

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

Sunday, July 19, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 11

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Orgelstucke*

Gustav Markell

***OPENING HYMN:** "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Praise be to God, who reigns above the heavens.

PEOPLE: Praise be to God, who dwells within our hearts.

Leader: Let the majesty of creation worship in reverence.

PEOPLE: Let each man, woman, and child pray in faith.

ALL: Praise be to God.**

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

Oh God of all that is...

Let us lift up light where there is darkness

Let us bear hope where there is despair

Let us build community where there is isolation

Let us model abundance where there is scarcity

Let us be love where there is fear

Let us live in Peace!### Amen

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Gracious God, we thank you that we can rest in you, secure amid the conflict and confusion of life. We thank you that you provide for our needs and that you have trusted us to one another's care. Free us to receive with humility and to give with joy. Open our hands to share what we have without fear of tomorrow. Anoint your people as peacemakers and justice makers, that one day humanity may choose bread over weapons and fairness over greed.** 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: Genesis 28:10-19a

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Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Ten Thousand Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman

Tim Peiffer, Voice/Guitar

Chorus:

Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

Versus 1 - 3

The sun comes up; It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Ending:

Bless the Lord oh my soul Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Yes I'll worship Your Holy name
Lord I'll worship Your Holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years And then forevermore
Forevermore

SERMON: "Wheat and Weeds"

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:** "My Lord, What a Morning"

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Grand Choeur in D*

Samuel Rousseau

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by Kim & Rob Natoli in celebration of their wedding anniversary on July 18th. Scott performed the ceremony 11 years ago.

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.

Soldier who gave his life for our country: Army 1st Lt. Joseph Trent Allbaugh.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Rose Monaco 07/19, Jennifer Goldfuss 07/20, Megan Kundrath 07/20, Masako Miller 07/22, Lindsay Grant 07/22, Kristen Creston 07/24, George Silk 07/24, Heather Mastracchio 07/24, Martina Benassi 07/25, Vivian Shipley-Harris 07/26.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Rich & Jody Gallagher 07/22, Stephen & September Baraquin 07/23.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We 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	July 19	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream
		11:00	Auction Pick up
Monday	July 20	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	July 21	6:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	July 22	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
		11:00	STAFF MEETING (Zoom)
Thursday	July 23		
Friday	July 24	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	July 25		
Sunday	July 26	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream

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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.

1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims

the bold de - signs of far - thest space;
 earth's mys - teries known or yet un - told;
 all now de - spised for creed or race;
 one fam - ily with a bil - lion names;

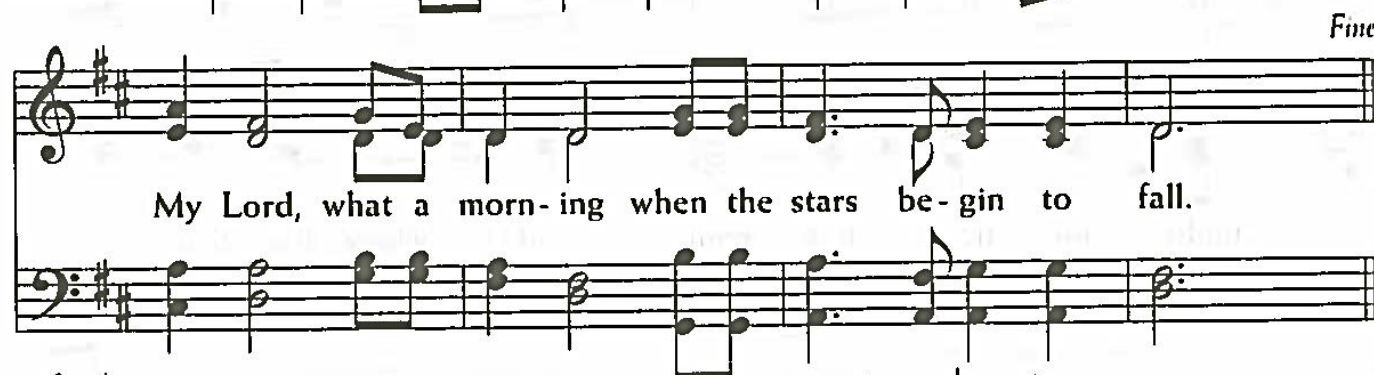
let sun and moon and stars and light
 let wa - ters frag - ile blend with air,
 let peace, de - scend - ing like a dove,
 let ev - ery life be touched by grace

and what lies hid - den praise your might.
 en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
 make known on earth your heal - ing love.
 un - til we praise you face to face.

Refrain

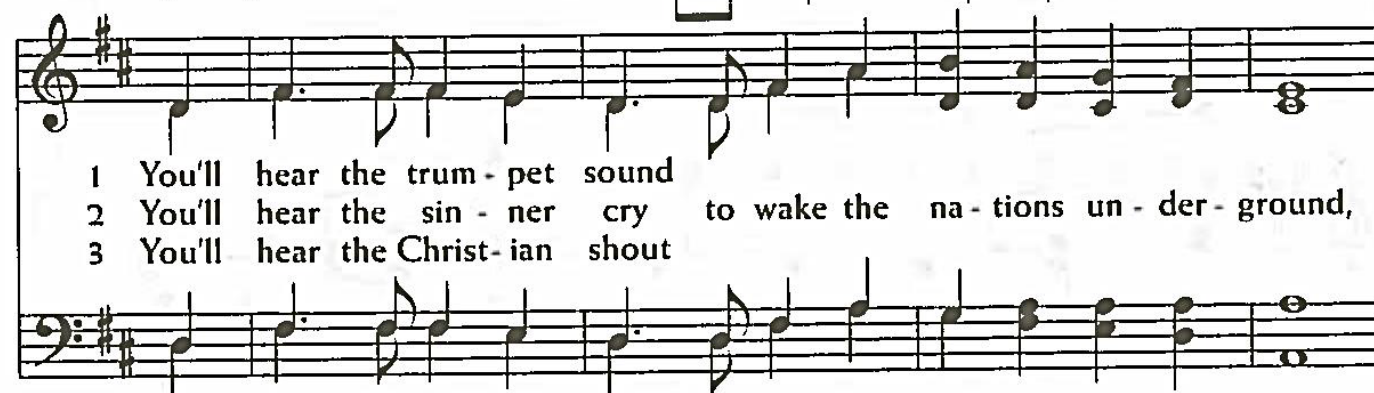


My Lord, what a morn - ing. My Lord, what a morn - ing.

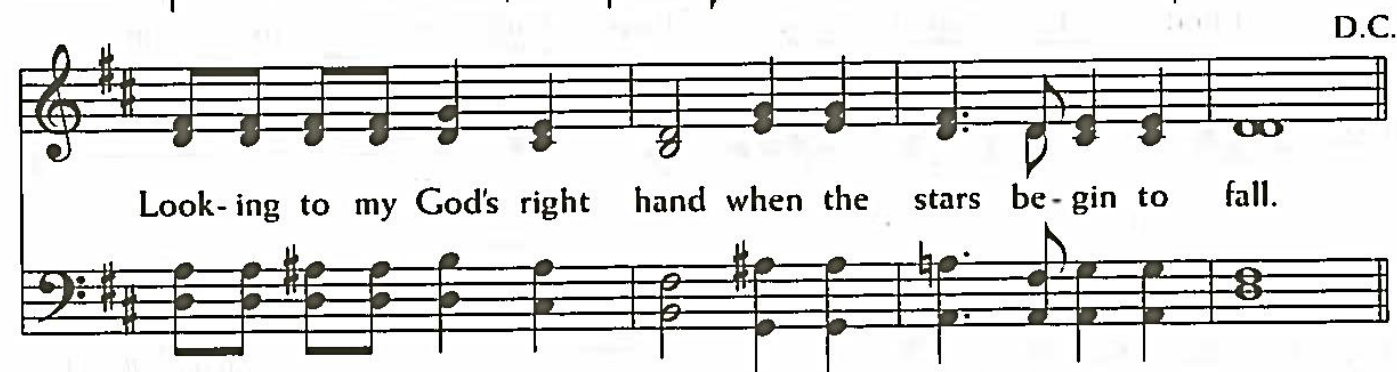


My Lord, what a morn - ing when the stars be - gin to fall.

Fine



1 You'll hear the trum - pet sound
2 You'll hear the sin - ner cry to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,
3 You'll hear the Christ - ian shout



Look - ing to my God's right hand when the stars be - gin to fall.

D.C.