

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

Sunday, August 23, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 16

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Prelude in G*

George Calkin

***OPENING HYMN:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

PEOPLE: In faith, we seek to follow God as we travel through life.

Leader: In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us in our age.

PEOPLE: In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.

ALL: God of past, present, and future, guide us now into your new age of promise.**

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

Blessed are you, O God of the Universe,
for you have bound us together in a common life
on this fragile planet.

We confess and offer before you
our misperceptions, our hatred, our bigotry, and our deceit.
Grant us understanding that is grounded in love,
and reconciliation that grows out of humility.

Open our hearts to the possibility and newness
of your Covenant Word.

In the name of the One God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
world without end, Amen.##

Martin Bell

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Holy God, we thank you that you receive us
not according to our failing goodness,
but according to your overflowing grace.

You receive us as we are.

You show us what we can be, through Jesus Christ,
who came to share our common lot, and reconcile us to yourself.

Sweep over us with your Spirit, and change us with your love
that we may sing with joy before you,
and live to your glory in the world**. 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 51:1-6

p. 670

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20

p. 1164

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

ANTHEM: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

Arr. Hal Hopson

Sung by Jeff Hutchins and Nicole Brewer

Refrain: Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Hallelujah! halle-lu-jah!

Praise God in this holy place!

Every nation, every race!

Come make joyful music to the Lord!

Sound the trumpet, sound it clear!

Make it so the world can hear!

Come make joyful music to the Lord!

REFRAIN

Everything that breathes now praise;
sing your songs let voices raise.

Come make joyful music to the Lord!

Play the cymbals, play the lute;

Play the timbrel, play the flute.

Come make joyful music to the Lord!

REFRAIN 2X

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:** “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Moderato*

Gustav Merkel

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by Tom and Wendy Glynn in loving memory of Tom’s mother Helga, who would’ve turned 81 this week.

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: Alexis Dubail 08/24, Catherine Welch 08/28, Ben Purcell 08/28, Cheyanne Leyerzapf 08/28, Barbara Massey 08/29, Robert Grant 08/29, Bryan Cretella 08/29, Talia Gallagher 08/30.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Wendy & Richard Russo 08/30.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	Aug. 23	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream
Monday	Aug. 24	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	Aug. 25		
Wednesday	Aug. 26	10:00 a.m.	WINDOW MAILING FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Thursday	Aug. 27		
Friday	Aug. 28	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	Aug. 29		
Sunday	Aug. 30	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.

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

We:

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

*OPENING HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 1 Gui - de - moi, Ber - ger fi - dèle, en ce mon - de
 2 Christ, tu es la sour - ce vi - ve des bi - ens les

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y,
 stream doth flow, let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 pè - le - rin, prends à toi mon coeur re - bel - le,
 plus pré - cieux fais que pour toi seul je vi - ve,

hold me with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer,
 gui - de - moi, sois mon sou - tien, pain de vi - e,
 gui - de - moi du haut des cieux, viens, pro - tè - ge,

bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no more,
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and shield,
 pain de vi - e, de ta grâ - ce nour - ris - moi,
 viens pro - tè - ge, sois mon roc, mon bou - cli - er,

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