

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

**Sunday, November 22, 2020**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Thanksgiving Sunday  
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 29**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Prelude on *Kremser*

Healey Willan

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Sing Your Praise to God Eternal"

**V244**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Let us gather together in thanksgiving to God.

**PEOPLE: For God has made us and the earth that nurtures us.**

Leader: Let us gather together in gratitude to one another.

**PEOPLE: For we are the bearers of divine blessing for the earth and its people.**

**ALL: Let us praise God; let us join hands; let us reach out in care and courage so the goodness of life may be for all God's children.\*\* Amen.**

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

For the expanding grandeur of Creation, worlds known and unknown,  
galaxies beyond galaxies, filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations:

We give thanks this day.

For this fragile planet earth, its times and tides, its sunsets and seasons:

We give thanks this day.

For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements:

We give thanks this day.

For our human community, our common past and future hope, our oneness transcending all  
separation, our capacity to work for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and  
oppression:

We give thanks this day.

For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism,  
for understanding of views not shared:

We give thanks this day.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world,  
who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom:

We give thanks this day.

For human liberty and sacred rites;  
for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose

We give thanks this day.

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes,  
not by our words but by our deeds.### Amen.

Rev. O. Eugene Pickett

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**~*unison*

God of remembrance, do not forget your mercy. Remind us of your desire for us to share the fullness of life with all your children. We forget those who deserve our gratitude. We take our friendships too much for granted. We too often do not remember the right gesture until it is too late. Make us thankful and generous with all that has been given us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation. Inspire us that we may rightly remember the past by building a legacy of hope for those who follow us, that they also may know the goodness of Jesus Christ our Savior\*\*. Amen.           ~ *silence* ~

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## **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:** Deuteronomy 8:7-18

p. 164

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

**ANTHEM:** *For the Fruit of All Creation*  
Chancel Choir

text Fred Pratt Green 1970  
*Welsh folk melody ca. 1784*  
Arr. Gary Snowbeck

For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the gifts of every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

**SERMON:** “Saying AND Giving”

Scott G. Morrow

**PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE OFFERTORY:**

\*Doxology “All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (Ps 100)

**V 822**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**GREETING OF PEACE**

\***CLOSING HYMN:** “We Plough the Fields”

**V520**

\***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Nun danket alle Gott*

setting by Max Reger

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**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:** Rose Royka 11/25, Scott Morrow 11/26, Joan Bennett 11/26, Anna Woodruff 11/27, Cheryl Hall 11/27.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Cindy & Mark Luedee 11/28.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/22</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP – Online</b> OASIS (Zoom)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/23</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/24</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b> 6:00	<b>TOWN HOLIDAY FOOD PICK UP</b> BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/25</b>	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) RE-OPENING (Zoom)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/26</b>		<b>THANKSGIVING DAY</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/27</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/28</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/29</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP – Online</b> OASIS (Zoom)

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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](http://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](http://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!!

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**

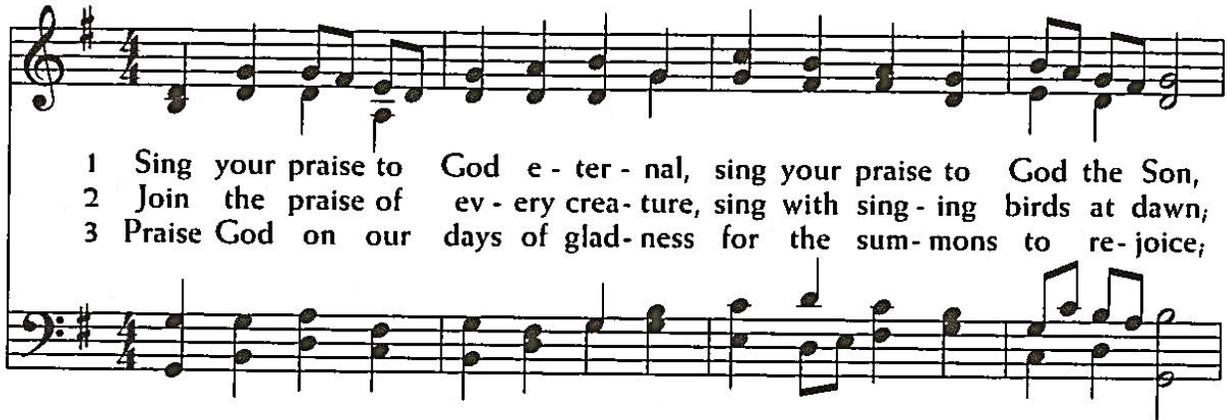
We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- 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.



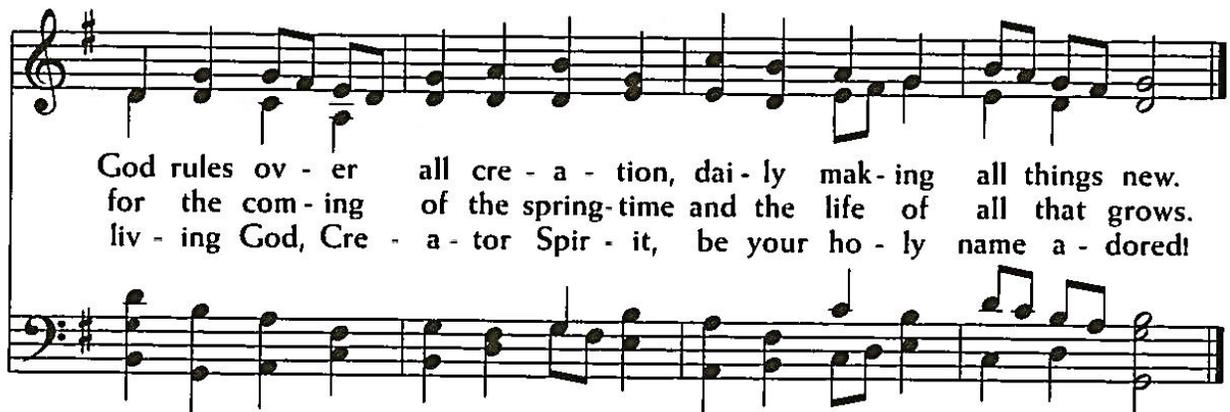
1 Sing your praise to God e - ter - nal, sing your praise to God the Son,  
2 Join the praise of ev - ery crea - ture, sing with sing - ing birds at dawn;  
3 Praise God on our days of glad - ness for the sum - mons to re - joice;



sing your praise to God the Spir - it, liv - ing and for - ev - er One.  
when the stars shine forth at night - fall, hear their heav - enly an - ti - phon.  
praise God in our times of sad - ness for the calm, con - sol - ing voice.



God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true.  
Praise God for the light of sum - mer, au - tumn glor - ies, win - ter snows,  
God our Ma - ker, strong and lov - ing, Christ our Sav - iour, Lead - er, Lord,



God rules ov - er all cre - a - tion, dai - ly mak - ing all things new.  
for the com - ing of the spring - time and the life of all that grows.  
liv - ing God, Cre - a - tor Spir - it, be your ho - ly name a - dored!

\*CLOSING HYMN: "We Plough the Fields"

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1 We plough the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far,  
3 We thank you then, O Mak - er, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by your al - migh - ty hand,  
you paint the way - side flow - er, you light the even - ing star,  
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food,

you send the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
ac - cept the gifts we of - fer for all your love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give us dai - ly bread.  
and, what from us you long for, our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.