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

Sunday, May 4, 2025

9:30 a.m.

**Third Sunday of Easter
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

***OPENING HYMN:** “What Wondrous Love Is This”

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to the Holy One!

PEOPLE: Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: You turn our weeping to dancing, God; you remove the garments of mourning and clothe us in gladness.

ALL: May we praise you and not be silent! We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!**

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

In the name of God, the Compassionate;
Look down upon the whole human family
Take away the divisions and hatreds
which have infected our hearts.
Break down the walls that separate us
Reunite us in bonds of love
So Your purpose may be accomplished...
That all nations and races serve You
in justice, peace and harmony.## Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~*unison*

God of all worlds and all time, we gather voicing thanks for this season of resurrection. May our worship be as an Easter tide. Wash over us and seep into us to refresh and cleanse. Dissolve the prejudices that cling to us like barnacles, the jealousies that lodge in crevices of memory. Move toward us with power and might when we are unforgiving as granite. Let us hear the thunderous sound of good news as it breaks upon our hardness of heart. And bid us, God, to dare to journey upon the sea of the Spirit. May the waves of an Easter tide buoy us up and beckon us to the adventure of resurrection living. Amen.** Amen.

~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 9:1-20 Page 1270

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, and

here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*** HYMN:** “Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 21:1-19 Page 1259

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Will You Come and Follow Me*

Trad. Scottish Melody, Kelvingrove
arr. The Iona Community

Sung by the Chancel Choir

MEDITATION: “Nothing but Net”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology

Tune: Lasst uns erfruen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; (“Let us rejoice”)

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!&&

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation: “All Who Hunger”

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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: “More Love to You, O Christ”

Insert

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness*

Austin C. Lovelace

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Nancy Mahoney. **Scripture Reader** is Jim Bennett.
Greeter is Beth Anderson. **Communion Servers** Beth Anderson & Dot
Pierce. **Today's flowers** are given by Carla and Michael Hill, in
celebration of their 26th Wedding Anniversary.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Family of Tony Solecki, Linda
Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann
Schneider.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Robin Rose 05/04, George Coulston 05/05,
Wendy Civitello 05/05, Bryant Munson 05/08, Sienna Baldino 05/09.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Meeting of the Congregation: Today after worship

We will be holding an informational meeting to discuss the transition
planning for our new Pastor.

The Annual Tag Sale will take place on May 10th, 9 a.m.to 2 p.m. We
are accepting household items, small appliances (working condition),
small pieces of furniture, glassware, home décor, etc. Items may be
dropped off in Carroll Hall or the elevator entrance. Please be sure items
are clean and in good condition! No clothing! We also will have spaces
available if you would like to rent your own space. We will be serving
hot dogs, burgers, chips, and soda for a minimal cost. Stop by and find
the treasure you've been looking for or just stop by for lunch. Hope to
see you there. We need your support!

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, June 7th, 6 p.m. B I N G O

is coming to NHCC Carroll Hall for an evening filled with great prizes—6 designer handbags or \$100 gift cards. Door prizes, raffle gifts, 50/50 raffle, and lots of fun! All proceeds will be donated to the Parking Lot Paving Project! For more information, please see Dot Pierce or call 203-634-6695. Come and join the fun! Dot Pierce, Women's Fellowship

6th Annual On-Line Fundraising Auction

After worship on June 22, items can be brought to the chapel. The auction will go live on-line on July 7 and close July 14.

We have already received generous donations including 14 karat gold rings, necklaces and bracelets, Lenox cake plates and a lovely set of china. In preparation for the auction, please send photos of items you could donate to Patience. Items needed include mid-century modern items, just about anything teak, record albums, receiver, lift chair in good condition, sterling silver items, kayak, antiques, small occasional table, anything unusual. Items that have done very well in our first five auctions include a canoe, Thule car-top carrier, antique license plate, fur coats, fly rods, turntable, liftchair, Karastan rugs, antique wagon, sought-after pyrex, turquoise, unique large dollhouse, ceramic Christmas tree, fine jewelry, oil painting, captain's chairs. If you know a neighbor or relative downsizing, please ask if they have something they would donate. Funds raised go to this year's church budget as voted at our annual meeting (fundraising income). Contact a member of the B Team with any questions: Patience Benassi, Martin Benassi, Priscilla Bradford, Martha Butterworth.

Food Panty – Items needed - pasta sauce, baked beans, soup, and canned fruit. Please bring these items to the church.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	5/4	9:30 a.m. 10:45	WORSHIP: Third Sunday of Easter SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Monday	5/5	9:30 a.m. 10:30 1:00 p.m. 1:00 4:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Food Pantry Retired Federal Employees (CH) Ukelele (DBL)
Tuesday	5/6	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00 7:00	Al-Anon (K) 10-11:30 Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) United Girls’ Choir (CH, K, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) PARKING LOT CAMPAIGN (L)
Wednesday	5/7	 9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 4:30 p.m. 5:15 6:00 7:00	WINDOW MAILING Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Ukulele (DBL) PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom) Leos Club (CH) Lions Club (CH)
Thursday	5/8	4:30 p.m. 5:30 7:00 7:00	Ukulele (DBL) Girl Scout Troop 60151 (RR) CHANCEL CHOIR Garden Club (CH)
Friday	5/9	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	5/10	9:00 a.m. 9:30 10:30 11:30 3:00 p.m.	CRAFT & TAG SALE (CH, LAWN) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Rhythm Kids (DBL) Tibetan American (K, CR)
Sunday	5/11	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

*OPENING HYMN: “What Wondrous Love Is This”

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The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a 4-part setting. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of seven systems of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding lyric line. The lyrics are arranged in four parts, with each part having its own set of lyrics. The first part of the lyrics is: "1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, 2 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,". The second part of the lyrics is: "what won - drous love is this, O my soul! what won - drous love is this, O my soul! to God and to the Lamb I will sing; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;". The third part of the lyrics is: "What won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of What won - drous love is this, that caused the Lord of to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful". The fourth part of the lyrics is: "bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, life to lay a - side his crown for my soul, Am, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing, be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on,". The fifth part of the lyrics is: "for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul. for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul. I will sing; while mil - lions join the theme I will sing. I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on."

1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
2 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

what won - drous love is this, O my soul!
what won - drous love is this, O my soul!
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;

What won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of
What won - drous love is this, that caused the Lord of
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul,
life to lay a - side his crown for my soul,
Am, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing,
be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on,

for my soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul.
for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
I will sing; while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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.

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

Heather Meachen, Organist

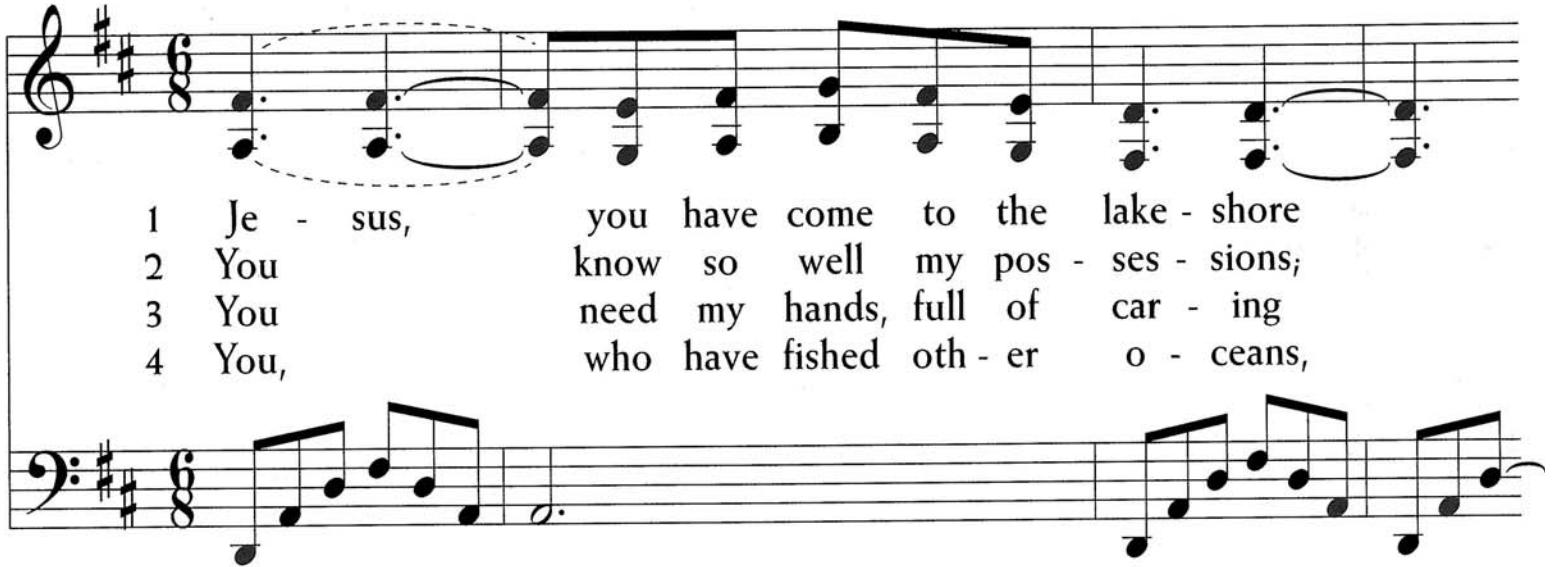
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager

Dave Nelson, Sexton

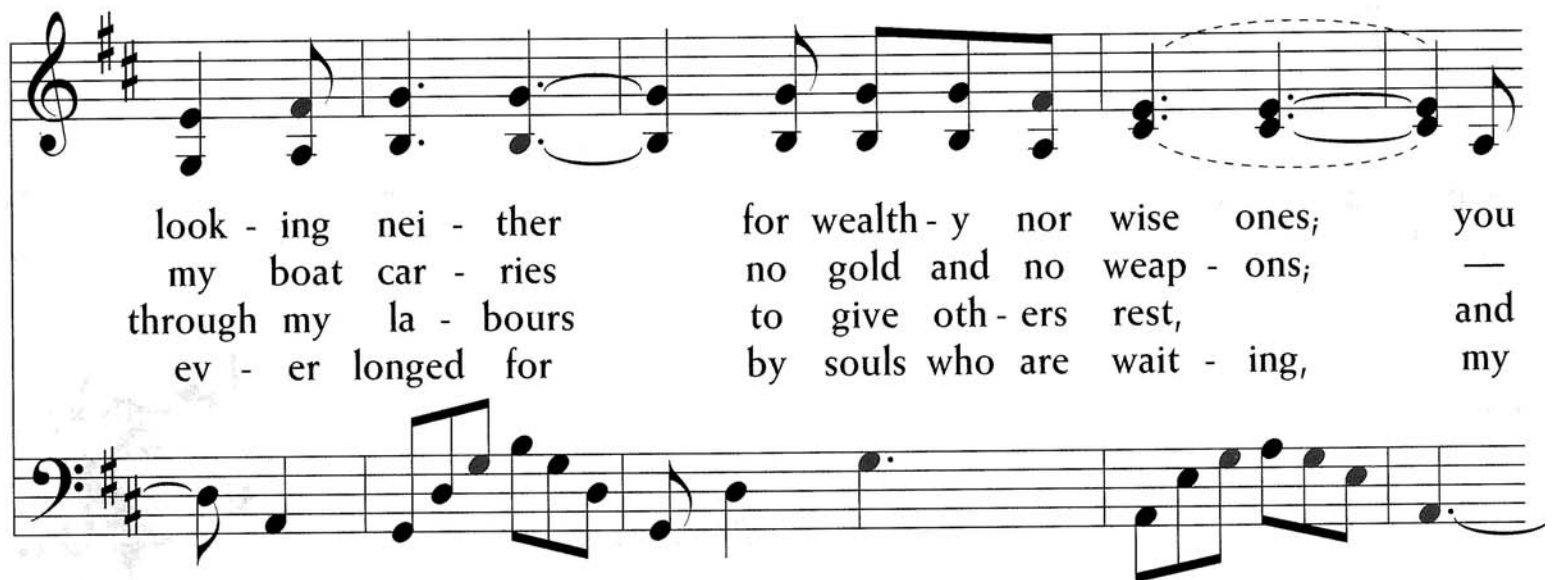
* HYMN: "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

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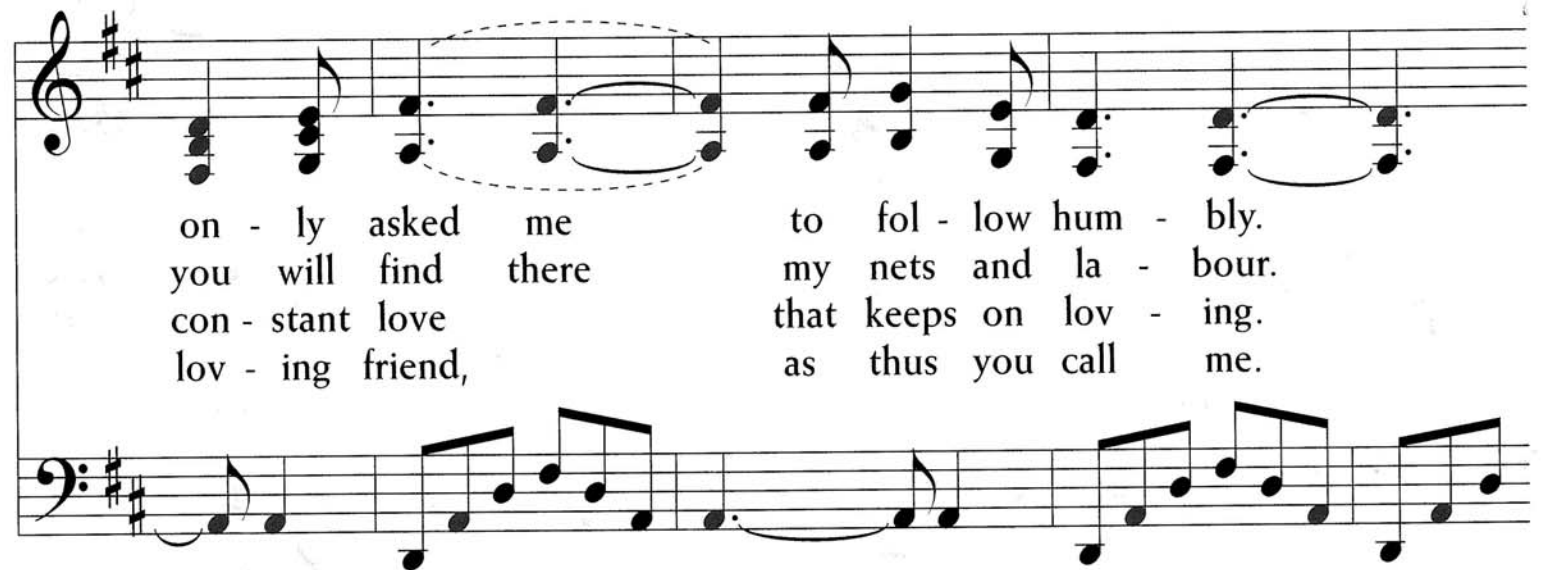
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1 Je - sus, you have come to the lake - shore
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions;
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans,



look - ing nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones; you
 my boat car - ries no gold and no weap - ons; —
 through my la - bours to give oth - ers rest, and
 ev - er longed for by souls who are wait - ing, my



on - ly asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
 you will find there my nets and la - bour.
 con - stant love that keeps on lov - ing.
 lov - ing friend, as thus you call me.

Refrain



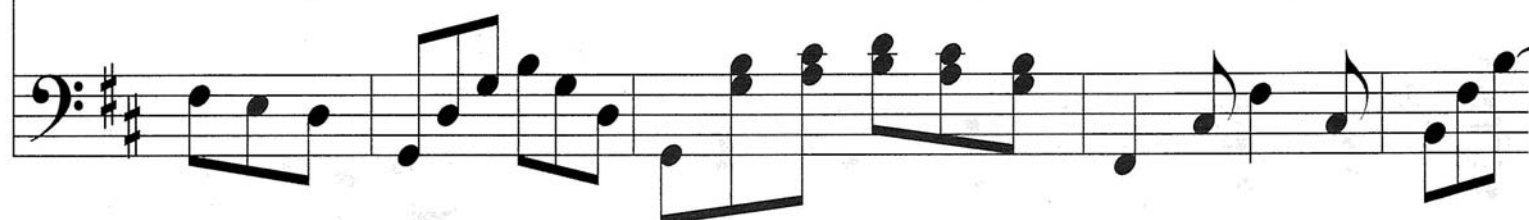
O Je - sus, with your eyes you have searched me,



and while smil - ing, have spo - ken my name;



now my boat's left on the shore-line be - hind me;




by your side I will seek oth - er seas.



Hymn of Preparation: “All Who Hunger”


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G Am7 G D7sus4 D7 G C G Am7 G Em G D7 G




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.

G Am7 G D7sus4 D7 G C G Am7 G Em G D7 G




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.

G Am7 G D7 G Am7 G A7 Dsus4 D

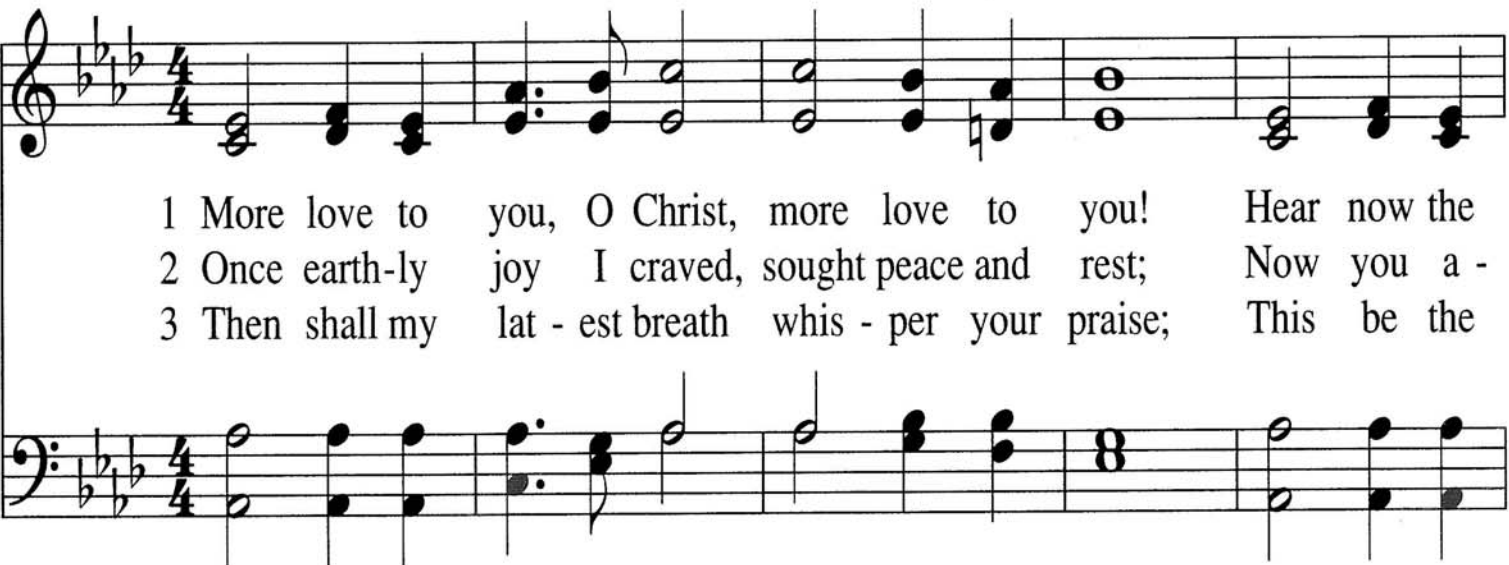


You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their lives in grat-i-tude.

G Am7 G D7sus4 D7 G G Am7 G Em G D7 G



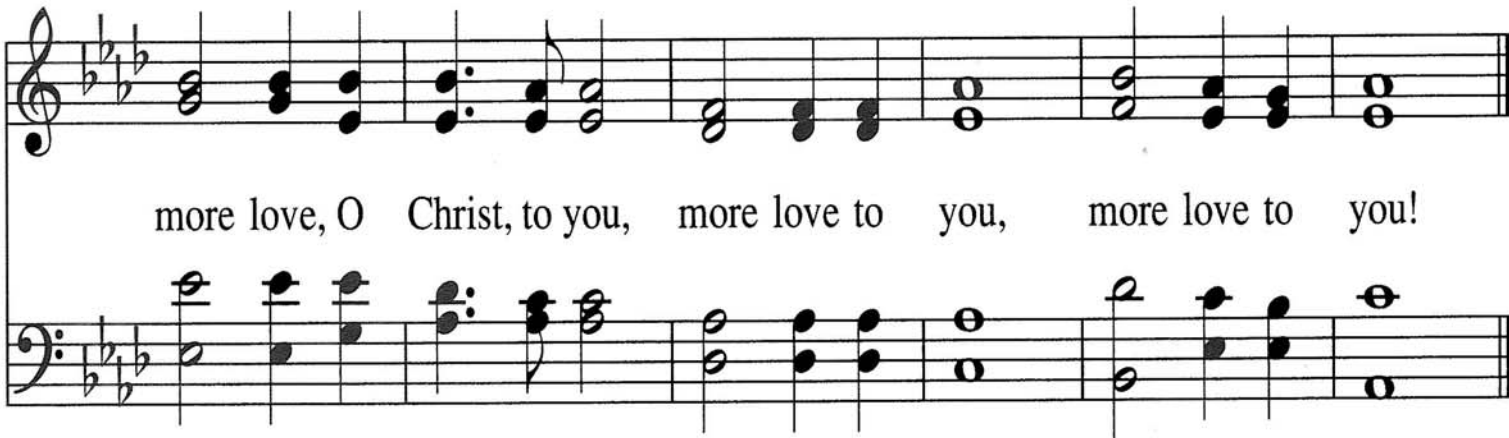
Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.



1 More love to you, O Christ, more love to you! Hear now the
2 Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; Now you a -
3 Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per your praise; This be the



Refrain
prayer I make faith to re - new.
lone I seek, give what is best: In all I say and do,
part - ing cry my heart shall raise:



more love, O Christ, to you, more love to you, more love to you!

Thanks to all who donated flowers for the Easter Cross.

A special thanks to The Flower Nook for the donation of Easter flowers on the Cross. The Flower Nook generously donated flowers to augment the flowers donated by the congregation to decorate the Easter Cross.



**BUILDING
COMMUNITY,
PAVING THE
WAY FOR OUR
FUTURE**

**North Haven
Congregational Church**

**1 Corinthians 12:7
To each is given the
manifestation of the
Spirit for the common
good**



Food Pantry



**Defibrillator and
commercial-grade
dishwasher**



Front Steps Repairs



**Parking Lot
Restoration**

