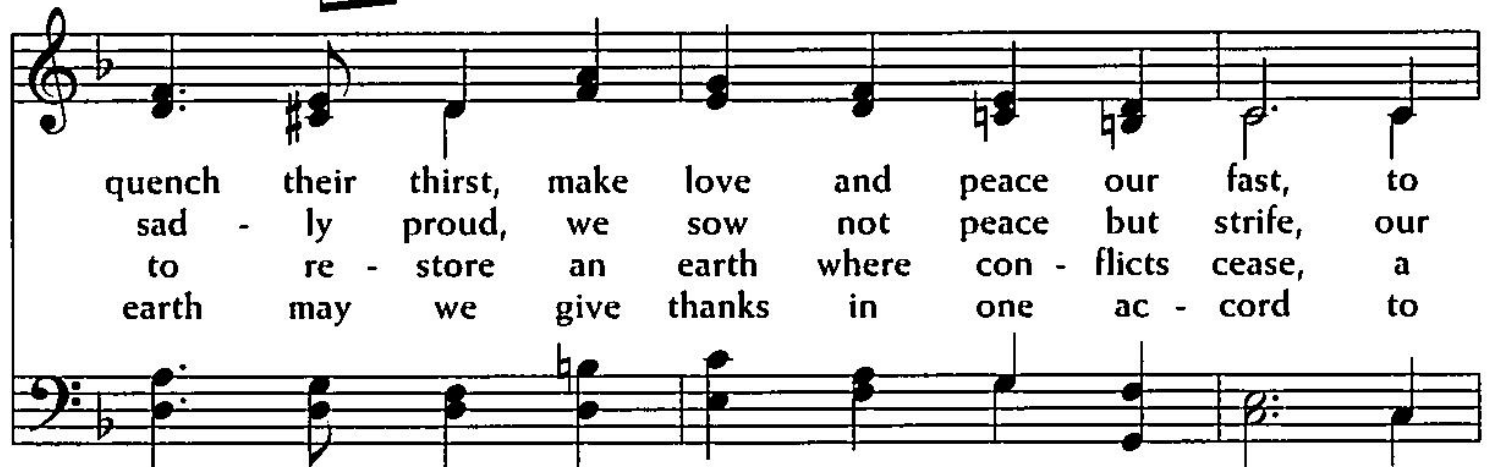
1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



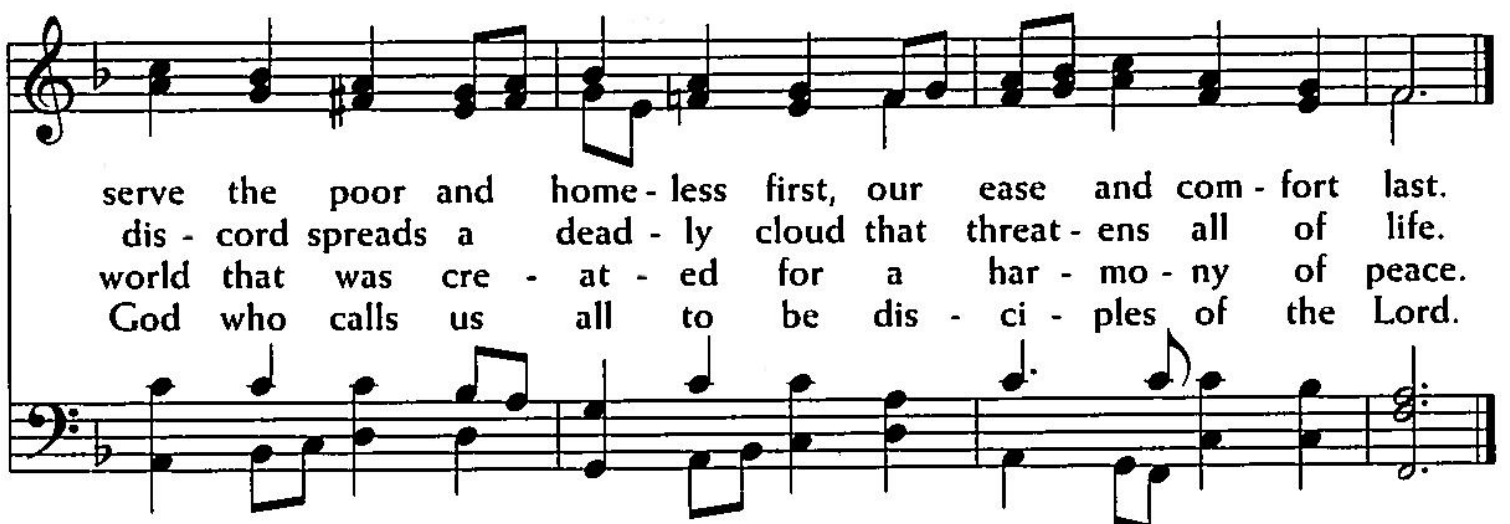
Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
Word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plough - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry,  
spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and  
cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing  
all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the



quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to  
sad - ly proud, we sow not peace but strife, our  
to re - store an earth where con - flicts cease, a  
earth may we give thanks in one ac - cord to



serve the poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
world that was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
God who calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.