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

Sunday, August 3, 2025

9:30 a.m.

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 13
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION OF REV. CINDY STASKO

PRELUDE

***OPENING HYMN:** Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above V216

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Creator God who speaks to us the words of hope

People: We gather to hear your voice.

Leader: Incarnate Christ who shows to us the way of hope

People: We gather to celebrate your story.

Leader: Quickening Spirit who nurtures in us the life of hope

People: We gather to be infused by your Spirit.

Leader: Trinity of hope meet with us here through word and song,
bread and wine

All: and draw us deeper into your eternal dance of life.

COVENANT IN MINISTRY WITH REV. CINDY STASKO

**Congregation: We, the members and friends of North Haven
Congregational Church, welcome The Rev. Cindy Stasko
to our shared ministry. We pledge to support her, to
graciously accept her instruction and leadership, and to
work together with her in our mutual witness to the
redeeming love of God.**

Rev. Cindy: I dedicate myself to the ministry of the North Haven
Congregational Church. My prayer is that, together, our lives
be enriched by the Gospel and that our community be
enriched by our witness and service.

**All: Together we turn to God for nurture and guidance in this
new path we all are traveling together. Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

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

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. Amen.

The Reverend Said Ailabouni

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

P513

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

Source of hope, whose word began and sustains all life, we confess that there have been times when we have not lived as those who have heard the voice of God.

Shaper of hope, in whose living and loving, God's intention was realized, we confess that there have been times when we have not lived as those who know the love of God.

Inspirer of hope, whose challenge and call are insistent and strong, we confess that there have been times when we have not lived as those who have felt the touch of God.

Triune God, we offer ourselves afresh to you: inspire, enlarge and energize us that now and always, our lives may serve as a sign of yours. Amen.**

~ silence ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jeremiah 29:1,4-7,10-11 Pg 720

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

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

* **HYMN:** Blest Be the Tie That Binds V602 Verses 1 & 2

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4 Pg 1343

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

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MEDITATION: "A Future With Hope" Rev. Cindy Stasko

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

Preparation Hymn: One Bread, One Body

V467

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:** Now Thank We All Our God

V236

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Co-Deacons are Peter Hall and Nancy Mahoney. **Scripture Reader** is Cathy Welch. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson. **Join us for Fellowship Hour** immediately following service and welcome Rev. Cindy.

Today's flowers are given by the staff of North Haven Congregational Church, Welcome Rev. Cindy.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	8/3	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Rev. Cindy’s first Sunday
Monday	8/4	1:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	8/5	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (DBL) Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) Music Under the Stars (Green)
Wednesday	8/6	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Leos Club (CH) Lions Club (CH)
Thursday	8/7		
Friday	8/8	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	8/9	9:30 a.m. 11:30	Music Together (DBL) Rhythm Kids (DBL)
Sunday	8/10	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Kathleen Harple 08/04, William Adams 08/05, Brie Rose 08/06, Linda Rankin 08/08, Heather Meachen 08/10, Tim Peiffer 08/10, Michele Lynch 08/10.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Rebecca & Alan Conley 08/04, Barbara & Richard Massey 08/05.

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.

***OPENING HYMN: Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above** V216



1 Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al-might-y power hath made, God's gra-cious mer - cy
 3 Our God is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -
 4 Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud thy



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth: by morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch-ful
 tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay, our peace, and
 prais - es that all may hear the grate-ful song my voice un -



our sal - va - tion; with heal-ing balm my soul is filled, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth; with - in the shel - ter of God's might, lo!
 joy, and bless - ing; as with a moth - er's ten - der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in your God, my heart! Both

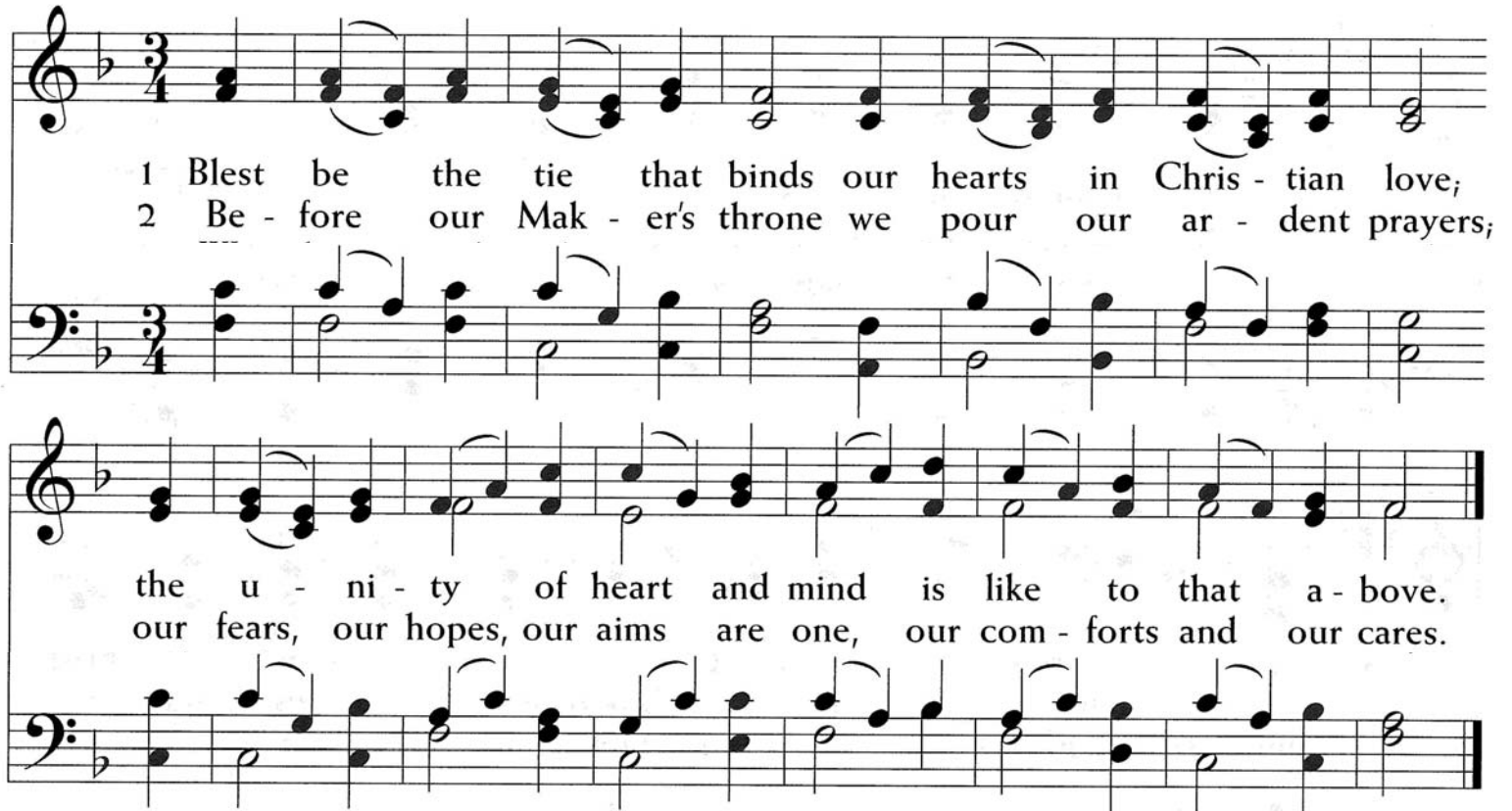


ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled:
 all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 gent - ly leads the cho - sen band:
 soul and bod - y take your part:



* **HYMN:** Blest Be the Tie That Binds

V602 Verses 1 & 2



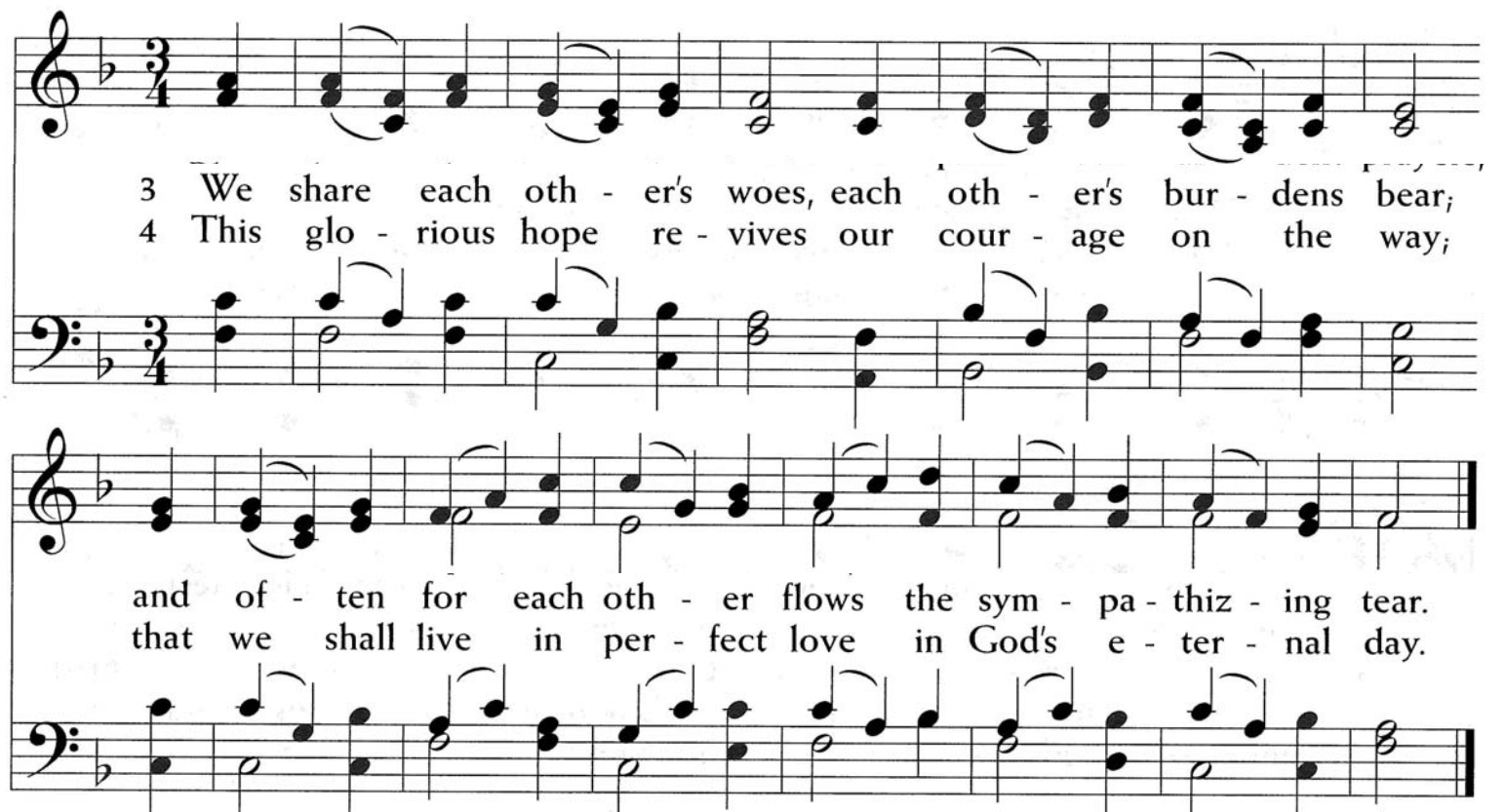
1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Mak - er's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.

This system contains the first two verses of the hymn. It features a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and sixteenth notes, often beamed together. The lyrics are written below the staff, with line numbers 1 and 2 indicating the start of each verse. The first system ends with a double bar line.

* **HYMN:** Blest Be the Tie That Binds

V602 Verses 3 & 4



3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear;
4 This glo - rious hope re - vives our cour - age on the way;

and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
that we shall live in per - fect love in God's e - ter - nal day.

This system contains the third and fourth verses of the hymn. It continues the musical notation from the first system, with a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time and a key signature of one flat. The melody remains consistent, using eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with line numbers 3 and 4 indicating the start of each verse. The second system ends with a double bar line.

Refrain (Unison)

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,
one cup of bless-ing which we bless, and
we, though ma-ny, through-out the earth,
we are one bod-y in this one Lord. (to verses)

*1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
2 Ma-ny the gifts, ma-ny the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all. (One)
gath-ered to one, for all.

*CLOSING HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God

V236

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,

who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
 and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ill in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Chord symbols: Eb, Ab, Eb, Fm, Bb, Eb, Bb7, Eb, Eb, Ab, Eb, Ab, G, Ab, Bb, Eb, Bb, F7, Bb, Eb, Bb, Eb, Bb, Cm, D, Gm, Gm, C, Fm, C, Fm, Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb, Eb.

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 Cindy Stasko, Bridge Pastor

Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children

Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music

Heather Meachen, Organist

Julie Schweickert, Office Manager

Dave Nelson, Sexton