

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

Sunday, June 21, 2020

9:30 a.m.

**Third Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 7
Father's Day**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Lento*

Carl Reinecke

***OPENING HYMN:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

V288

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people!

PEOPLE: **The winds of the Spirit have given us breath and the fire of the Spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and for each other.**

Leader: Come together in faithfulness, and be ready for the surprises that God's spirit brings.

PEOPLE: **We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace.**

ALL: **May God help us to be true people of spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days! ****

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

Gracious God, who has the power to create the whirlwind and the wisdom to speak to us in the still, small voice, we ask that you bring your love to us today. We are in need of the strength of your spirit. We live in the hope of your call. We depend on you; there is no other who gives us such hope and life. Be with us, care for us, comfort and confront us with your love and grace. Through the power of the Spirit we pray. ** Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.
Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
let waters fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.
Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.## Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

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.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

ANTHEM: *Every Time I Feel The Spirit*

North Haven Congregational Church
Virtual Choir Project

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Clarence Boyer
adapt. Jeff Hutchins and Gary Snowbeck

SERMON: "Sword or Cross"

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY:

Tune: Old Hundredth

*Doxology 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

GREETING OF PEACE

***CLOSING HYMN:** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

V560

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Postlude in B-flat

de Monte

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by Barbara Massey in honor of the fathers whose love, dedication and support to their families is shown daily. May God bless you all, Happy Father's Day!

In Our Prayers This Week are: Heather Purcell, Ona & Sam Gott, Ben & Cole Purcell, Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, David Bellonio, Marlene Bellonio, Stefan McKosky, Rose Monaco, Sabrina Selmer, and Linda Shannon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Makenzie Conley 06/23, Finley McBride 06/24, September Baraquin 06/26, Gabriella DeLuca 06/26, William Olmstead 06/28.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Jeff & Jackie Jennings 06/27.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry!

We would appreciate all donations, both non-perishable and monetary. Please bring your donations to the church between 8:00 and 2:30 p.m. Monday – Friday, or donate through our online giving via the website. Thank you for your support.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	June 21	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream FATHER'S DAY
Monday	June 22	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	June 23	6:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	June 24		WINDOW MAILING
		10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
		11:00	STAFF MEETING (Zoom)
Thursday	June 25	7:00 p.m.	VIRTUAL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	June 26	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	June 27		
Sunday	June 28	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream

Bold print starts new day.

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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.

Descant

3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,
 D G A7 G D

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, God our Cre - a - tor;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,
 G D E (B7 E7) A

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row—
 A7 D D Em D G

thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row—

won - drous the por - tion thy bless - ings pro - vide.
 as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 won - drous the por - tion thy bless - ings pro - vide.

G#dim7 D A D

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by
 Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

A G D B7 Am Em A7

morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -
 morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

D A E7 A A7 D Em D

vid - ed — great is thy faith - ful - ness, ev - er to me!
 vid - ed — great is thy faith - ful - ness, ev - er to me!

G G#dim7 D A7 D

*CLOSING HYMN: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

D G D Em E A A Bm7 A7

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move with some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee, in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

D Bm7 E7 A A7 Em A7 D

paths of ser - vice free; teach me thy se - cret,
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

G D A D A7 Bm A7 D Em A D

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sure and strong, in trust that tri - umphs ov - er wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.