

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

Sunday, August 9, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper14

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude on *Nettleton*

Paul Manx

***OPENING HYMN:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

V220

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The Spirit of God call to us,

PEOPLE: With sighs too deep for words.

Leader: The Spirit of God calls to us,

PEOPLE: Claiming us,

Leader: Summoning us to become more than we now are.

ALL: Calling us by name: God’s children. Let us worship God!**

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

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.### Amen.

--- Book of Common Prayer 1979

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Spirit of holiness and life, be within our community as we worship this morning. Search within each of us for the sighs too deep for words and make them articulate so that we may share our hopes and fears and bring out of our silence life-changing prayers for ourselves and, in intercession, for all precious , groaning creation.** We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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.

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Teddy Bears and Angels*

Sung by Saydee and Sienna Baldino

Written and accompanied by their grandmother, Cindy Chandler,
of Orange Congregational Church

When times are hard, and the road is rough
When you try your best and it's not enough
Just remember this....

There are Teddy Bears and angels watching over you.

If you feel alone, and you're sad inside,
If you want to crawl in a hole and hide,
Just remember this....

There are Teddy Bears and angels watching over you.

Those Teddy Bears are all around,

They are friends and family too ...

But the angels come from heaven above,
God's love shining down on you.

So when days seem bleak and the sky is gray
And you think you'll never find your way,
Just remember this....

There are Teddy Bears and angels watching over you.

There are Teddy Bears, those furry little things,
And angels, with their great big wings,
Watching over you.

SERMON: "Why Did You Doubt?"

Scott G. Morrow

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

GREETING OF PEACE

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Jesus Calls Us"

V562

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Marche aux Flambeaux*

William Stickles

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The flowers this morning are given by Cathy Welch to the glory of God and in memory of her earthly father; born 100 years ago on August 14th, he was one of the “Greatest Generation” that tried to both make the world safer and teach their children, by their own example, to make it a better world.

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, Linda Shannon and Elaine Burr. Betsy Gumbart, Carl Flodquist, Joyce Bellonio

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Tim Peiffer 08/10, Michele Lynch 08/10, Daniel Kirk 08/11, Priscilla Bradford 08/12, Robert Scheidecker 08/12, Emma Nottingham 08/12, Cole Purcell 08/12, Jeanne Mecca 08/13, Michael Goldfuss 08/13, Carolanne Geissler 08/14, Mary Ellen Adams 08/15.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Michele & Richard Lynch 08/12.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	Aug. 9	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream
Monday	Aug. 10	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	Aug. 11	12:00 p.m.	BUILDING & GROUNDS (Zoom)
Wednesday	Aug. 12	10:00 a.m. 11:00 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) ReOpening Team (Zoom)
Thursday	Aug. 13	11:00 a.m.	STAFF MEETING (Zoom)
Friday	Aug. 14	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	Aug. 15	8:00 a.m.	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP (Zoom)
Sunday	Aug. 16	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP Live Stream

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

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.

Please take a few moments and complete the **NHCC Return to In-Person Worship Survey**. Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/aJBmsUorHy5GPaaS7> . This can also be found on the Church website. Your response to the survey will help the ReOpening Team prepare for the gradual return to in-person worship. Thank you!

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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

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre - a - tion;
 2 Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so might - i - ly reign - ing,
 3 Praise to the Lord who will pros - per our work and de - fend us;
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

All that has life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him!

O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and sal - va - tion.
 keep - ing us safe at his side, and so gent - ly sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy will dai - ly at - tend us:
 All that has life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain:

Come, all who hear: bro - thers and sis - ters draw near,
 Have you not seen how all you need - ed has been
 pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,
 Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain:

1 Je - sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild rest-less sea,
 2 Long a - go a - pos-tles heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,
 ♦ 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor-ship of the vain world's gold-en store,
 4 In our joys and in our sor-rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
 5 Je - sus calls us: by your mer-cies, Sav-iour, may we hear your call,

day by day his clear voice sound-ing, say-ing, "Christ-ian, fol-low me."
 turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leav-ing all for Je-sus' sake.
 ♦ from each i-dol that would keep us, say-ing, "Christ-ian, love me more."
 still he calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Christ-ian, love me more than these."
 give our hearts to your o-be-dience, serve and love you best of all.