

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

Sunday, September 6, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 18

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude on *Hyfridol*

Gary Snowbeck

***OPENING HYMN:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We come this morning to worship together;

PEOPLE: Different people, different lives, different histories,

Leader: Yet we are all children of the same Parent

PEOPLE: Created lovingly by the Source of all life.

All: Different people, different lives, different histories;

Leader: Yet we all have one Teacher,

PEOPLE: Jesus, who is so close to God that he is said to be the living word that God spoke.

ALL: Different people, different lives, different histories;

Leader: Yet one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

ALL: Let us open ourselves to the word of God, which is at work in us.**

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

Loving God, We pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor; in the marketplace, factory, office and home. We pray for healthcare workers, for teachers, and for students.

We pray too, for all who long for just employment.

May our work be always for justice and peace in our communities and in our world.## Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Holy God, we come full of our own personal experiences from the past week to join in common worship and mutual care. Help us to bear one another's burdens, pray for one another's concerns and see with a new and clear perspective through the lens of scripture and tradition. Give us faith in your compassion, hope in your future and love for all your children.** 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: Exodus 12:1-14

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The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 18:15-20

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“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

ANTHEM: *Where Two or Three Are Gathered*
Jeff Hutchins

Words and music: Bruce Harding, 2002
after Matthew 18:20

*Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.*

SERMON: “Plagues and Restoration”

John Tibor

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:** “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Marche Solonelle*

Wm. Stickles

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by Paula Diehl in loving memory of her parents Evangeline and The Rev. David Sandstrom whose lives exemplified love, inclusion and tolerance 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 Belonio, Stefan McKosky, Rose Monaco, Sabrina Selmer, Linda Shannon, Elaine Burr, Joyce Bellonio, and Betsy Gumbart.

Soldier who gave his life protecting our country: Marine Corps Sgt. Trevor Goldyn.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Martin Benassi 09/06, Linda Lacobelli 09/06, Melissa DeLuca 09/06, Collin Studley 09/06, John Masnato 09/08, Sally Pallatto 09/09, Finn Cabelus 09/09, Avery Cretella 09/10, AnnMarie Czajkowski 09/10, Ryan Petrucci 09/09, Aaron Weiss 09/12

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: David & Nancie Estep 09/06.

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.

Volunteer disaster recovery group, Team Rubicon, (a military veterans group) working in North Haven and surrounding towns with extensive damage, from Sept. 6 through Sept. 12 or 14. They will assist with clearing trees and debris from homes.

REQUEST: If you, or others in your family, or your neighbors or friends *in North Haven*, have trees or branches down in your property and need help to clean up, **please call the church office and give us the name, address, and contact number.** We will share this information with the town, through the North Haven Long Term Recovery Planning Committee. They will work to prepare a prioritized list of people and properties in need of assistance with clearing. Please note that priority will be given to restoring access to homes with blocked driveways and to blocked sidewalks. The prioritized list will guide town and volunteer work even after Team Rubicon completes their relief work.

OPPORTUNITY: The Town of North Haven and the North Haven Fire Department are seeking volunteers to assist Team Rubicon with their disaster recovery work beginning Sept. 6 through the next 10-14 days. Volunteers will meet at the Montowese Fire house at 8am or 1pm to be deployed to North Haven homes. Volunteers can work as long as possible each shift. Team Rubicon will do all the cutting; volunteers will be helping to remove cut trees and clean up. Volunteers will need gloves and safety glasses or goggles. If you are interested, please show up at the Montowese Fire House prior to the beginning of the shift you want to take. Please call the Church Office with questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	Sept. 6	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	WORSHIP OASIS YOUTH (Zoom)
Monday	Sept. 7	Labor Day	Church Office Closed
Tuesday	Sept. 8	12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	B & G (Zoom) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) MLB (Zoom)
Wednesday	Sept. 9	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Food Pantry Open STAFF MEETING (Zoom) REOPENING TEAM (Zoom)
Thursday	Sept. 10	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	Sept. 11	10:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday	Sept 12	11:00 a.m.	ReOpening Pre-Run Through
Sunday	Sept. 13	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	WORSHIP OASIS YOUTH Fellowship

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

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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.

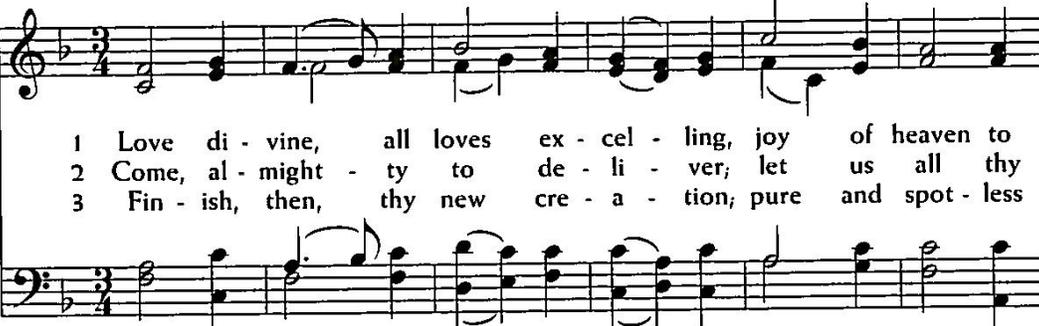
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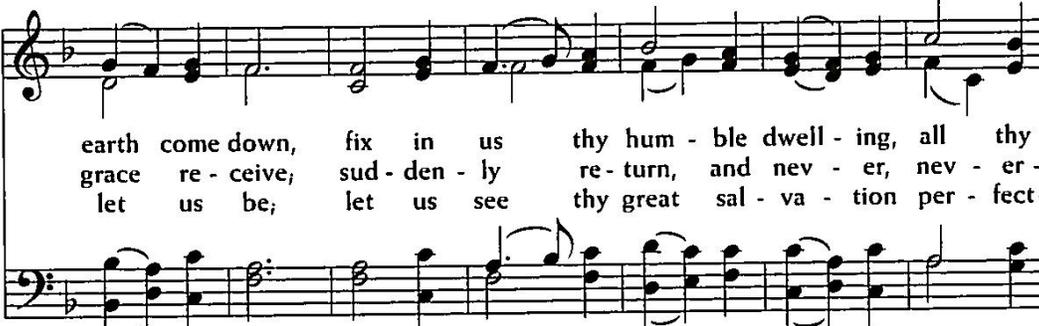
- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

*OPENING HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

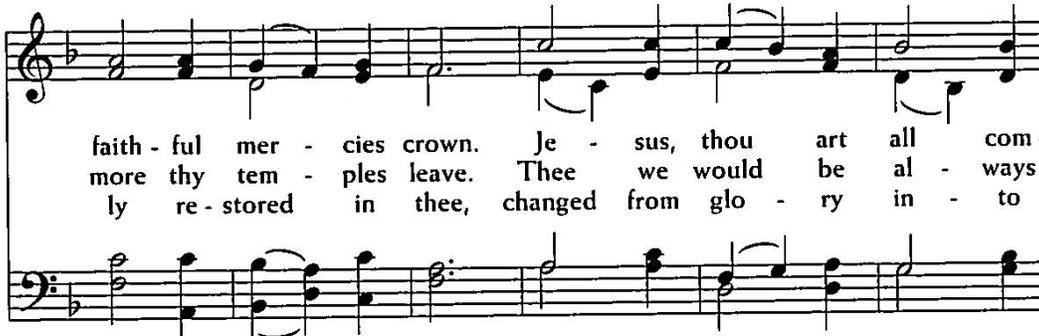
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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven to
2 Come, al - might - ty to de - li - ver; let us all thy
3 Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
grace re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com -
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
ly re - stored in thee, changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and
glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

D A D G D A7 D

1 Come, O Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ - ing, giv - ing thanks for hav - ing come,
 3 O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

D A D G D A7 D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing call for songs of end - less praise.
 come to trust, at ev - ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe - ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to you.

D G D G D G D G D F#m G A7 D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan - der from the love I've known:

D A D G D A7 D

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
 came to res - cue me from dan - ger, pre - cious pres - ence, pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.