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

Sunday, November 15, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 28

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Andante*

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

***OPENING HYMN:** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God calls people from the farthest places of the earth.

PEOPLE: From east and west, from north and south, the people of God are gathered.

Leader: God invites those with disabilities and the parents of small children – anyone who may be left behind.

PEOPLE: From all ways of life and every experience the people of God are gathered.

Leader: Those who are weeping will be consoled, those who are thirsty will be led by water brooks, those who stumble shall find a straight path.

ALL: We hear God's call through prophet words, and we come as a congregation to be the gathered people of God.**

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

Where there is peace in the heart, there is peace in the home.

Where there is peace in the home, there is peace in the community.

Where there is peace in the community, there is peace in the nation.

Where there is peace in the nation, there is peace in the world.

May peace begin here, right now, in each of our hearts. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Eternal God, we gather as your people to worship you. By your Spirit break the bonds that hold our minds captive to the petty concerns of our lives that we may know the freedom of new possibilities. Quiet the din of our distracted spirits that we may hear your gentle voice calling us. Transform our very lives that we may go forth from this hour with deeper commitment to do your will, with a firm assurance of your presence. 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.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Matthew 25:14-30

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"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.**ANTHEM:** *Order My Steps*Glenn Burleigh
Arr. Jack Schrader

SERMON: “Jesus’ Investment Advisor”

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:** “O Day of God, Draw Nigh”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Cwm Rhonda*

Paul Manz

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by Jim and Joan Bennet in commemoration of their 28th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated with a nice dinner at a local restaurant on November 14th.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Eleanor Norback 11/17, Hannah Nottingham 11/17, Ann Dubar 11/18, Michelle McBride 11/18, Nancy Gutowski 11/19, Julianna Wayne 11/19, Peter Struk 11/21, Bruno Juliano 11/21.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Cindy & Mark Luedee 11/28.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	11/15	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:00	WORSHIP –Online SORTING NON PERISHABLE FOOD OASIS (Zoom)
Monday	11/16	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN SORTING NON PERISHABLE FOOD
Tuesday	11/17	12:00 p.m. 5:00 6:00	SORTING NON PERISHABLE FOOD PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	11/18	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WINDOW DEADLINE FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) RE-OPENING (Zoom)
Thursday	11/19	8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 7:00	CLOTHING DROP OFF (CH) PACKING NON PERISHABLE FOOD FOOD BOX PACKING CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	11/20	10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN PACKING NON PERISHABLE FOOD
Saturday	11/21	8:00 a.m. 9:00 3:00 p.m.	PACK DAIRY DISTRIBUTE FOOD BOXES CLEAN UP FROM FOOD DRIVE
Sunday	11/22	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	WORSHIP – Online OASIS (Zoom)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteer With The Holiday Food Drive!!

The Holiday Food Drive is preparing for Thanksgiving and there are opportunities to volunteer and help beginning next Sunday. Food items will be sorted beginning next Sunday, 11/15, through Tuesday, 11/17. Food Boxes will be packed on Thursday and Friday, 11/19 & 20. Fresh produce will be sorted and packed on Friday, 11/20. The Holiday Food boxes will be picked up or delivered on Saturday, 11/21. **Please sign up to volunteer on the CHURCH WEBSITE.** Call the Church Office with questions.

Make your Church Pledge Online!

We are trying many new ways of reaching out to members and friends this year. In conjunction with the **Season of Generosity** this year, you have the opportunity to make your pledge of financial support for the church next year online, through the church website (www.northhavenucc.org). On the homepage of the website you will see a bright purple banner invitation "Make Your 2021 Pledge Today." Click on the purple banner, and the Generosity page will open. Here you will find some comments from church members reflecting on their giving to the church, and a Pledge Card form which you can fill out and submit from the web page. If you would like a copy as your confirmation, you can print the screen before you submit your pledge, or call the Church Office and Julie Schweickert will send it to you.



New England "VIRTUAL" Fair has begun on line!

Please go to the website northhavenucc.org to place your orders.

Need help placing an order, call the office and Julie will be happy to help you!

Place and pay for you order on line, or check payable to NHCC Women's Fellowship!

Orders available for pick up Sunday Dec 13th, 12-2:00 p.m.

In order to allow Parishioners to have priority in purchasing our FAMOUS FROZEN APPLE PIES, they will be sold by calling or emailing the Church Office.

9" READY TO BAKE PIE \$10.00 each.

ONLY 1 PIE PER FAMILY AS THERE ARE ONLY A FEW LEFT!!

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!!

Window Deadline is Wednesday, November 18th

Please send all information for the December Window to Julie at churchoffice@northhavenucc.org by Wednesday 11-18.

Church Office Staff:

All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor
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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:

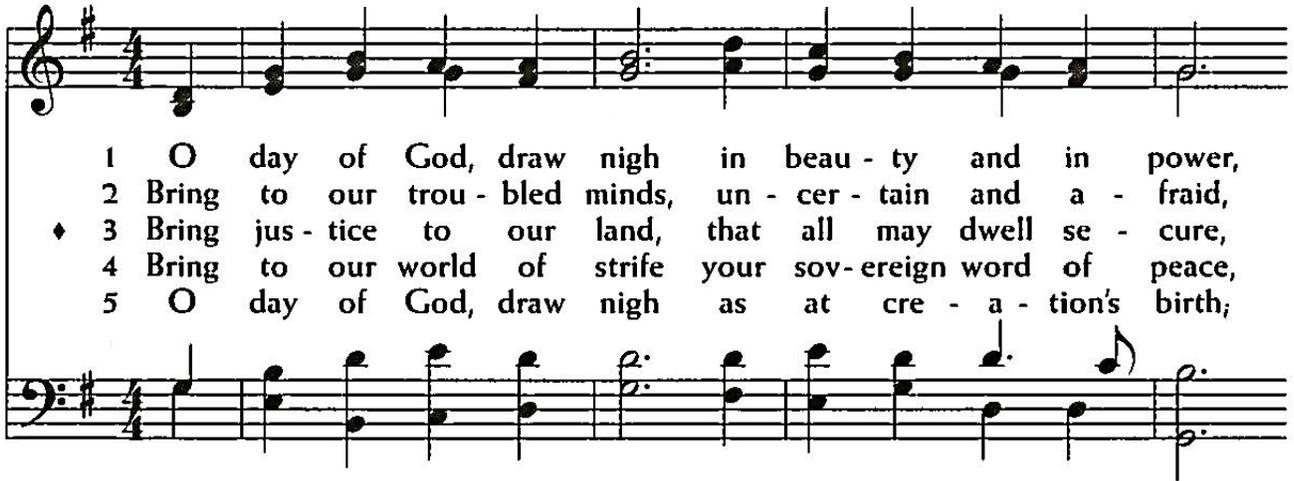
- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On thy pec - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

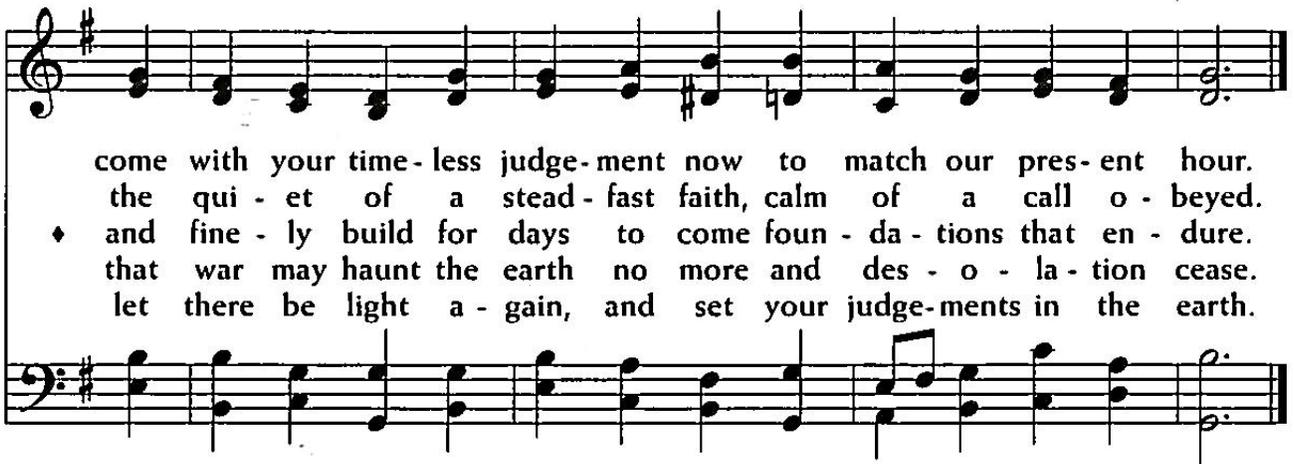
pour thy power; Crown thine an - cient church's sto - ry; Bring her bud to
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to
 thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, Rich in things and
 they may be Arm - ored with all Christ - like gra - ces In the fight to
 we de - plore; Let the search for thy sal - va - tion Be our glo - ry

glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,
 set men free. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 That we fail not man nor thee, That we fail not man nor thee.
 Serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, Serv - ing thee whom we a - dore. A - men.



1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power,
2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid,
♦ 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure,
4 Bring to our world of strife your sov - ereign word of peace,
5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth;



come with your time - less judge - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
the qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
♦ and fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
that war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
let there be light a - gain, and set your judge - ments in the earth.

