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

Sunday, August 14, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 15

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Sarabande in C minor

***OPENING HYMN:** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” V 271

***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**

Circle me, Lord.

Keep protection near

And danger afar.

Circle me, Lord

Keep hope within.

Keep doubt without.

Circle me, Lord.

Keep light near

And darkness afar.

Circle me, Lord.

Keep peace within.

Keep evil out.^{##} Amen.

David Adam, Vicar

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Spirit of holiness and life, be within our community as we worship this morning. Search within each of us for the sighs too deep for words and make them articulate so that we may share our hopes and fears and bring out of our silence life-challenging prayers for ourselves and, in intercession, for all precious, groaning creation.**
Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*New Zealand Anglican Lord’s Prayer*)

Eternal Spirit, earth-maker, pain bearer, life-giver, source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe; The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us
From trial too great to endure, spare us
From the grip of all that is evil, free us
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love and forever. Amen.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 2:10 Page 1335

From the New International Version:

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

From the New Revised Standard Version:

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

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

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 6:30-44 Page 1186

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. And all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.

Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

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

***HYMN:** “Take My Life and Let It Be”

V506

SERMON: “Out of the Box to Outside These Walls”

Kerry Stewart

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:** “We Are Standing on Holy Ground”

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE:

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Sally Pallatto. **Scripture Reader** is Cathy Welch.


Fellowship Hour does not have a host.

Today's flowers are given by Peter and Cheryl Hall in celebration of Craig Smith's Birthday, Cheryl's brother.

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: Carolanne Geissler 08/14, Mary Ellen Adams 08/15, Eleanor Harple 08/17, Phyllis Kaercher 08/17, Cindy Luedee 08/17, Lucy Mickolyzck 08/18, Philip Cooper 08/18, Adam Schweickert 08/21.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Jeanne & Billy Mecca 08/18, Nancy & Ken Mahoney 08/18, John & Sue Tibor 08/19, Walter & Phyllis Kaercher 08/20.



Eternal
Spirit,
earth-maker,
pain bearer,
life-giver,

Source of all that is
and that shall be,
Father and Mother
of us all,

Loving God,
in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of
your name
echo through the
universe;

The way of your
justice be followed
by the peoples of
the world;

Your heavenly will
be done
by all created
beings;

Your commonwealth
of peace and
freedom sustain our
hope and come on
earth.



With the bread
we need for today,

feed us

In the hurts we absorb
from one another,

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In times of temptation
and test,

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From trial too great
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From the grip
of all that is evil,

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For you reign
in the glory of the power
that is love,
now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Fellowship is collecting gift cards for our DCF social worker to distribute to children in need of money to purchase school supplies (our "backpack" project). If you wish to participate you may purchase gift cards in the amount of \$25 at either Walmart or Target. If you wish to donate a different amount you may send a check of any amount. Please write "backpack project" in the memo line. Please have cards or checks to the church office by August 29th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	8/14	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	8/15	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	AA (K) CT Record Club (CH)
Tuesday	8/16	9:30 a.m. 9:30 12:30 p.m. 7:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) Music Under the Stars (What a Fool Believes)
Wednesday	8/17	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH) Organist Search & MLB (CH)
Thursday	8/18		
Friday	8/19	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	8/20	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	8/21	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)

*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.

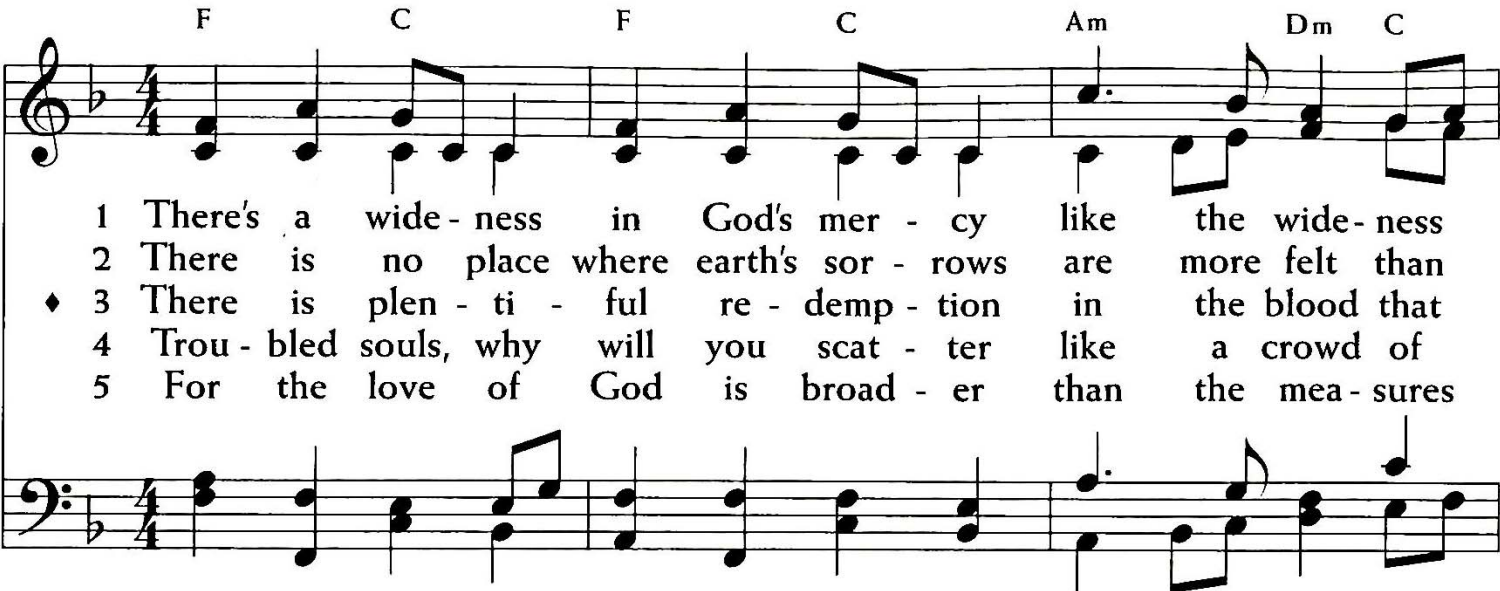
VALUES

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: “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” V 271

F C F C Am Dm C



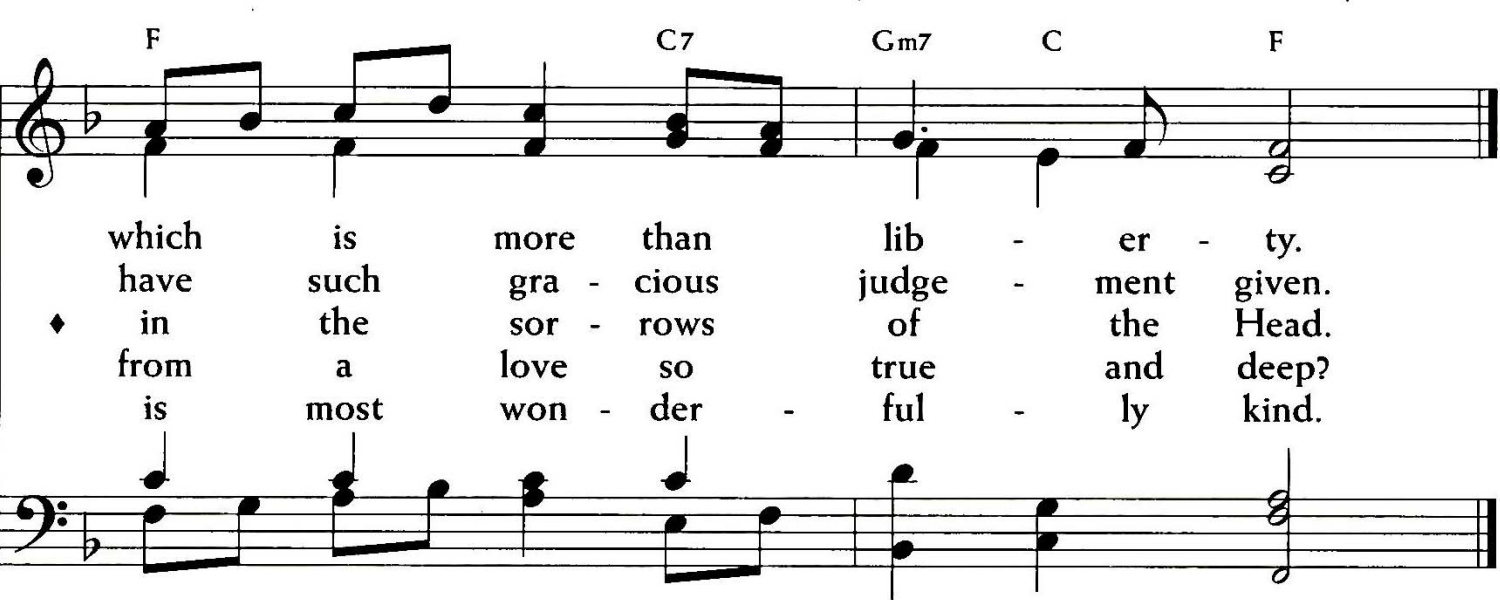
1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness
2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than
♦ 3 There is plen-ti-ful re-demp-tion in the blood that
4 Trou-bled souls, why will you scat-ter like a crowd of
5 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures

Gm F C Am D7 Gm C7



of the sea; there's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice
up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail-ings
♦ Christ has shed; there is joy for all the mem-bers
fright-ened sheep? Fool-ish hearts, why will you wan-der
of the mind, and the heart of the E-ter-nal

F C7 Gm7 C F



which is more than lib-er-ty.
have such gra-cious judge-ment given.
♦ in the sor-rows of the Head.
from a love so true and deep?
is most won-der-ful-ly kind.

Descant

5

Take my love: and I will pour at thy

1

Take my life, and let it be con - se -

2

Take my hands, and let them move at the

3

Take my lips, and let them be filled with

4

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall

5

Take my love: and I will pour at thy

feet its trea - sure store; take my - self, and

cra - ted, all for thee, - take my mo - ments

im - pulse of thy love; take my feet, and

mes - sag - es from thee; take my in - tel -

be no long - er mine; take my heart, it

feet its trea - sure store; take my - self, and

I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.

let them be swift and pur - pose - ful for thee.

lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.

I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

***CLOSING HYMN: “We Are Standing on Holy Ground”**

We are stand - ing on ho - ly ground,
and I know that there are an - gels all a -
round; let us praise Je - sus
now; we are stand - ing in his
pres - ence on ho - ly ground.

The phrase “holy ground” resonates with the experience of Moses at the burning bush, where he had an encounter with God (Exodus 3:5; also quoted in the martyr Stephen’s sermon, Acts 7:33). The reference to angels may recall Jacob’s vision (Genesis 28:12–17) or Hebrews 12:22.

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