

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

**Sunday, August 2, 2020**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 13  
The Sacrament of Communion**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Prelude on *St. Crispin*

Paul Bouman

**INTROIT:** *Shepherd's Song* (from 6<sup>th</sup> Symphony)  
Aidan Nottingham, piano

Ludwig van Beethoven

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

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**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We have been called to walk the faithful road and to choose  
the way of God's justice

**PEOPLE:** We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good, and that we  
live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek  
direction along this faith journey.

Leader: Come together, then, to be God's people. Follow Christ and listen for the good  
things that God has done. Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

**ALL:** We will share with others the goodness that we have found in God. May  
our lives be an expression of that goodness.\*\*

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

Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges,  
the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations.  
Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect.  
Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows.  
Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken.  
Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly.  
So that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, gender or skin color.  
Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness.  
So that we can share the joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbors.  
And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all people as our neighbors.  
Let the earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers to surround us with beauty.  
And let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven.## Amen.

From A Prayer for the World - Rabbi Harold Kushner - 2003

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

God, if we carry excess baggage on life's journey, teach us to travel more simply. If our possessions own us, free us to trust you and share with others. If our need for control keeps us anxious and demanding, help us to relax. If we carry loads of guilt, may we hand them over to you, trusting you to forgive us. God, make us simple: simple in trust, simple in life, simple in commitment to you. Prepare us for your mission. Allow us to join your labor to heal the hurting, feed the hungry, and bring good news to the poor. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, in whose name we are baptized and sent on mission. Amen.\*\*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## **THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-5**

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Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

## **THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 14:13-21**

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Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

## **SPECIAL MUSIC: *Give to the Winds Your Fears***

Sung by Jeffrey Hutchins

Tune: Harmonia Sacra, 5<sup>th</sup> ed.1851

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## **MEDITATION: "Come and Eat"**

Scott G. Morrow

## **PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Choral Response

## THE OFFERTORY:

\*Doxology Tune:

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

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## GREETING OF PEACE

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

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## \*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Allegro Maestoso*

Gustav Merkel

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**The flowers** today are from the wedding of Mike & Heather Tolisano who celebrated their 4th anniversary on July 18th. The sugar pine cone hails from the redwoods of California and was a gift from her dad, Bob Cherry. The displays today are in loving memory of her dad, and her grandparents Fred & Irma Gauthier.

**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, Carl Flodquist, Joyce Bellonio

**Soldier who died protecting our freedom:** Army Sgt. Bryan Cooper Mount.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Caitlin Elizabeth Thalken 08/02, Jennifer Lucibelli 08/03, William Adams 08/05, Brie Rose 08/06, Ian Crowther 08/07, Linda Rankin 08/08.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Rebecca & Alan Conley 08/04. Barbara & Richard Massey 08/05, LaVala & Kevin Rossi 08/07.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 2</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP – Live Stream</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 3</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug. 4</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>MLB (Zoom)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug. 5</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b> <b>ReOpening Team (Zoom)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug. 6</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>STAFF MEETING (Zoom)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug. 7</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug. 8</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug. 9</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP Live Stream</b>

\*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.

#### **Covenant to Care Backpack Project Ends Wednesday 8/5**

This year the Covenant to Care Back-to-School Backpack project is gathering gift cards for children returning to school in the fall. The gift cares will be distributed by social workers at the CT Department of Children and Families. We are suggesting you purchase these from Walmart or Target, and the suggested amount is \$25. If you wish to contribute more, please purchase additional gift cards in that amount. If you are not able to purchase gift cards, you may send a contribution to the church for the BACKPACK PROJECT. We ask that all contributions be received in the church office by this Wednesday, August 5.

## Church Office Staff:

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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 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;  
 2 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, Shout with their shout of praise;  
 3 To give and give, and give a - gain, What God hath giv - en thee;



The fields are wet with dia-mond dew; The worlds a - wake to cry  
 See how the gi - ant sun soars up, Great lord of years and days!  
 To spend thy - self nor count the cost; To serve right glo - rious - ly



Their bless-ings on the Lord of life, As he goes meek-ly by.  
 So let the love of Je - sus come And set thy soul a - blaze.  
 The God who gave all worlds that are, And all that are to be.





1 Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no long - er mine;  
4 Take my love: my Lord I pour At thy feet its treas - ure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for thee. A-men.

