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

**Sunday, September 4, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 18**

**Labor Day Sunday**

**The Sacrament of Communion**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Come, Labor On* (P 293)

Noble

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"

V 265

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We come, like Abraham, Sarah, and John, people with hope.

**PEOPLE: We come, like Job, Thomas, and the Samaritan woman, people with questions.**

Leader: We come, like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary, people with self-doubts.

**PEOPLE: We come, like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen, people with courage.**

Leader: We come, like David, Mary Magdalene, and Paul, people with brokenness in our lives.

**ALL: We come, like Rebekah and Samuel, like Hosea and Esther, like Nathaniel and Martha, like John Mark and Priscilla, people with a part to play in the story of faith.\*\***

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

For this fragile planet earth,  
its times and tides, its sunsets and seasons:

We give thanks this day.

For the joy of human life,  
its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements:

We give thanks this day.

For our human community,  
our common past and future hope,  
our oneness transcending all separation,  
our capacity to work for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression:

We give thanks this day.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world,  
who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom:

We give thanks this day.

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes,  
not by our words but by our deeds.<sup>##</sup> Amen. Rev. O. Eugene Pickett

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**~*unison*

God our Creator, we come to you a rebellious people. We have denied your intentions for us; we have sought our own ways rather than the way of Christ. We have refused to learn the lessons of the past, and still we remain bound up with past offenses. We dream of what cannot be and yet do not devote ourselves to laying a foundation for genuine hope. Forgive what we have been, amend what we are, and direct what we shall be in order to rise with Christ and serve you with trust and joy. Amen.\*\* Amen.

~ *silence* ~

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

### **THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Jeremiah 18:1-11      Page 709

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

### **THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Luke 14:25-33      Page 1222

Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has

enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

**\*HYMN:** “He Leadeth Me” V 657

**SERMON:** “All In” Scott Morrow

**PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Organ Response

**THE OFFERTORY:** *Here I Am, Lord* Carter

**\*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**

Hymn of Preparation: “All Who Hunger” V 460

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

**GREETING OF PEACE** *~unison*

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” V 560

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Prelude in F* (BWV 556) Bach

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

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**Deacon** is Kathy Harple. **Greeter** is Sue Compton. **No host for Fellowship Hour.**

**Today's flowers** are given by the Weiss Family. Prayers of love, health & peace to all as we go back to school & church & workplaces!

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Martin Benassi 09/06, Linda Lacobelli 09/06, Melissa DeLuca 09/06, Colin Studley 09/06, John Masnato 09/08, Sally Pallatto 09/09, AnnMarie Czajkowski 9/10, Ryan Petrucci 09/11.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Carl & Lillian Flodquist 09/05, David & Nancie Estep 09/06.

**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**

Summer break is over! The church will be starting the Sunday School year on September 11<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and survived the heat! We will be having a gathering on September 13th at 6:30 PM. This will be a time of fellowship and reacquainting with old friends and possibly making new friends! We will be making cards to send for our homebound and infirmed members if you wish to participate. Otherwise just come to enjoy refreshments and conversation! More to come on future gatherings.

Kathy Harple, President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

Sunday	9/4	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	9/5	9:30 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED (Labor Day) AA (K)
Tuesday	9/6	9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00	Al-Anon (K) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	9/7	10:00 a.m. 5:30 7:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH) ORGANIST SEARCH (Zoom)
Thursday	9/8	5:15 p.m. 7:00 7:00	Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR Garden Club (CH)
Friday	9/9	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	9/10	7:30 a.m.	MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH)
Sunday	9/11	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) RALLY DAY, CONFIRMATION GATHERING, OASIS KICK-OFF

\*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 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace  
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold  
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace  
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims

the bold de - signs of far - thest space;  
 earth's mys - teries known or yet un - told;  
 all now de - spised for a creed or race;  
 one fam - ily with a bil - lion names;

let sun and moon and stars and light  
 let wa - ters frag - ile blend with air,  
 let peace, de - scend - ing like a dove,  
 let ev - ery life be touched by grace

and what lies hid - den praise your might.  
 en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.  
 make known on earth your heal - ing love.  
 un - til we praise you face to face.



1 He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O words with  
 2 Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some - times where  
 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er  
 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy

heaven - ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, where -  
 E - den's bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters calm, o'er  
 mur - mur nor re - pine, con - tent, what - ev - er  
 grace the vic - tory's won, even death's cold wave I

'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis his hand that lead - eth me.  
 lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.  
 will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

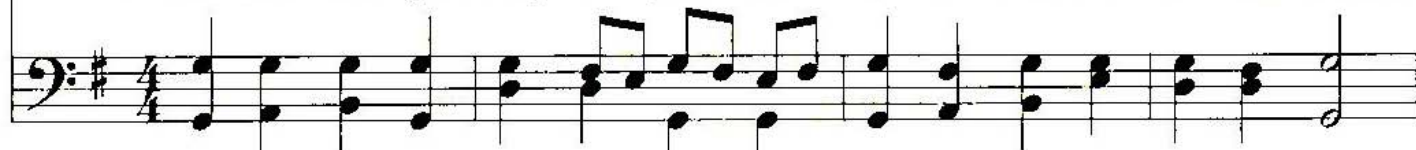
*Refrain*

He lead - eth me! He lead - eth me! By his own hand he lead - eth me!

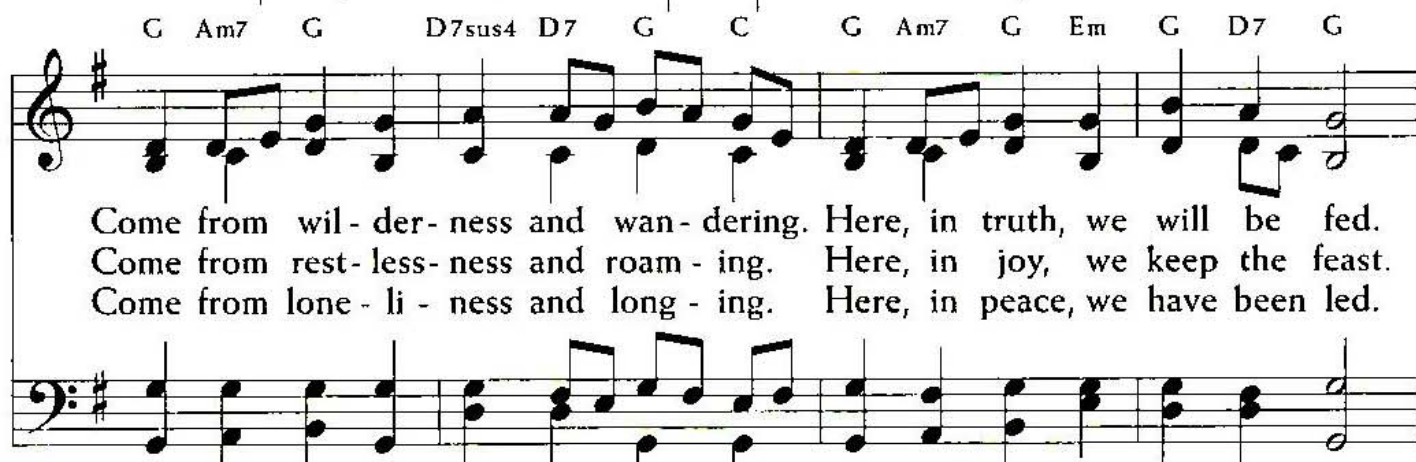
His faith - ful fol - lower I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me!



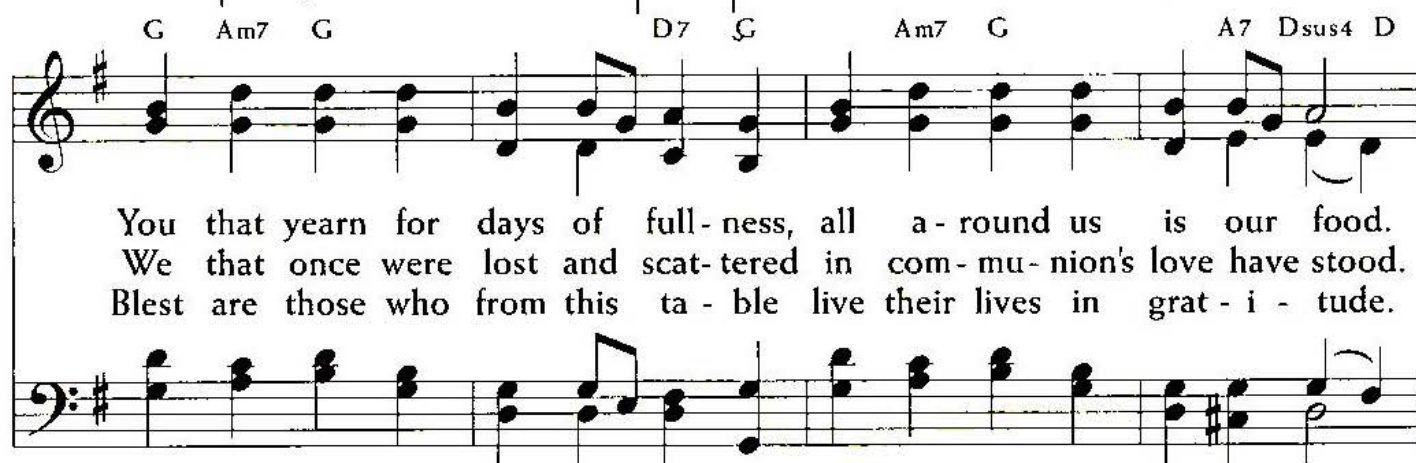
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er; Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their lives in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.





## V 560

D G D Em E A A Bm7 A7

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move with some clear,  
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee, in clos - er,  
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

D Bm7 E7 A A7 Em A7 D

paths of ser - vice free; teach me thy se - cret,  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

G D A D A7 Bm A7 D Em A D

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sure and strong, in trust that tri - umphs ov - er wrong,  
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.



