

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

Sunday, August 30, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 17

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Intermezzo*

Flor Peeters

***OPENING HYMN:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We come, like Abraham, Sarah, and John, people with hope.

PEOPLE: We come, like Job, Thomas, and the Samaritan woman, people with questions.

Leader: We come, like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary, people with self-doubts.

PEOPLE: We come, like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen, people with courage.

Leader: We come, like David, Mary Magdalene, and Paul, people with brokenness in our lives.

PEOPLE: We come, like Rebekah and Samuel, like Hosea and Esther, like Nathaniel and Martha, like John Mark and Priscilla, people with a part to play in the story of faith.**

ALL: Let us worship God!

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

God of Peace, be with those who guide the destinies of the world,
so that an end may come to boasting and arrogance.

Give them the courage to speak the truth and the humility to listen.

Help us to put the good of others above our own ambition, so that we may be freed from the burden of fear, the weight of suspicion, and may come to trust each other and live in peace.** Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: *~unison*

Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit of all holiness, be in our midst with your baptism of power and your communion of love. We wait upon you in stillness and patience because you turn strength into weakness and weakness into strength. In the moments of victory and joy you lift us up on wings of flight. In the days of routine and duty you enable us to run a sure course without weariness or collapse. In the hours of pain and fear, in the times of trial, in the nights of grief and death, you help us walk, handheld and step-steadied, so that we do not faint. You are our God and we are your people.** 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.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

ANTHEM: “*Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God*”
Sung by Jeff Hutchins

Karen Lafferty

SERMON: “Called, Blessed, Sent”

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:** “Jesus Calls Us”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Postlude on *Benedicamus Domino*

G. Visona

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by the Nottingham Family, to celebrate the start of a new school year for all the children and teachers and staff. We are praying it's a safe and healthy school year for all!!

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, Joyce Bellonio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Talia Gallagher 08/30, Martin Benassi 09/06, Linda Lacobelli 09/06, Melissa DeLuca 09/06, Colin Studley 09/06.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Wendy & Richard Russo 08/30, Carl & Lillian Flodquist 09/05, David & Nancie Estep 09/06.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	Aug. 30	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream
		12:00 p.m.	FAITH FORMATION (Zoom)
Monday	Aug. 31	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	Sept. 1	6:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY ZOOM
Wednesday	Sept. 2	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
		1:00 p.m.	STAFF MEETING (Zoom)
		7:00 p.m.	ReOpening Team (Zoom)
Thursday	Sept. 3	7:00 p.m.	PASTORAL RELATIONS ZOOM
Friday	Sept. 4	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	Sept. 5	8:00 a.m.	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP (Zoom)
Sunday	Sept. 6	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.

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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: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

G C Am D G D7 G

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise;
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light;

G C Am D G D7 G

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes;
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

G D G (Em) D G D

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der, O help us to see

G C Am D G D7 G

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dour of light hid - eth thee!



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.

