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

Sunday, July 6, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 9

Welcoming New Members

Family Sunday - The Sacrament of Communion

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Thoughtful Interlude*

Alexander Guilmant
Arr. Vivian Vevenger

***OPENING HYMN:** "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" Insert

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

PEOPLE: Behold, our God is a Creator.

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with
God, and the Word was God.

PEOPLE: Behold, our God is a Redeemer.

Leader: The earth was without form and void, and darkness was
upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was
moving over the face of the waters.

PEOPLE: Behold, our God is a Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Let us worship the God who is one in three, three in
one, who heals all our brokenness and gathers up all
our meanings.****

Maren C.Tirabassi

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

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Psalms 33:12, ESV)

Eternal God, stir our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism as we reflect on Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of Your holy name and the good of our Nation and of all humankind.##

Amen.

*Congressional Prayer offered by Chaplain,
Reverend Edward G. Latch on Wednesday, July 3, 1974.*

***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 new life, we often say that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. Yet when we consider our lives, we confess our failure to live in Christ. You promised to be present with us always, yet our fear for the future shows we do not trust in you. You love us with a great, eternal, and costly love, yet our self-doubt shows that we have not opened ourselves to your love. You promise that where your Spirit is, there is freedom, yet the injustice within your church shows that we have not let you set us free. God, guide us on the slow journey of growth. Free us from our fears, our prejudice, and our self-hatred, that we may live in Christ in the freedom of your Spirit.** Amen.

Ruth C. Duck

~ silence ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE COVENANT OF MEMBERSHIP

Presentation of New Members

*Owning the Covenant

The Congregation's Welcome

We, the members of this Church, most affectionately receive you into our fellowship, and welcome you to our communion. We likewise promise to pray for you, to watch over and help you, and to advocate for your gifts and ministries among us. God grant that loving and being loved, serving and being served, blessing and being blessed, we may be prepared while we dwell together on earth for the perfect fellowship of the saints above.

The Right Hand of Christian Fellowship

Prayer

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Kings 5:1-14 Page 332

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with

the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease.” So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, “Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.”

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, “When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease.” When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*** HYMN:** “Will You Come and Follow Me”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Galatians 6:1-10 Page 1333

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than

their neighbor’s work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

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

MEDITATION: “Humility and Perseverence” Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER Choral 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. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation: “Now to Your Table Spread” V456

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 Beautiful for Spacious Skies” P440

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Triumphant Finale*

Thomas Bliss

*Those who are able, please stand.

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We welcome New Members joining the Church this morning:

Kristin and Matt Granata, Kelly Dacey, Sara and Brian Gannon, and Laura and Dave Donle. Congratulations!

Deacon is Nancy Mahoney. **Scripture Reader** is Victor Maldonado.

Communion Servers are Dot Pierce and Kathy Harple. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson. Please join us for **Fellowship Hour** following service.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider, and Curtis Andrews, Sr.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Onalee Collins 07/06, Kayla DeLuca 07/07, Logan Stewart 07/10, Marlene Bellonio 07/11, Sue Beth Higgins 07/11, Michael McBride 07/12, Carmen DeLuca 07/12, Leslie Dockendorff 07/13.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Bette & Bob DeMayo 07/07, Tom & Wendy Glynn 07/07, Damon & Gressa Quinn 07/07, Rich & Susan Baldino 07/09.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry – Items needed – please bring canned vegetables (peas, beets, mixed vegetables, carrots, and peas & carrots) and hearty soups – other than chicken soup, and place them in the basket in the Narthex.

Fundraiser Event Planned– There will be an Artisan Fair held in Carroll Hall on **Saturday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Offered for sale will be carefully home crafted wood flags, knit and crocheted items, and a variety of needlework kits at appropriate prices. Vendors of fine quality wood-craft creations, quilts, candles, soaps, material, and equipment have been invited to offer their wares. Come and see what you may find for yourself or to give as a gift. Do some Christmas shopping in July! There will be two generously filled sewing baskets

offered as raffle prizes. This fundraiser will support the church. Contact Cathy Welch or Carol Mitchell for information.

6TH ANNUAL ON-LINE FUNDRAISING AUCTION

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our upcoming on-line fundraising auction. Thanks to Carla H., Vivian S., Sue T., Sue C., Joan and Jim B., Nancy M., Martha B., Patience B., Kim C., Heather M., Kathy H., Cheryl B., Carol A., Pastor Scott, and Womens Fellowship for their donations. The auction will go live around July 14. Winning bidders will pick up their items July 26 within a specific time frame provided for the winning bidders. For any questions see a member of the B Team: Priscilla B., Martha B., Patience B., Martin B.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	7/6	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Monday	7/7	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	SUMMER OFFICE HOURS 8–12 Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	7/8	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 6:00 7:00 7:00	Music Together (DBL) Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) SAFE CONDUCT (L, maybe zoom) Music Under the Stars (Green)
Wednesday	7/9	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:00 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FUNERAL (S) FOOD PANTRY OPEN MLB (L)
Thursday	7/10	9:30 a.m. 10:00	Music Together (DBL) Rev. Scott Morrow – Office Hours
Friday	7/11	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	7/12	9:00 a.m. 9:30 10:30 11:30	ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR (CH) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Rhythm Kids (DBL)
Sunday	7/13	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

***OPENING HYMN: “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”** Insert



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min - is - tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
That sur-round each per - son's sor-row with a calm that con - quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor-er, all God's peo - ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com - pas - sion to in - crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car-ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
Blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

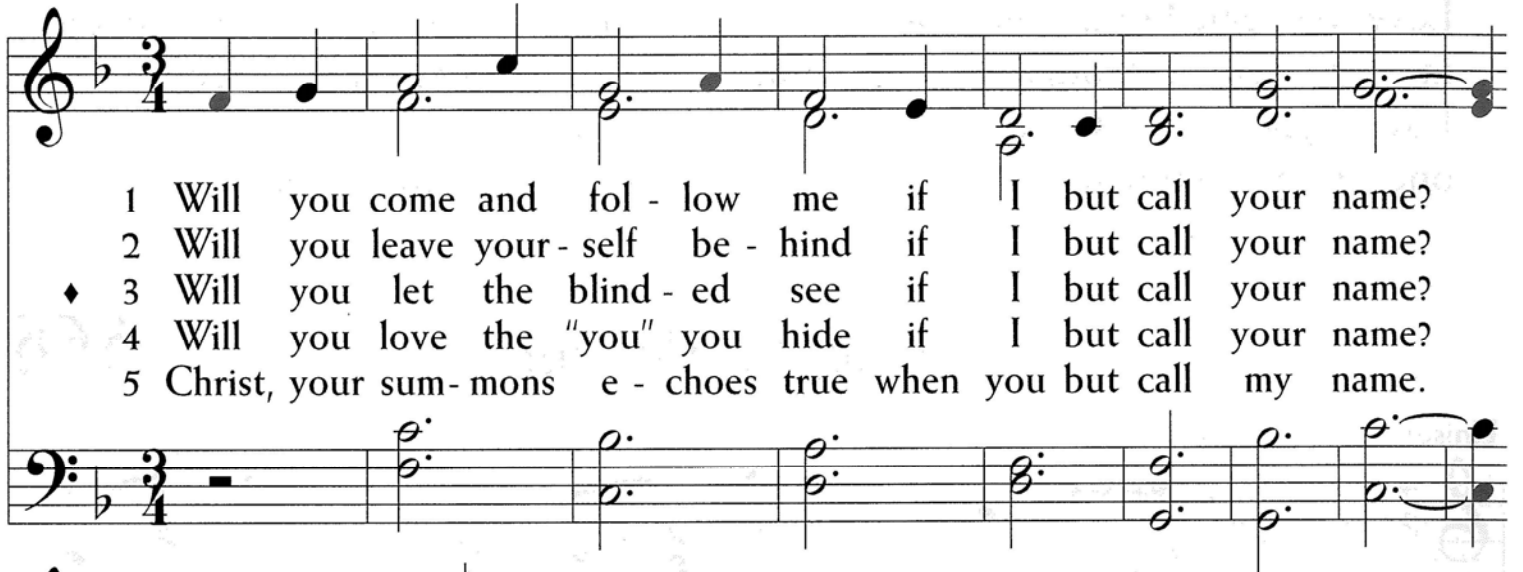


Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Heather Meachen, Organist
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
Dave Nelson, Sexton

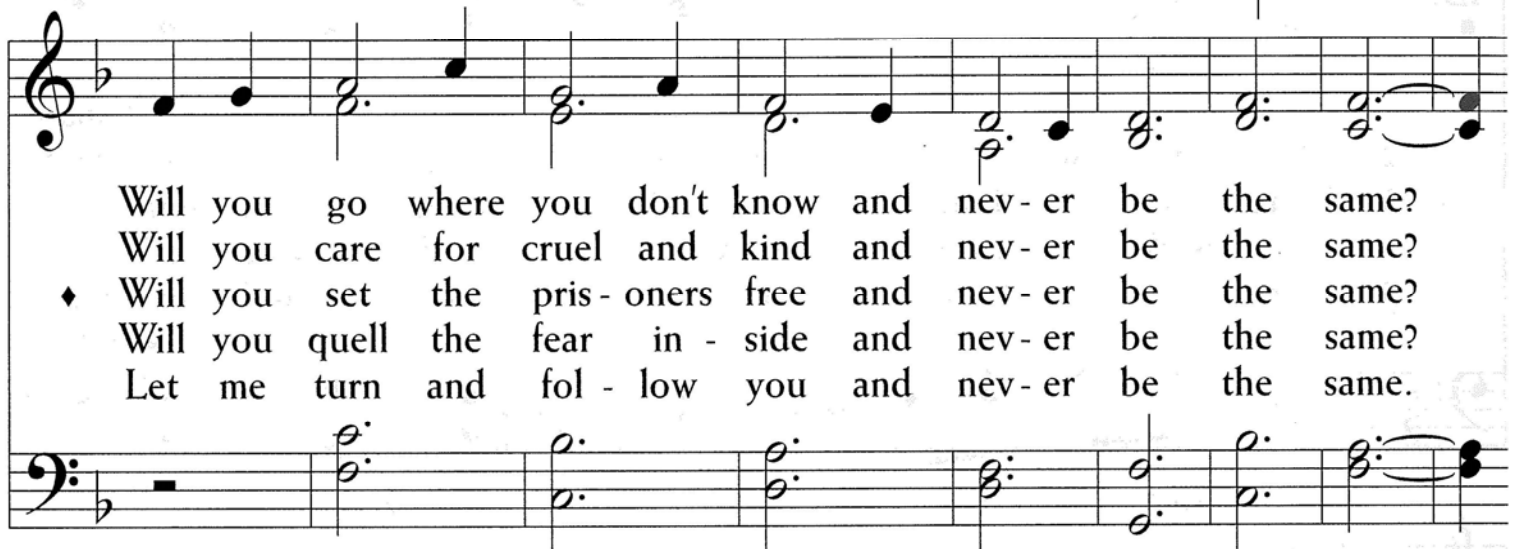
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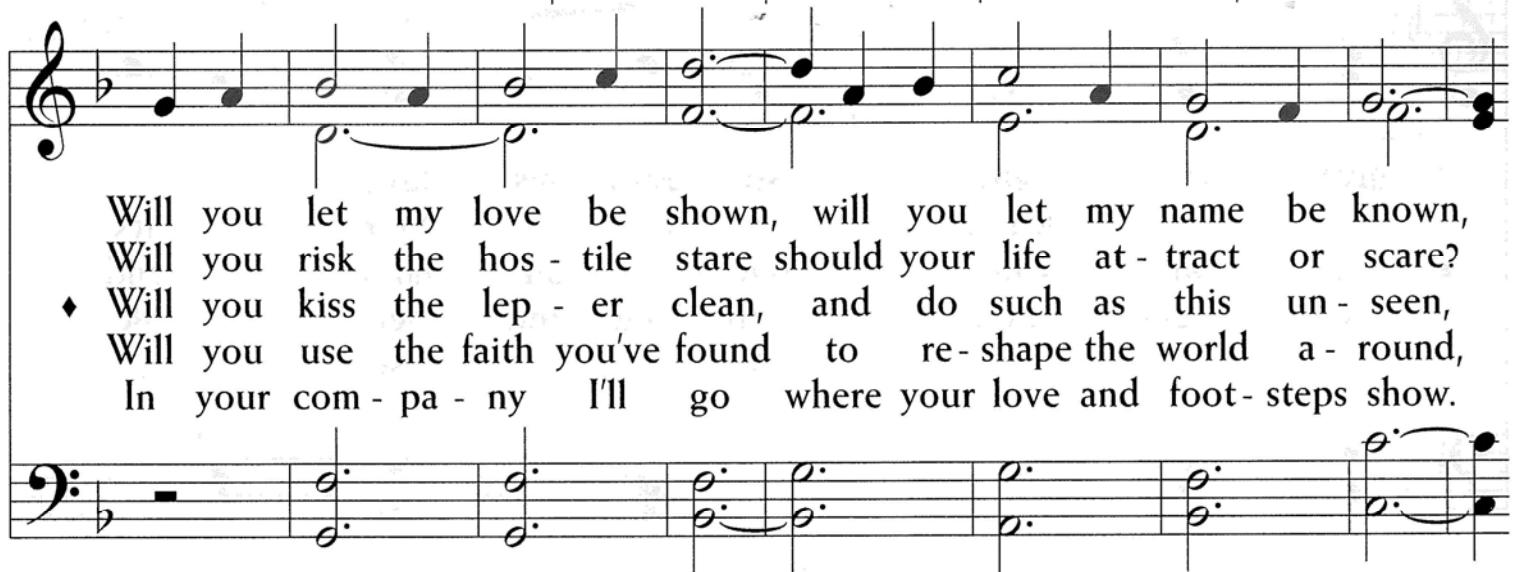
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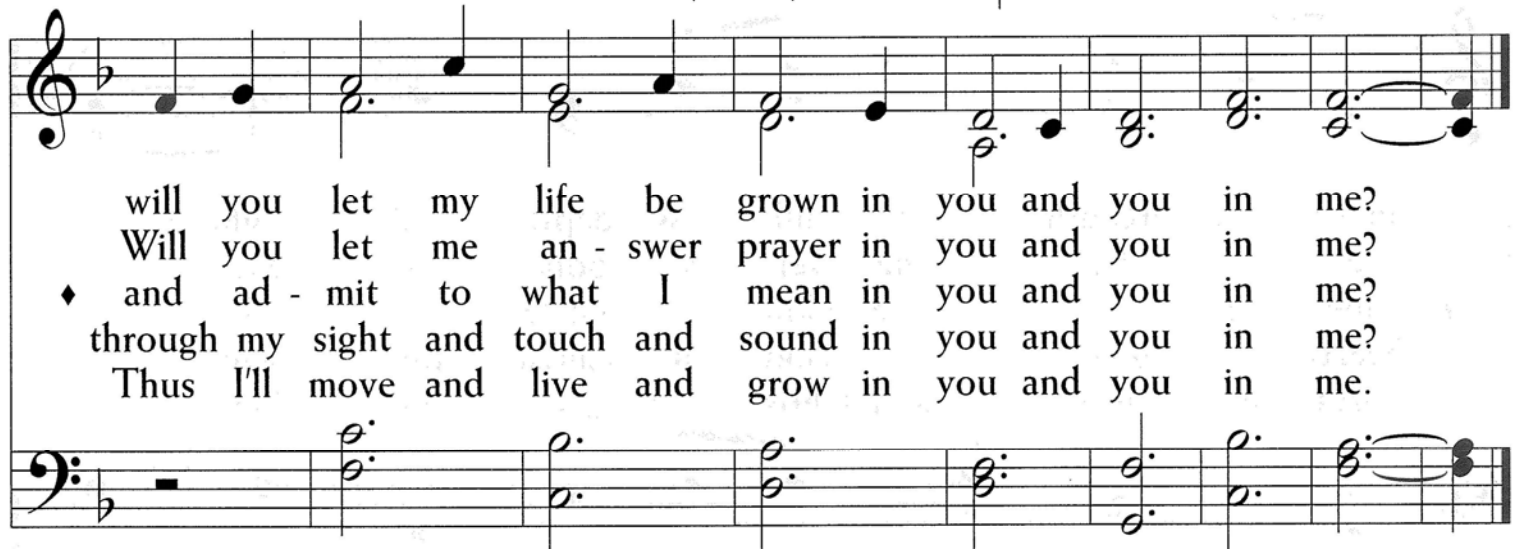
1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 ♦ 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Christ, your sum - mons e - choes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 ♦ Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 ♦ Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



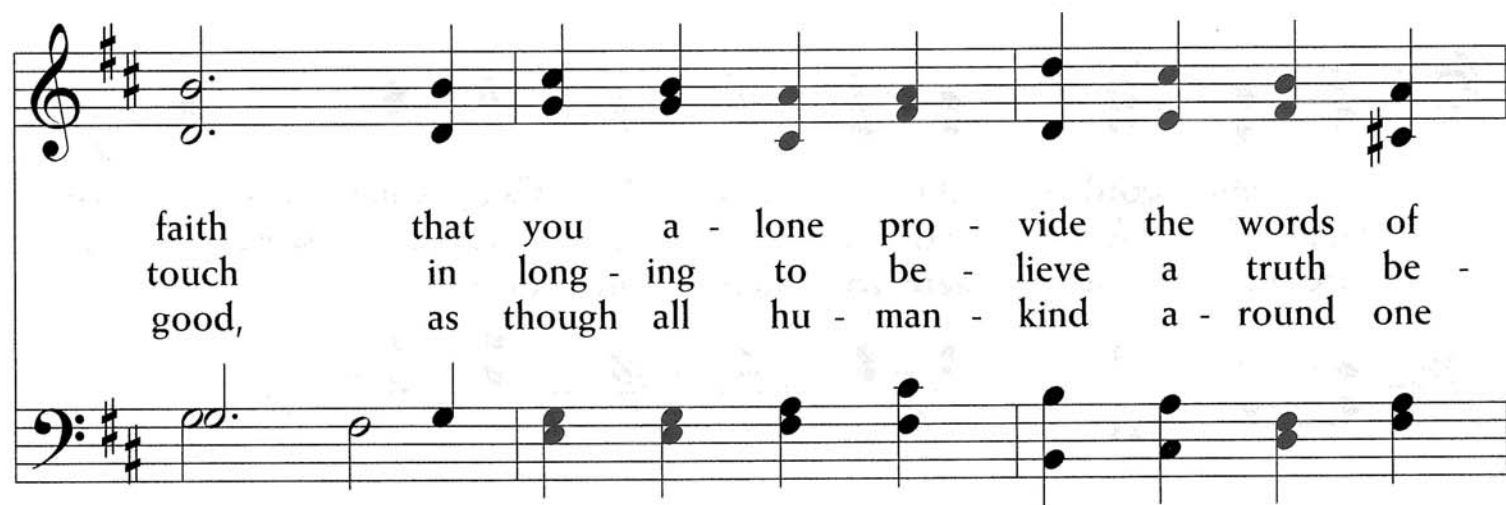
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 ♦ and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Hymn of Preparation: "Now to Your Table Spread"

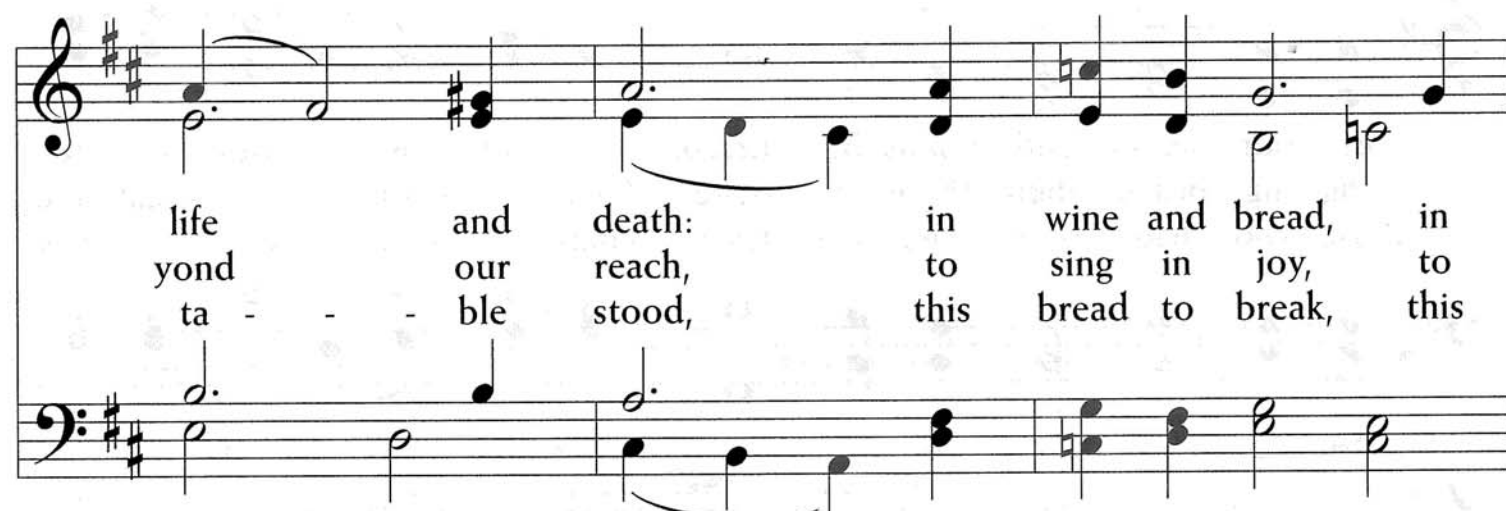
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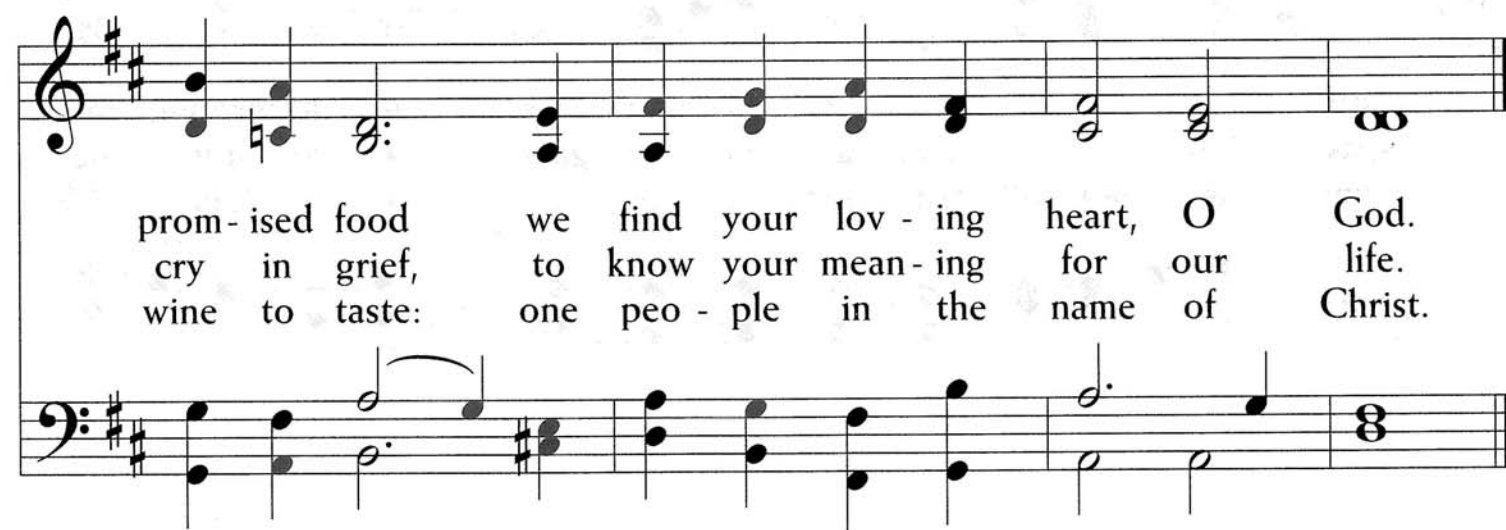
1 Now to your ta - ble spread we come, each one in
 2 Hands of the world stretch out your mys - ter - y to
 3 Here is our com - mon wealth in shar - ing what is




faith that you a - lone pro - vide the words of
 touch in long - ing to be - lieve a truth be -
 good, as though all hu - man - kind a - round one




life and death: in wine and bread, in
 yond our reach, to sing in joy, to
 ta - - - ble stood, this bread to break, this



prom - ised food we find your lov - ing heart, O God.
 cry in grief, to know your mean - ing for our life.
 wine to taste: one peo - ple in the name of Christ.





1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
 3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years





For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
 Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
 Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!




A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
 Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
 Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine.
 And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea. A - men.





Summer Office Hours: The church office will be open from 8:00am to 12:00pm beginning Monday, July 7 through Friday, August 29.



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.