

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

**Sunday, July 12, 2020**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 10**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Morning Prayer*

William Stickles

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

**V216**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We have been called here to face into God's gracious way of living. We are to leave the past behind us and walk into these new days of our ministry.

**PEOPLE:** Sometimes we'd rather remember how things used to be. Sometimes we are afraid to be disciples.

Leader: But this is a new day, and Christ is sharing freedom with us. It is a day to put aside all fear, to leave doubting behind, and to take courage in God's loving call.

**PEOPLE:** We will look to the new day. We will strive for faithfulness, even at the cost of popularity,

**ALL:** and we will be disciples of Christ, renewing and healing the world around us.\*\*

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

Violence never again!

War never again!

Terrorism never again!

In God's name,

may all religions bring upon earth

justice and peace,

forgiveness, life and love!###

His Holiness Pope John Paul II

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison**

God of the sojourners, we ask your presence with us on our journey through life. Help us to be faithful to your ways of love and grace. Keep us from helpless despair. Give us the power to make your love known, even in this world that seems so bent on war and hate. With your courage in our hearts, we will walk the Jerusalem road together\*\*. 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 FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13**

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For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

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That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**     *Hear My Prayer, O Lord*  
   Sung by Jeff Hutchins

Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

This 3 voice English motet was first published in 1668 in *Musica Deo Sacra*, no. 23  
The text is drawn from verses 1 & 2 of Psalm 102.

- 1 Hear my prayer, O Lord:  
and let my crying come unto thee.
- 2 Hide not thy face from me in the time of my trouble:  
incline thine ear unto me when I call;  
O hear me, and that right soon.

**SERMON:** "Extravagance, Hope, and Faith"

Scott G. Morrow

**PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**  
**PASTORAL PRAYER**

## 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

## GREETING OF PEACE

\*CLOSING HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

V120

## \*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Recessional*

Stickles

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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## WORLD PRAYERS –[www.worldprayers.org](http://www.worldprayers.org) - retrieved 10/2/15

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**The flowers** this morning are given by Sandy Carter in memory of her beloved grandson Jack Viele on the 21st anniversary of his passing. He is greatly loved and missed.

**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:** , Michael McBride 07/12, Carmen DeLuca 07/12, Leslie Dockendorff 07/13, Mary Ellen Collett 07/14, Tina Vallone 07/15, Kristine Munck 07/15, Thomas Jennings 07/15, Don Geissler 07/17, Rose Monaco 07/19

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Tom & Shirley Ryan 07/12, Craig & Laura Miller 07/12, Elaine & Sonny Burr 07/18.

## 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\***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 12</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP – Live Stream</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 14</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS (Zoom)</b>
		<b>6:00</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>July 15</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
		<b>11:00</b>	<b>STAFF MEETING (Zoom)</b>
		<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>REOPENING TEAM (Zoom)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>July 16</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>July 18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MENS FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (Zoom)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>July 19</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP – Live Stream</b>

**Bold print starts new day.**

#### **Church Office Staff:**

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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***

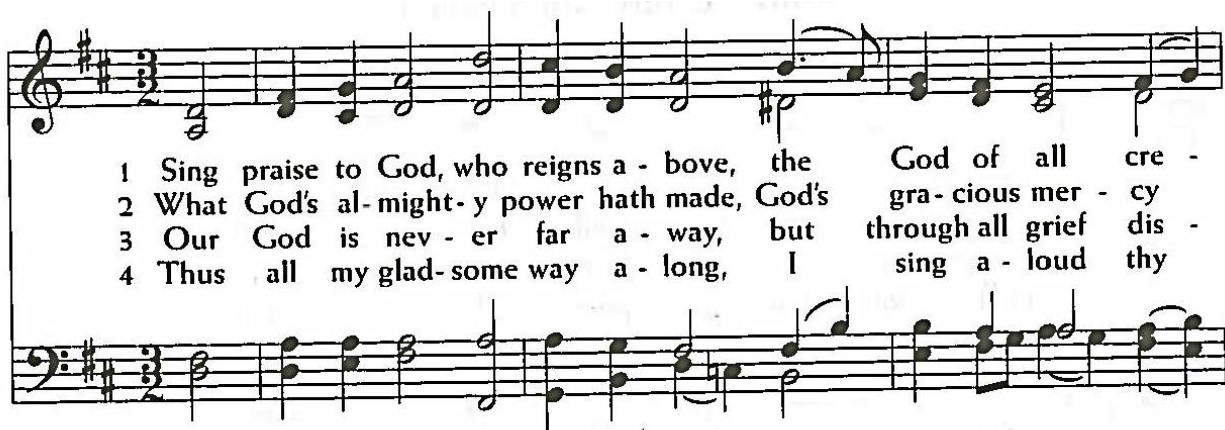
We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- 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.

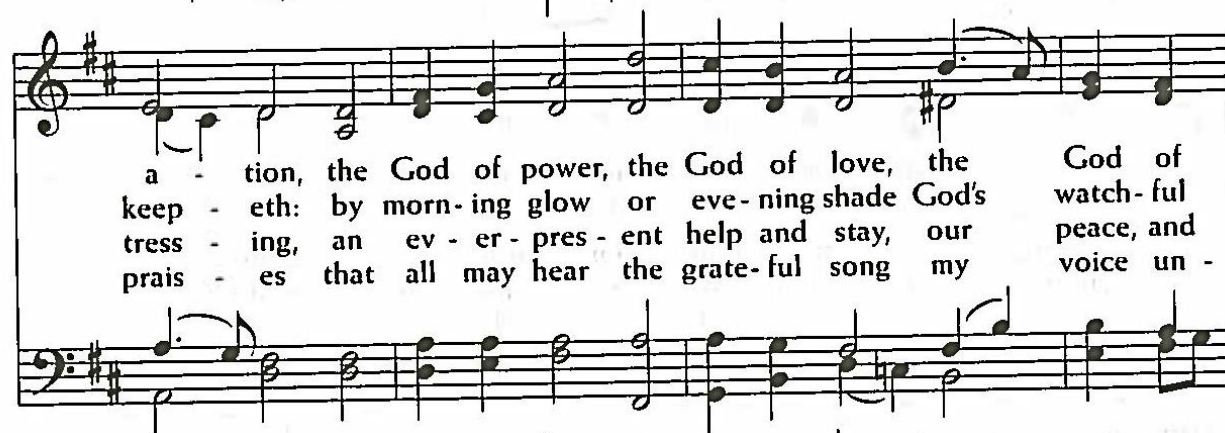
#### ***VALUES***

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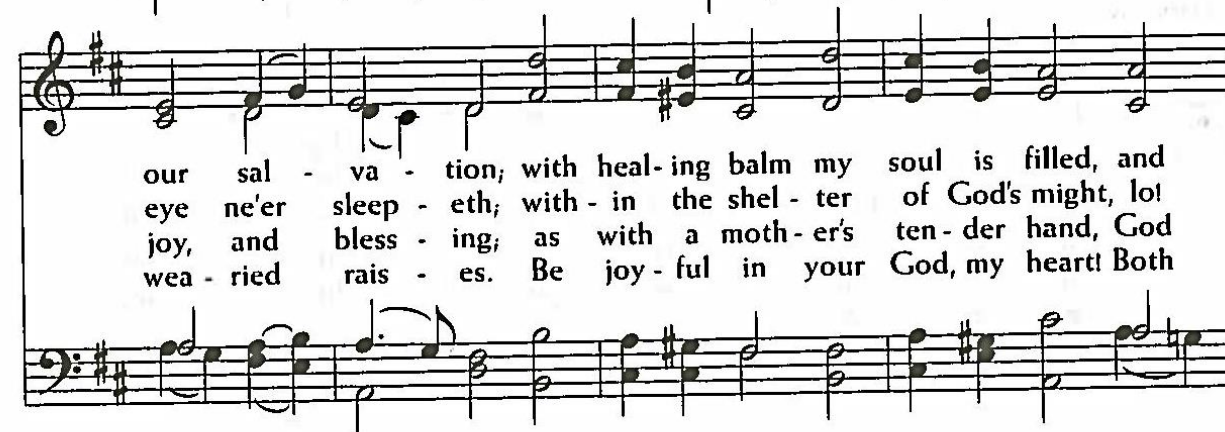
- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.



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, let  
 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:



F (Fdim F) C Dm Gm C

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ev - er near;  
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you,

F G7 C (F C) G7 C

re - main for ev - er near me, my Sav - iour and my friend:  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear;  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

C7 F (D7) Gm (D7 Gm)

I shall not fear the jour - ney if you are by my side,  
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to hast - en or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

Unison Bb C Harmony Bb F C7 F

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Sav - iour and my friend.