

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

Sunday, July 5, 2020

9:30 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 9
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Andante*

Theodore Dubois

INTROIT: “*Be Known To Us*”

Gary James (b. 1957)

Be known to us, O Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia,
Is the communion of the body of Christ. (Refrain)

One body are we, alleluia,
For though many we share one bread. (Refrain)

***OPENING HYMN:** “At the Name of Jesus”

V335

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come to worship Almighty God.

PEOPLE: We lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.

Leader: Come to honor Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: We offer Christ our hearts, our minds, our spirits.

Leader: Come to be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.

ALL: Breathe in us, Breath of God. Alleluia.**

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

O Lord, You love justice and You establish peace on earth. We bring before You the disunity of today's world; the absurd violence, and the many wars, which are breaking the courage of the peoples of the world; human greed and injustice, which breed hatred and strife. Send Your spirit and renew the face of the earth; teach us to be compassionate towards the whole human family; strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace, and give us that peace which the world cannot give.## Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

Most holy and most merciful God, in your presence we must face the sinfulness of our nature and the errors of our ways, intended and accidental. You alone know how often we have failed by wandering from your paths, wasting your gifts, and fleeing your love. Have mercy on us, O God, for we have broken your requirements for justice and overlooked opportunities for kindness. Humble us with your truth and raise us by your grace that we may more nearly be the people of Christ and the witnesses of your Spirit.** Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 7:15-25a

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I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

p. 1157

“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *The Silver Rain*

New Haven Chorale
virtual choir performance
directed by Edward Bolkovac

music by Marianne Zimmerman
words by Alice Henderson & Peter Amidon
arranged by Peter Amidon

The silver rain, the shining sun, and fields where scarlet poppies run,
and all the ripples of the wheat, are in the bread that I do eat.
For when I sit at ev'ry meal, and thankful heart I always feel
that I am eating rain and sun, and fields where scarlet poppies run.

The fields below, the skies above enfold us in God's arms of love.
The clouds of mist, the endless sea, become a part of you and me.
The precious atmosphere that girths the narrow vault twixt heav'n and earth
for this we offer prayers and laud: the life sustaining breath of God.

MEDITATION: “Evil Close at Hand”

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GREETING OF PEACE

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

V681

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Postlude in A

Lefebure-Wely

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Rev. Bridget Fidler, worship leader at NHCC 6/7/15

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The flowers this morning are given by Jim & Joan Bennett in memory of Jim's Dad, Al, who would have celebrated his 96th birthday on July 10th, and in honor of four other July Bennett birthdays: nephew Rick (on the 4th), niece Kathy (on the 7th), and brothers Alan (on the 11th) and Rick (on the 14th).

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, and Linda Shannon.

Soldiers who gave their lives protecting our freedom: Senior Chief Petty Officer Jason P. May, Private first class Monterrious T. Daniel.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Skye Gallagher 07/06, Karen Linsky 07/06, Karen Silk 07/06, Onalee Collins 07/06, Kayla DeLuca 07/07, Todd Jokl 07/08, Ellen Robert 07/08, Jessica McKosky 07/09, Logan Stewart 07/10, Marlene Bellonio 07/11, Sue Beth Higgins 07/11, Michael McBride 07/12, Carmen DeLuca 07/12.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Todd & Paige Jokl 07/05, Bob & Barbara Scheidecker 07/05, Adam & Julie Schweickert 07/05, Bette & Bob DeMayo 07/07, Tom & Wendy Glynn 07/07, Rich & Susan Baldino 07/09, David & Marlene Bellonio 07/10, Tom & Shirley Ryan 07/12, Craig & Laura Miller 07/12.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

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| Sunday | July 5 | 9:30 a.m. | WORSHIP – Live Stream |
| Monday | July 6 | 10:00 a.m. | FOOD PANTRY OPEN |
| Tuesday | July 7 | 6:00 p.m. | BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) |
| | | 7:00 | MLB (Zoom) |
| Wednesday | July 8 | 10:00 a.m. | FOOD PANTRY OPEN |
| | | 11:00 | STAFF MEETING (Zoom) |
| Thursday | July 9 | | |
| Friday | July 10 | 10:00 a.m. | FOOD PANTRY OPEN |
| Saturday | July 11 | | |
| Sunday | July 12 | 9:30 a.m. | WORSHIP – Live Stream |

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.

VALUES

We:

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

Unison

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 ♦ 3 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 4 In your hearts en - throne him, there let him sub - due
 5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 ♦ but with awe and won - der, and with ba - ted breath;
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

'tis our God's great plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it, spot - less to the last,
 ♦ he is God the Sav - iour, he is Christ the Lord,
 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
 ♦ ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
♦ 3 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the
4 O Je - sus, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 till all the world shall learn your love and fol - low



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds, dark with fears, from paths where hide the
♦ fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -
heal these hearts of pain, a - mong these rest - less
where your feet have trod, till glo - rious from your



self - ish strife, we hear your words of life a - gain.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
♦ tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion of your face.
throughs a - bide, and tread the cit - y's streets a - gain,
heaven a - bove shall come the cit - y of our God.

