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

Sunday, September 18, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 20

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***OPENING HYMN: "You Servants of God"**

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: You will say in that day:

**PEOPLE: God is my strength; I will trust and not be afraid; for
the Sovereign God is my strength and my song.**

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.
And you will say in that day:

**ALL: Sing praises to the sovereign God who has done
gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. ****

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

We pray to the great Spiritual Power in which we live and move and
have our being.

We pray for social justice, for the alleviation of the crippling poverty
that condemns millions of people around the world to lives of misery
- hungry, sick, and utterly without hope.

We pray for the victims of violence and war, for those wounded in
body and for those wounded in mind.

We pray for the multitudes of refugees, forced from their homes to
alien places through war or through the utter destruction of their
environment.

We pray for these things with humility; we pray because of the hope
that is within us, we pray because of our love for Creation, and
because of our trust in God.

We pray, above all, for peace throughout the world.## Amen.

Prayer for World Peace - Dr. Jane Goodall

***THE GLORIA "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" insert**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Fit us, O God, for this new day. Through your Spirit, grant us
courage, so that today's uncertainties do not overwhelm us. Through
your Christ, fill us with love, so that differences may not divide us.
Through your creative energy, make us new, so that the past may not
enslave us. Spirit, Christ, Creator, lead us into newness of life.**
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

Choral 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Amos 8:4-7

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Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

***HYMN:** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 16:1-13

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Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: Alleluia William Boyce (1710-1779)
Sung by the Chancel Choir

SERMON: “Blessing and Woe” Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* insert
Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Praise with Joy the World’s Creator” V 312

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Jim Bennett. **Scripture Reader** is Jim Bennett.

Special thanks to our guest organist Angela Lomaglio.

Fellowship Hour is hosted by Sally Pallatto, please join us after worship.

Today's flowers are given by Dot Pierce, In loving memory of Greg, my husband and best friend for 52 years! You went home to be with Jesus 3 long years ago, and I miss you everyday! "Death leaves heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal". Til we meet again, I love you!

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, and Ellen Robert.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Carol Lacobelli 09/21, Greg Brenner 09/22, Patience Benassi 09/23, Jennifer Coulston 09/23, Linda Simonson 09/23, Brooklyn Mastracchio 09/23, Lexie Cooper 09/23.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: John & Rhonda Masnato 09/21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Save the Date:

Saturday, September 24th

4:00- 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship, Ice Cream, Gift Cards, and Games
Come after you do your Saturday chores and visit with your friends and play various games. Drawings for gift cards from Crumbl, Dunkin, Stop & Shop, and Moon Rise Café starting at 4:30 every 15 minutes. You must be present to win.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	9/18	9:30 a.m. 4:00p.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) OASIS Video Scavenger Hunt SGC
Monday	9/19	9:30 a.m. 10:30 6:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) CT Record Club (CH)
Tuesday	9/20	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:30 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) United Girls' Choir (CH, DBL, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	9/21	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m. 7:00	WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) PURL & PRAISE (Library) Organist Search Team (Zoom)
Thursday	9/22	9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 5:15 7:00	Music Together (DBL) Food Drive Council Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	9/23	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 4:30 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday	9/24	7:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 4:00 p.m.	MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) ICE CREAM SOCIAL (CH)
Sunday	9/25	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) OASIS – High Ropes Course

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

*OPENING HYMN: "You Servants of God"

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G (D G) C (D7) G D

1 You ser - vants of God, your Sav - iour pro - claim,
 2 God rules from on high, al - might - y to save,
 3 Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the thronel
 4 Then let us a - dore and give as is right,

D G (D G) C G D7 G

and pub - lish a - broad that won - der - ful name;
 whose Word still is nigh, a pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - our the Son!
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

D A7 D7 G D D7

the name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
 The great con - gre - ga - tion God's tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - our and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

D G (D G) C G D7 G

whose king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 bow down in deep rev - erence and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

*THE GLORIA “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

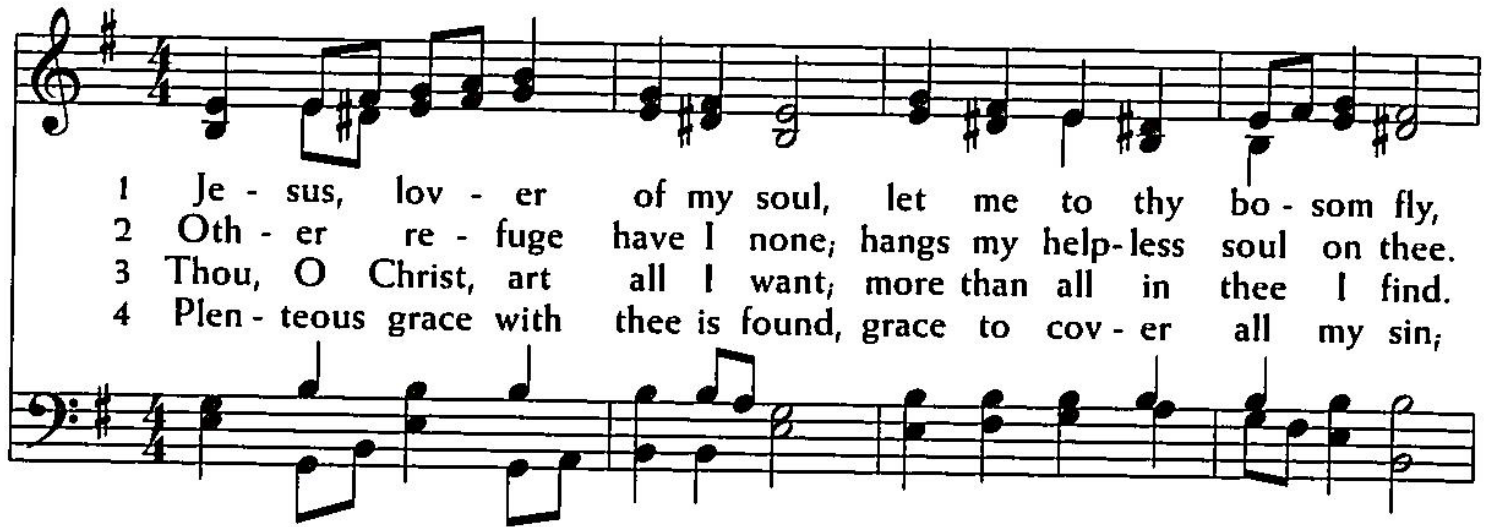
(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

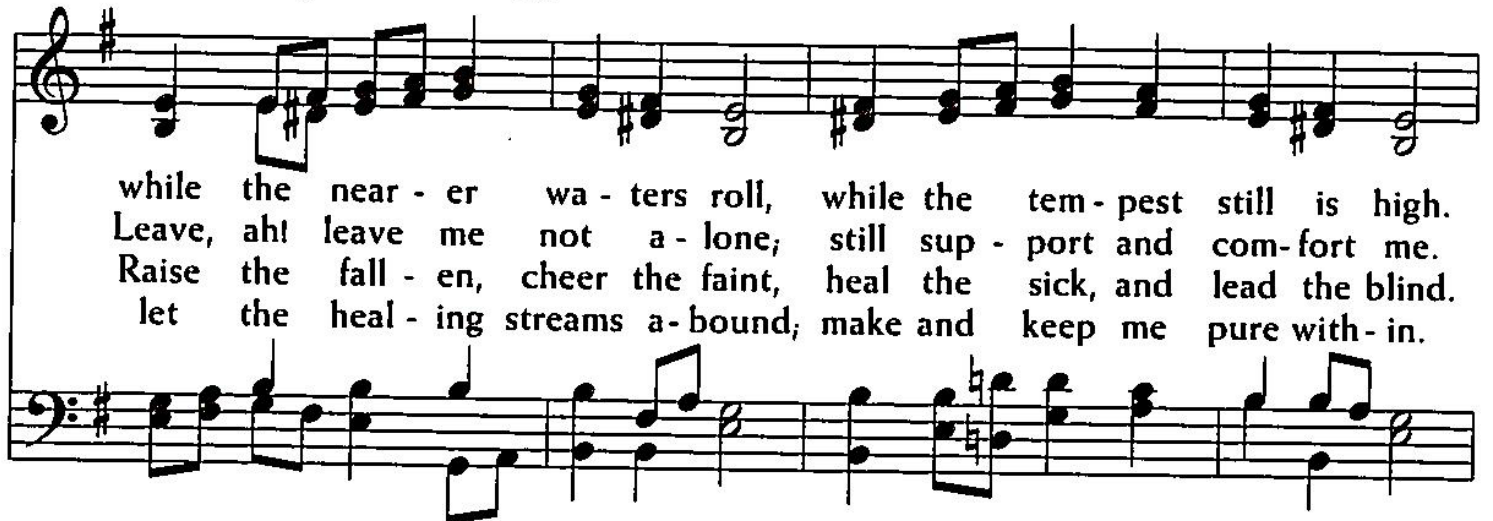
(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

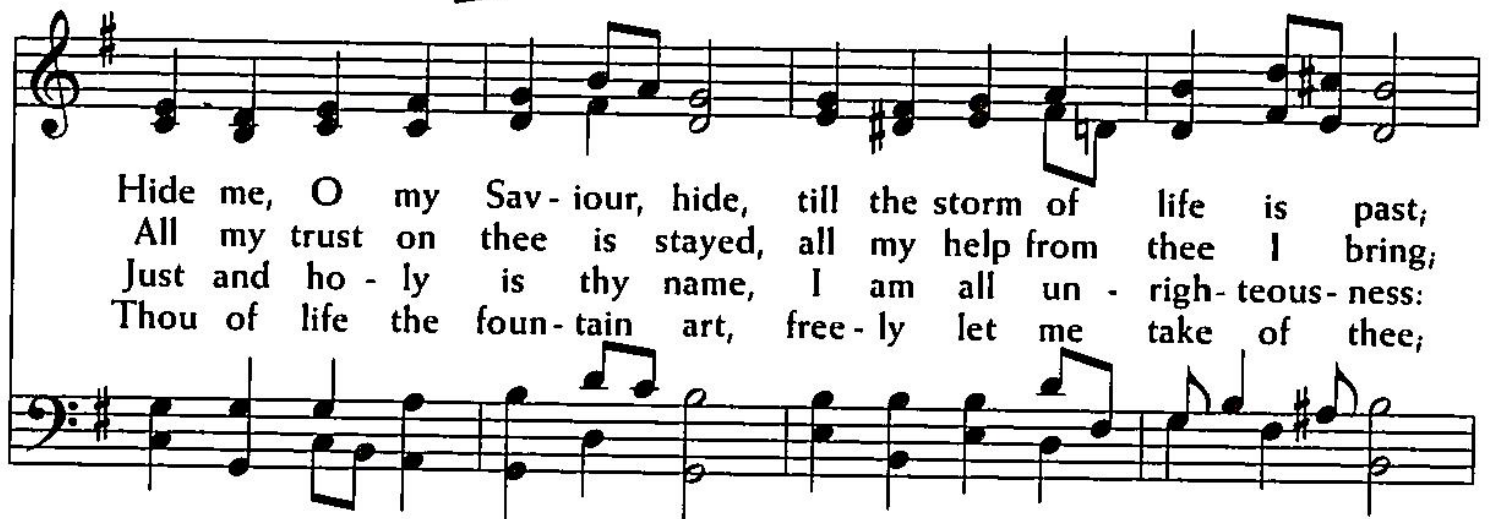




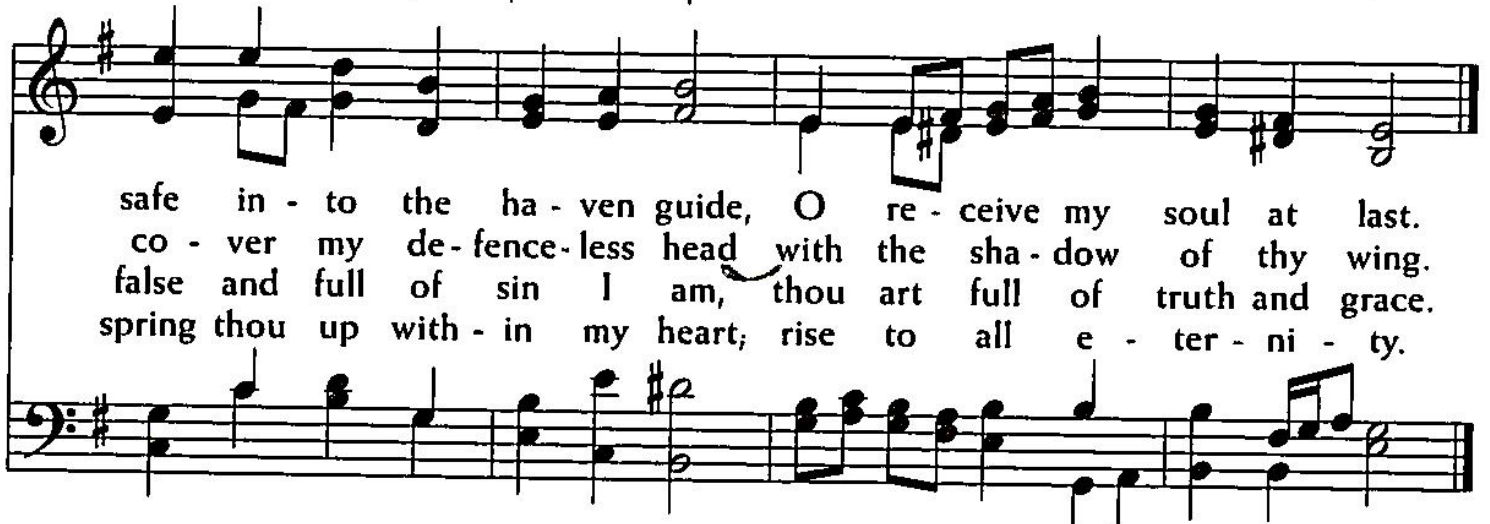
1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,
 2 Oth - er re - fuge have I none; hangs my help-less soul on thee.
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high.
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com - fort me.
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.



Hide me, O my Sav - iour, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is thy name, I am all un - righ - teous - ness:
 Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;



safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.
 co - ver my de - fence - less head with the sha - dow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart; rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Unison

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise

Harmony

God, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

Unison

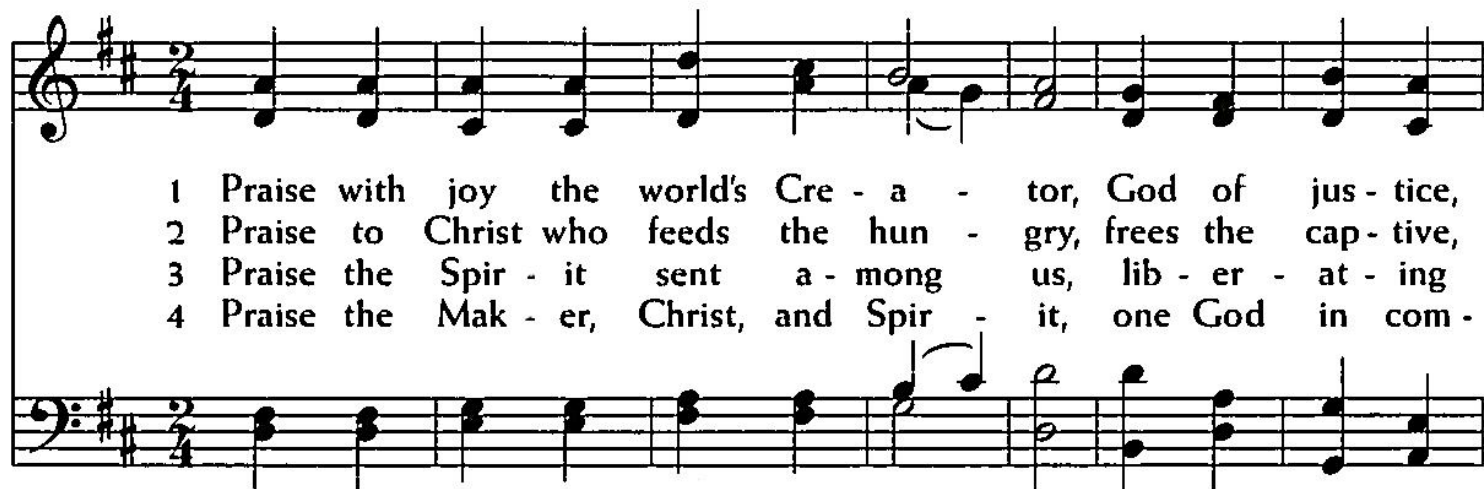
lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise

Harmony

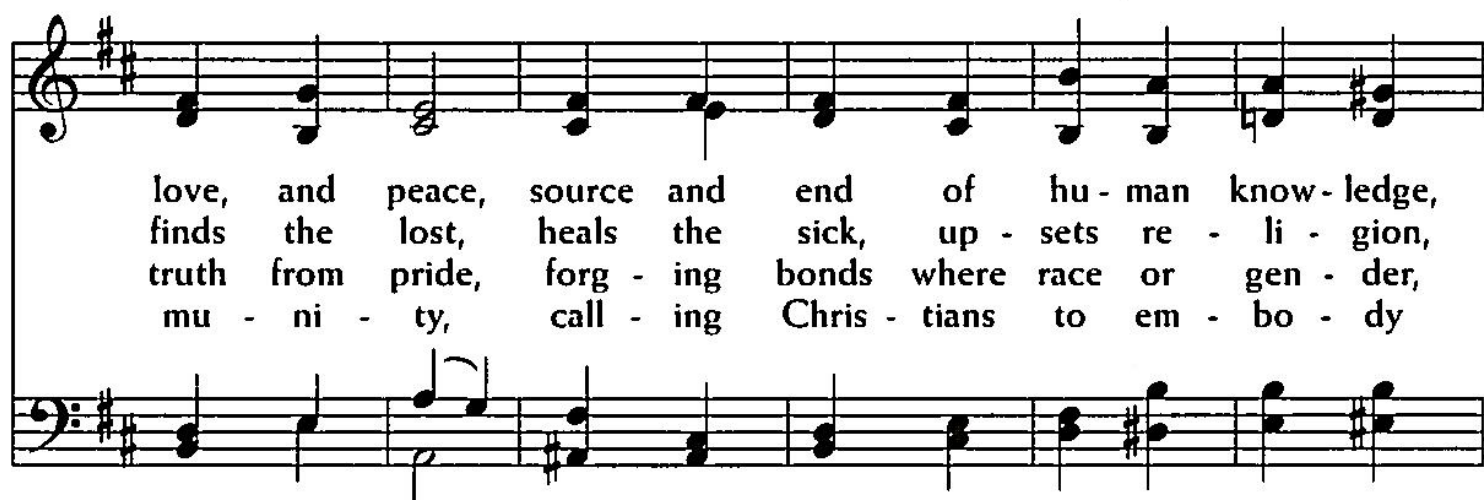
Je sus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho-ly Spir - it!

Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



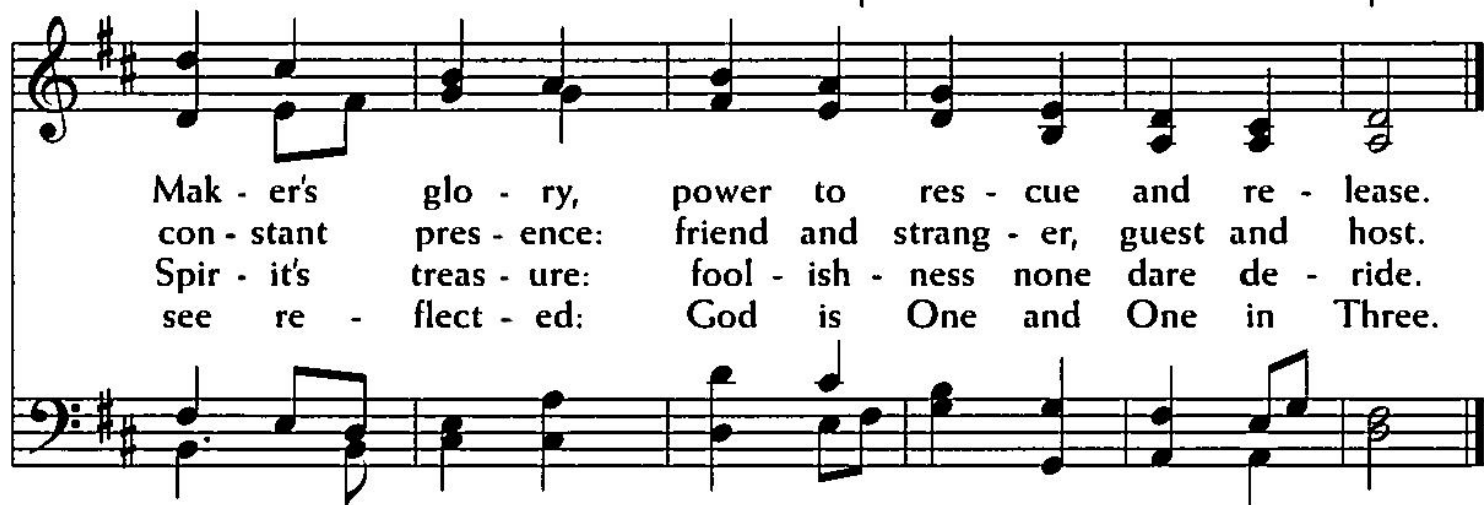
1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - at - ing
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in com -



love, and peace, source and end of hu - man know - ledge,
 finds the lost, heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
 truth from pride, forg - ing bonds where race or gen - der,
 mu - ni - ty, call - ing Chris - tians to em - bo - dy



God whose grace shall ne - ver cease. Cel - e - brate the
 fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
 age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the
 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. This the world shall



Mak - er's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.
 con - stant pres - ence: friend and strang - er, guest and host.
 Spir - it's treas - ure: fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
 see re - flect - ed: God is One and One in Three.

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.