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

Sunday, November 16, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 28

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: C Major Andante

by C. Ett

CHORAL INTROIT: "We Are One"

VU 402

Words: Doreen Lanksbear-Smith

Music: Jeeva Sam arr. David Kai

Jeff Hutchins & Heather Meachen

***OPENING HYMN:** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* V507

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Let us give thanks to God who cradles us in the waters of baptism.

People: We will trust in the One who has saved us, who strengthens us.

Leader: Today we praise the Fountain of Life, drinking deeply of salvation's goodness.

People: We praise our God for every blessing; telling everyone of God's amazing grace in our lives and in our world.

Leader: We sing God's praises; testifying to all creation of our God.

People: Today our songs are filled with joy, for God is with us, this day and in all the days to come!

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

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength is known but the strength of love; so mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one God; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. Amen. Anglican Book of Common Prayer.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION – *unison*

Our loving and caring God, we need this time together to be united with our sisters and brothers in the faith; we need this time of worship to be comforted and strengthened in your presence. We hear of wars and rumors of wars. We read of persecution and oppression. Remind us again of your vision, that all might live in a world of peace and justice and love. May this time together imprint this vision and promise on our hearts, that we may live into this beloved community. 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.**

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

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 98

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Psalm 98

Praise the Judge of the World

**¹ O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.**

**His right hand and his holy arm
have gotten him victory.**

**² The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

**³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.**

**⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

**⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the world and those who live in it.

⁸ Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy

⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***HYMN:** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 65: 17-25 Page 685

The Glorious New Creation

¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating,
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it
or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat,
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain
or bear children for calamity,
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together;
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: “Thank you, Lord”

Text & Music: Mary Ellen Kerrick

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Carol Mitchell, soloist

SERMON: “Endless Possibilities”

Rev. Cindy

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.

***Prayer of Dedication of the Offering and Our Pledges**

**O God, we long to make a difference in our world. We offer you
what we have: our visions and dreams; our witness to your
saving acts of love and justice; our resources to help bring the
new heaven and new earth into our midst. We offer you our very
lives, that we may be coworkers with you to bring about true
change. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN: *For the Healing of the Nations* see insert**

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Sonata: Allegro, ma non trappo, Op. 49, No. 2

by Ludwig van Beethoven

*Those who are able, please stand.
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Deacon is Nancy Mahoney. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson. **Scripture Reader** is Susan Compton. **Camera Operator** is Sue Cifelli. **This Sunday’s flowers** are given by Carol Mitchell in celebration of her son Kyle's birthday today and of November birthdays of other family members and friends. **Please join us for Fellowship Hour in Carroll Hall immediately following the service.**

In Our Prayers This Week are: The Rev. Deb Ruotolo, Lee Guckert and her Family, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider, and Charlotte Shea.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	11/16	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
Monday	11/17	4:00 p.m. 6:00	BIBLE STUDY (L) CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	11/18	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) PLP (Library) United Girls Choir (CH, K, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	11/19	 1:00 p.m. 7:00	WINDOW DEADLINE Danish Sisterhood (L) Al-Anon District Family (K)
Thursday	11/20	2:00 p.m. 7:00	Food Drive: Packing Boxes (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
Friday	11/21	12:00 p.m. 2:00	Food Drive: Packing Produce (CH) Food Drive: Packing Boxes (CH)
Saturday	11/22	7:30 a.m. 8:30	Food Drive: Packing Dairy (CH) Food Drive: Pickup & Delivery (CH)
Sunday	11/23	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: , Hannah Nottingham 11/17, Ann Dubar 11/18, Michelle McBride 11/18, Nancy Gutowski 11/19, Bruno Juliano 11/21, Peter Struk 11/21, Meg Adams 11/21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry needs

The Food Pantry is in need of canned meals: Beefaroni, Spaghettio's, Beef stew, Chili and Chili with beans. Please bring to the church.

Thanksgiving Sunday Food Offering

Sunday, November 23rd will be Thanksgiving Sunday. As is tradition, we will collect the Harvest Offering during service. Please bring fresh produce that will be displayed on the alter. After the service, this produce will be donated to the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen to be used in their Thanksgiving Dinner.

Womens Fellowship Annual Christmas Party!

Date: Monday, December 8th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Koinonia Room

Pot Luck Dinner—bring your favorite dish to share!

Bring a “ GRAB BAG GIFT” (funny, different, odd, used, etc)

This is a night filled with good food, lots of laughs, and of course great fellowship! All women (members or not) are encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to Cheryl Bogert at ca.bogert48@gmail.com

Hope to see some new faces there!

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

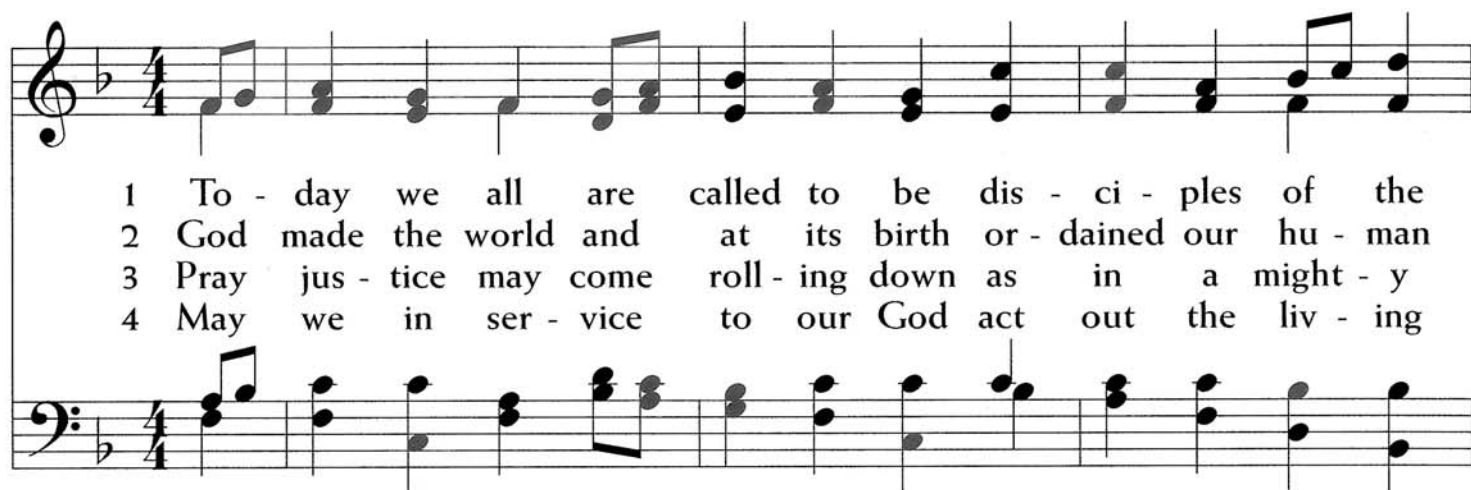
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music

Heather Meachen, Organist

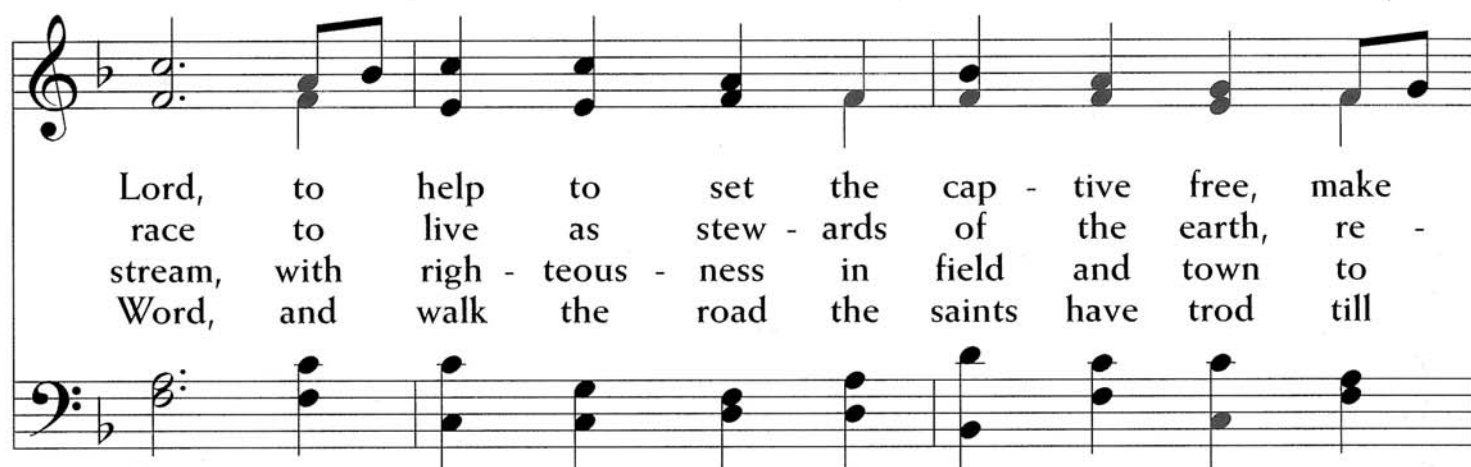
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager

Dave Nelson, Sexton

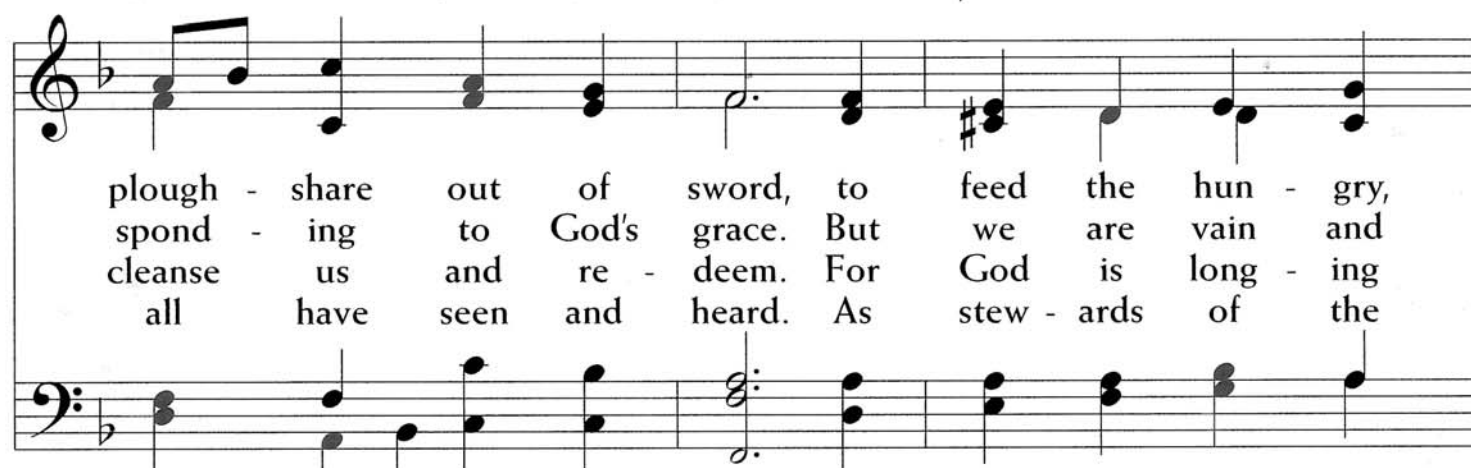
***OPENING HYMN: *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples* V507**



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



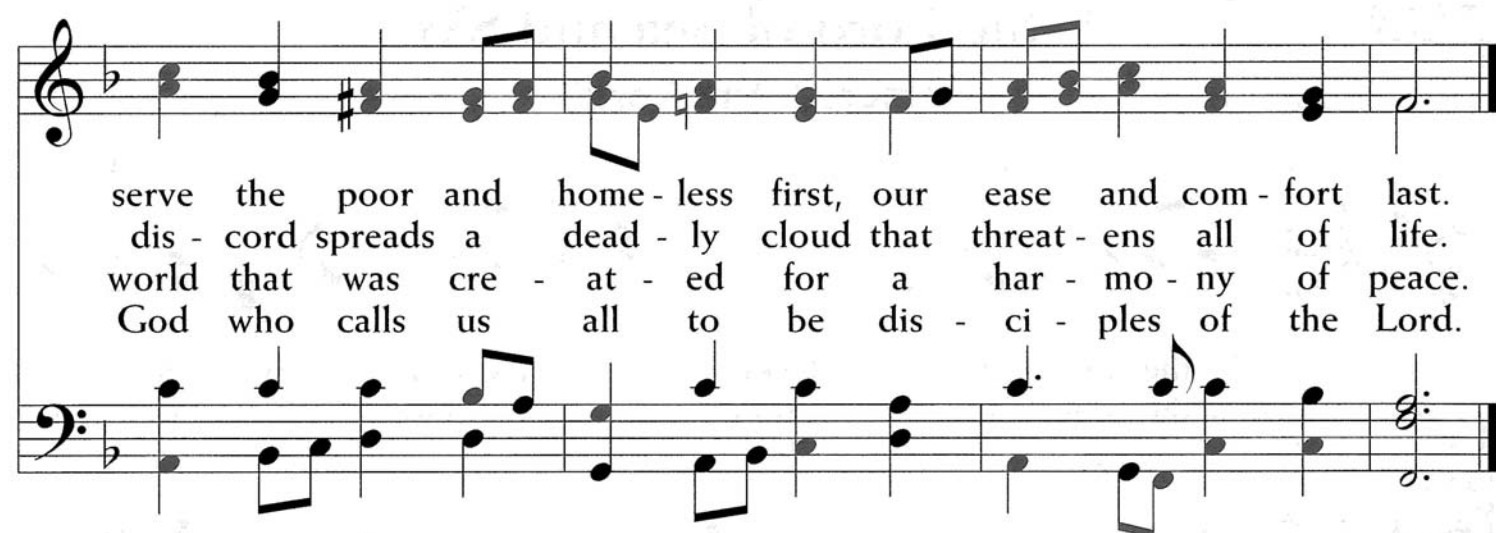
Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to
 Word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plough - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry,
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the



quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to
 sad - ly proud, we sow not peace but strife, our
 to re - store an earth where con - flicts cease, a
 earth may we give thanks in one ac - cord to



serve the poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.
 dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.
 world that was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.
 God who calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

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1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps- es of truth thou
2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

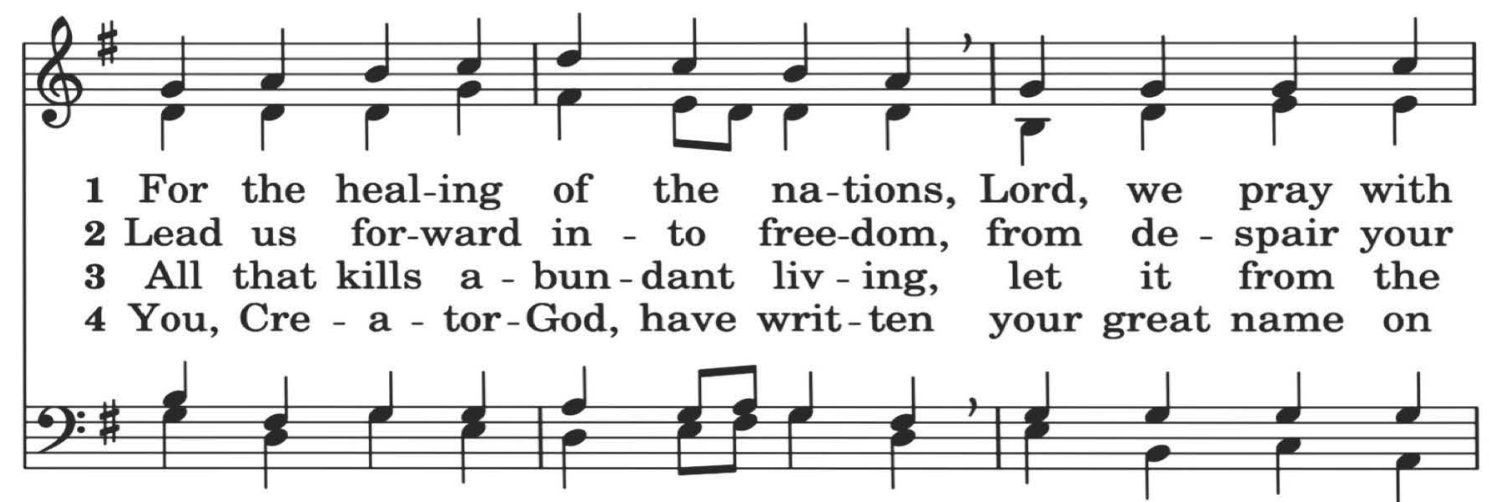
hast for me; place in my hands the won- der - ful key
send- est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
ev - ery- where; o - pen my heart and let me pre- pare

that shall un- clasp and set me free.
ev - ery- thing false will dis - ap- pear. Si - lent - ly now I
love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

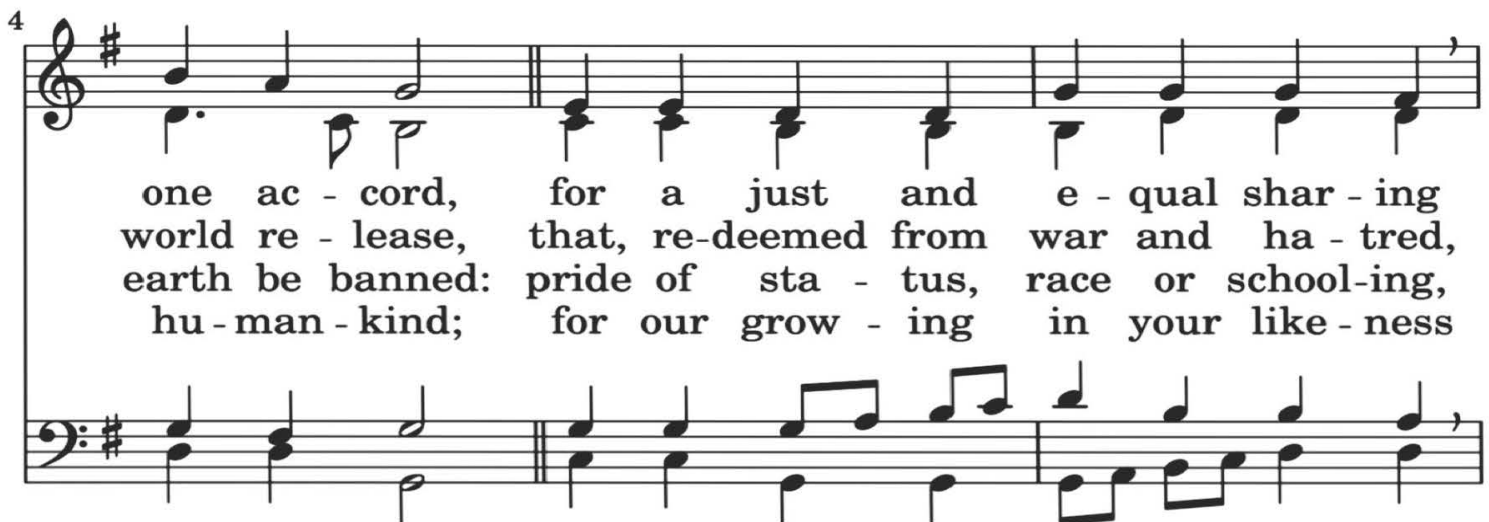
wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,
O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
O - pen my heart,

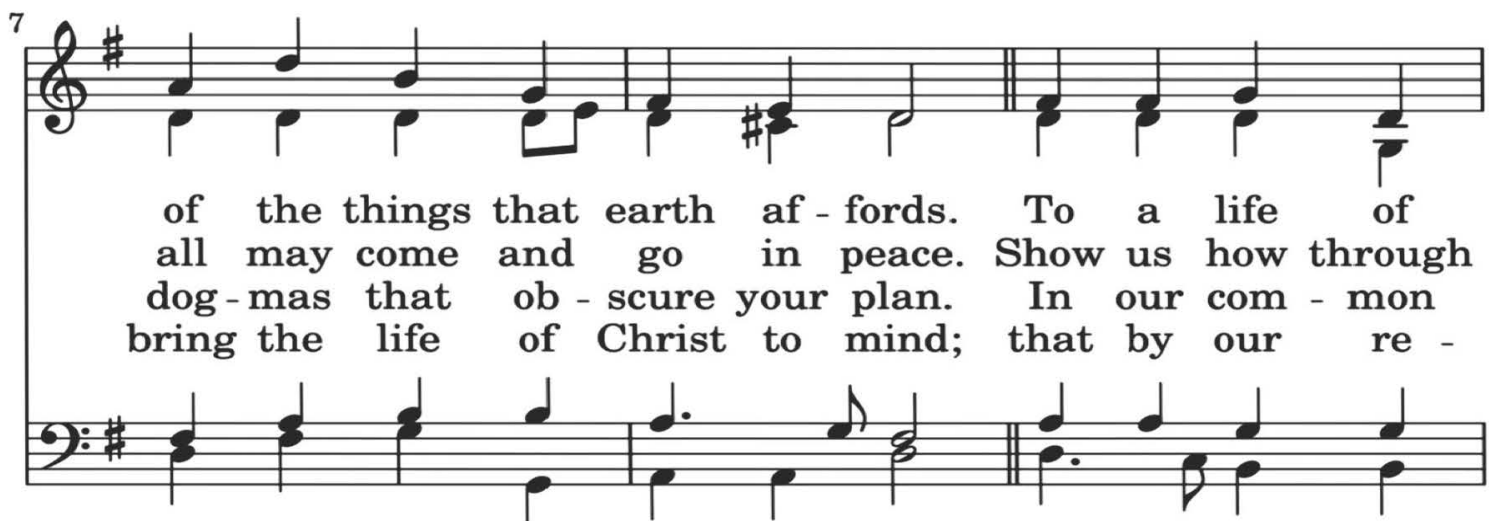
***CLOSING HYMN:** *For the Healing of the Nations* see insert



1 For the heal-ing of the na-tions, Lord, we pray with
2 Lead us for-ward in - to free-dom, from de - spair your
3 All that kills a - bun-dant liv - ing, let it from the
4 You, Cre - a - tor-God, have writ-ten your great name on

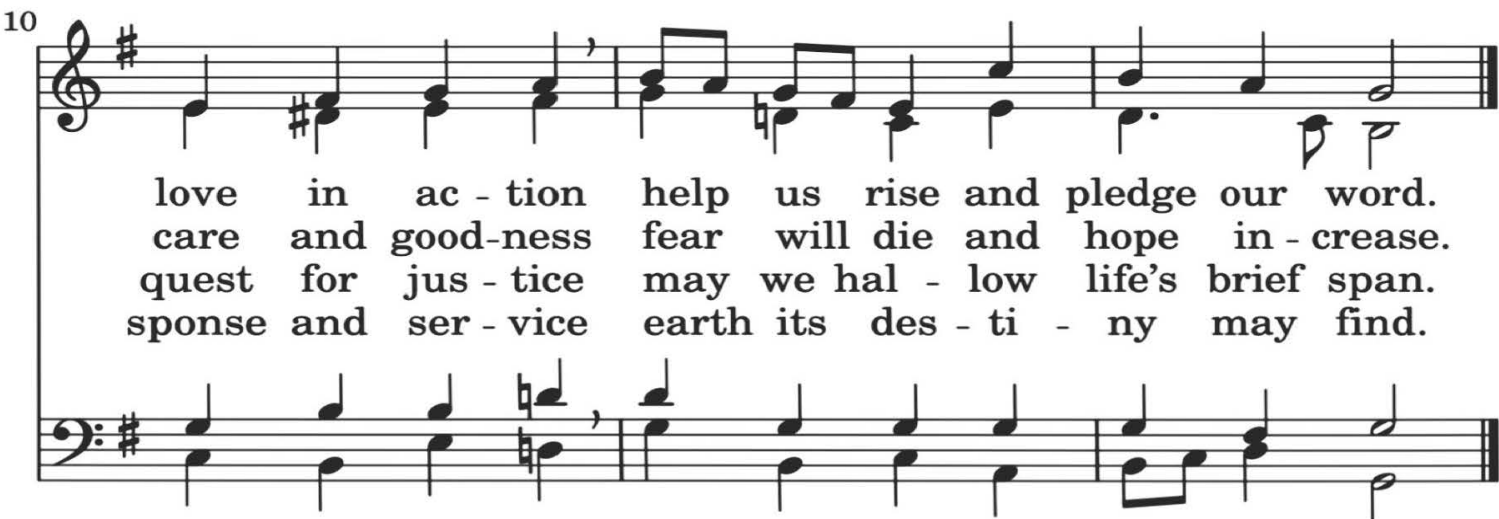


one ac - cord, for a just and e - qual shar - ing
world re - lease, that, re-deemed from war and ha - tred,
earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race or school-ing,
hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness



of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of
all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
bring the life of Christ to mind; that by our re -

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Music (ALLELUIA DULCE CARMEN 87 87 87): Melody and bass from *An Essay on the Church Plain-chant*, 1782; harmonised by William Henry Monk (1823-1889)



10 love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
care and good-ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

Dreaming God's Dream

NO GIFT TOO SMALL, NO DREAM TOO BIG.

Larry Ballantyne
Martin & Patience Benassi
Jim & Joan Bennett
Cheryl Bogert
Priscilla Bradford
Elaine & Sonny Burr
Mark & Martha Butterworth
Suzanne Cifelli
Susan Compton
Ken & Ann Dubar
Doris Ferner
Carl & Lillian Flodquist
Merrilee & George Gladkosky
Nancy Gutowski,
Peter & Cheryl Hall
Vivian Harris
Susan Beth & Robert Higgins
Carla & Michael Hill
Linda Howe
Bernard & Elfie Hummel
Barbara Joslyn
Roberta & Bruno Juliano
Linda Lacobelli
Dan & Lynn Lafleur
Carol Lasse
Nancy & Ken Mahoney
Rhonda & John Masnato
Barbara & Rick Massey
Carol Mitchell
Dave & Barbara Nelson
William Olmstead

Stephen & Mabel Peterson
Jeanne Reardon
Jane & Tom Romans
Robert & Barbara Scheidecker
Adam & Julie Schweickert
Cheryl Solecki
Peter & Vicky Struk Jr.
John & Sue Tibor
Doris Vigliotto
Catherine Welch

Pledges as of 11-13-25

