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

Sunday, August 28, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 17

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *A Quiet Faith*

Paxton

***OPENING HYMN:** "How Firm a Foundation"

V660

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

PEOPLE: In faith, we seek to follow God as we travel through life.

Leader: In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us in our age.

PEOPLE: In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.

ALL: God of present, past, and future, guide us now into your new age of promise.**

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

O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth;

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust;

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let your peace fill our hearts, our homes, our world, our universe.

Amen. V692

Satish Kumar

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Holy God, we thank you that you receive us not according to our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. You receive us as we are. You show us what we can be, through Jesus Christ, who came to share our common lot and reconcile us to yourself. Sweep over us with your Spirit, and change us by your love that we may sing with joy before you, and live to your glory in the world.** 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.

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves? They did not say, “Where is the Lord, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?” I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, “Where is the Lord?” Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children’s children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look; send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked; be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Page 1368

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

HYMN: “All My Hope is Firmly Grounded”

V654

SERMON: “Living Water”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Organ Response

THE OFFERTORY: *Simple Gifts*

Schulz-Widmar

*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:** “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

V120

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Foundation*

Martin

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Tim Peiffer. **Scripture Reader** is Tim Peiffer.

Greeter is Carol Mitchell. **No host for Fellowship Hour.**

Today's flowers are given by Carol Mitchell with Thanksgiving and Celebration for the August birthdays of past and present family and friends.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Catherine Welch 08/28, Ben Purcell 08/28, Cheyanne Leyerzapf 08/28, Barbara Massey 08/29, Robert Grant 08/29, Bryan Cretella 08/29, Talia Gallagher 08/30.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Wendy & Richard Russo 08/30, David & Joanne Nottingham 09/01.

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

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	8/28	9:30 a.m. 10:45	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Faith Formation Mission Team
Monday	8/29	9:30 a.m.	AA (K)
Tuesday	8/30	9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 7:00 7:00	Al-Anon (K) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) ORGANIST SEARCH (Zoom) Music Under the Stars (Primetime)
Wednesday	8/31	10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30	WINDOW MAILING FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (H) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH)
Thursday	9/1	6:30 p.m. 7:00	Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	9/2	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	9/3		
Sunday	9/4	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	9/5		OFFICE CLOSED (Labor Day)

*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

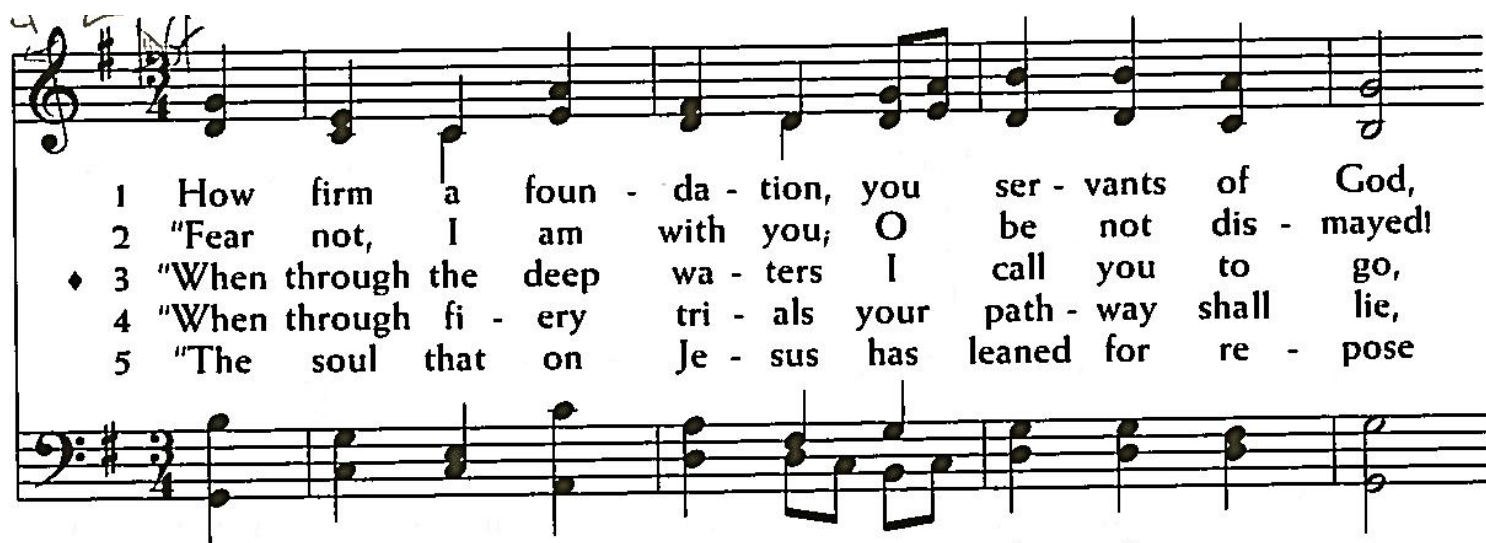
We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- 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:

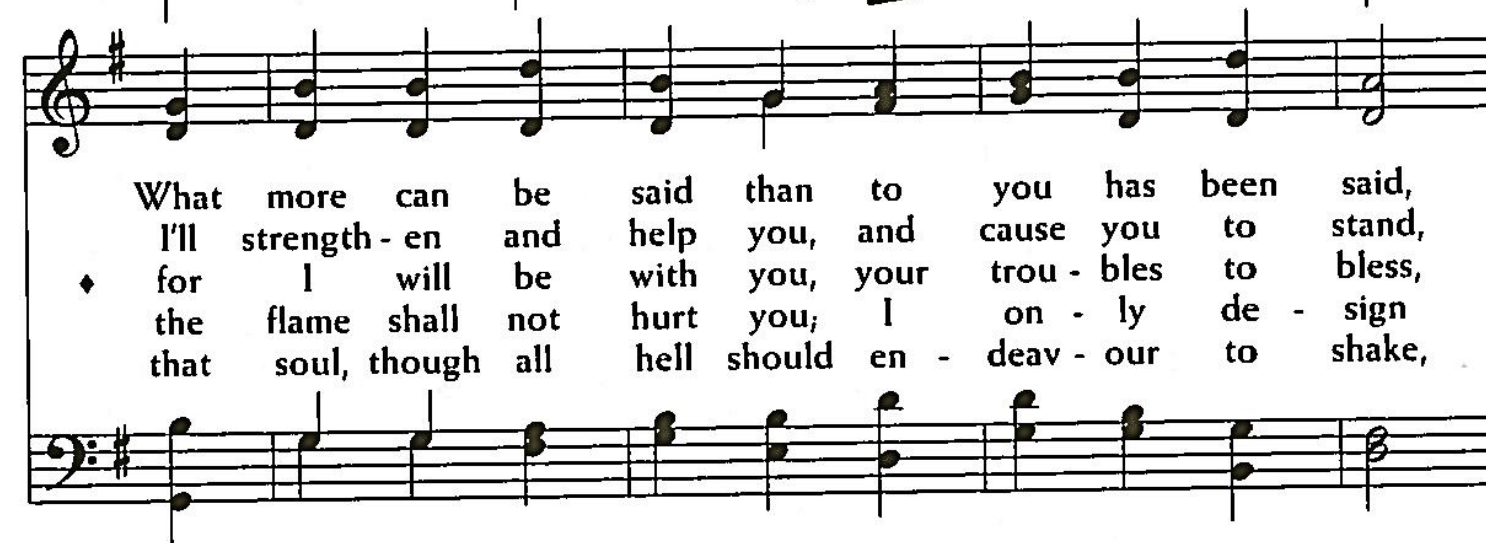
- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you ser - vants of God,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you; O be not dis - mayed!
 ♦ 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose



is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 ♦ the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply:
 I will not — I will not de - sert to his foes;



What more can be said than to you has been said,
 I'll strength - en and help you, and cause you to stand,
 ♦ for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - our to shake,



to you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous om - ni - po - tent hand.
 ♦ and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 your dross to con - sume, and your gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er — no, nev - er — no, nev - er for - sake!"

1 All my hope is firm - ly ground - ed in our great and
 2 Tell me, who can trust our na - ture, hu - man, weak, and
 3 But in ev - ery time and sea - son, out of love's a -
 4 Thank, O thank, our great Cre - a - tor, through God's on - ly

liv - ing Lord; who, when - ev - er I most need him, nev - er
 in - se - cure? Which of all the air - y cas - tles can the
 bun - dant store, God sus - tains the whole cre - a - tion, fount of
 Son this day; God a - lone, the heaven - ly pot - ter, made us

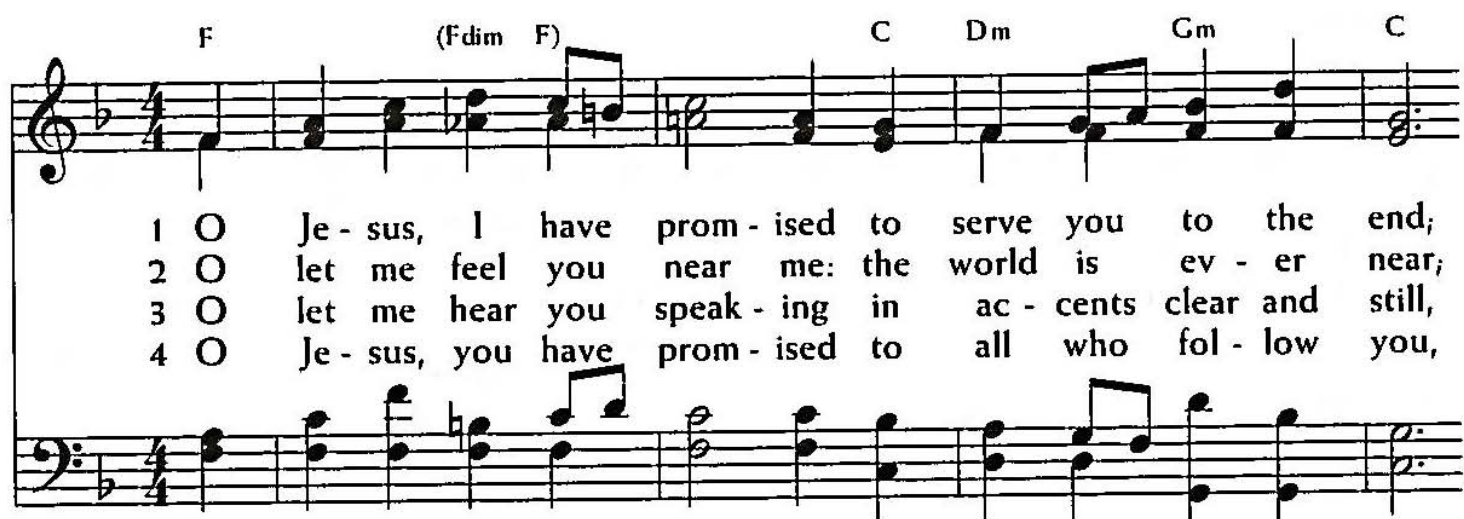
fails to keep his word. God I must whol - ly
 hur - ri - cane en - dure? Built on sand, naught can
 life for - ev - er - more. We who share earth and
 out of earth and clay. Quick to heed, strong in

trust, stand God the ev - er good and just.
 air by our earth - ly wis - dom planned.
 deed, count on God's un - fail - ing care.
 God shall all the peo - ple feed.

*CLOSING HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

V120

F (Fdim F) C Dm Gm C



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ev - er near;
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you,

F G7 C (F C) G7 C



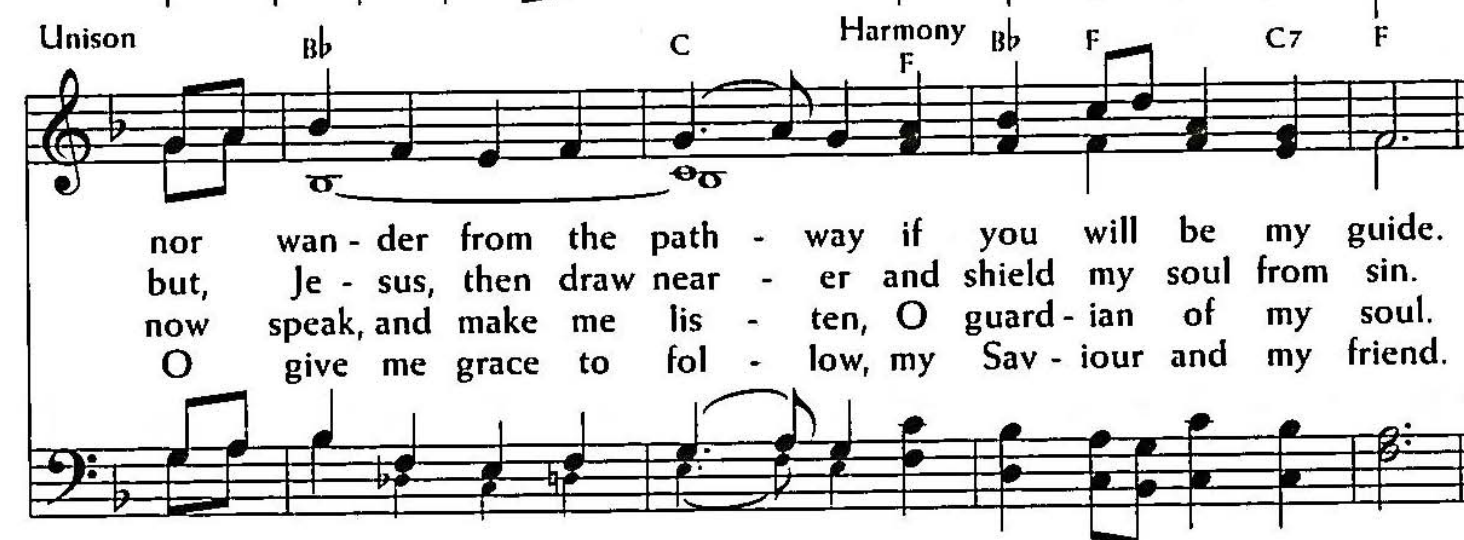
re - main for ev - er near me, my Sav - iour and my friend:
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear,
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will,
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

C7 F (D7) Gm (D7 Gm)



I shall not fear the jour - ney if you are by my side,
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to hast - en or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

Unison Bb C Harmony Bb F C7 F



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 now speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Sav - iour and my friend.