

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

Sunday, August 16, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 15

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Prelude Sacree*

Louis Raffy

***OPENING HYMN:** "Maker, In Whom We Live"

V321

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day is born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

PEOPLE: We celebrate the beauty of creation and the wonder of human family. We remember those whose love has shaped our lives and those whose struggles for justice have been unsleeping in spite of opposition.

Leader: We gather to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world.

ALL: May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.** Let us worship together!

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

Circle me, Lord.
Keep protection near
And danger afar.

Circle me, Lord
Keep hope within.
Keep doubt without.

Circle me, Lord.
Keep light near
And darkness afar.

Circle me, Lord.
Keep peace within.
Keep evil out.## Amen

David Adam, Vicar

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Gracious and holy God, we come to you because you have first come to us. We know you because you have revealed yourself. Give us in this morning hour of worship a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us. Lift our hearts with the wings of song, heal our souls with the balm of prayer, enliven our minds with the words of scripture and interpretation, and, once again, enable us to dedicate our strength, our substance, and our service to your work in the world.** 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: Genesis 45:1-15

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Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 15:21-28

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Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Crossing the Bar*

Words by Alfred Lord Tennyson

Music by Rani Arbo – arr. Peter Amidon

Sung by Carol Amico, Caroline Murphy, and Jeffrey Hutchins

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
When I put out to sea, when I put out to sea,
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.
Turns again home, Turns again home,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
When I embark, when I embark,
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.
When I have crost the bar, when I have crost the bar,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar, When I have crost the bar.

SERMON: “A Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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:** "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Sortie*

Daffy

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Flowers are joyfully given by Sue and John Tibor in celebration of their 25th anniversary. God has blessed us abundantly throughout this journey of love.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Eleanor Harple 08/17, Phyllis Kaercher 08/17, Cindy Luedee 08/17, Lucy Mickolyzck 08/18, Philip Cooper 08/18, Christopher Wayne 08/18, Adam Schweickert 08/21.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Michele & Richard Lynch 08/12, Jeanne & Billy Mecca 08/18, Nancy & Ken Mahoney 08/18, John & Sue Tibor 08/19, Walter & Phyllis Kaercher 08/20, Tim & Jennifer Harris 08/21, Scott Morrow & Carol Amico 08/22.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	Aug. 16	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream
Monday	Aug. 17	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	Aug. 18		
Wednesday	Aug. 19		WINDOW DEADLINE
		10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
		11:00	STAFF MEETING (Zoom)
		7:00 p.m.	ReOpening Team (Zoom)
Thursday	Aug. 20		
Friday	Aug. 21	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	Aug. 22		
Sunday	Aug. 23	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP Live Stream

*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.

Thank you for completing the NHCC Return to In-Person Worship Survey. Your response to the survey will help the ReOpening Team prepare for the gradual return to in-person worship. Thank you!

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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 Mak - er, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
2 In - car - nate De - i - ty, let all the ran - somed race
3 Spi - rit of Ho - li - ness, let all your saints a - dore
4 E - ter - nal, Tri - une God, let all the hosts a - bove,

the glo - ry, power, and praise re - ceive for your cre - at - ing love.
ren - der in thanks their lives to you for your re - deem - ing grace.
your sa - cred en - er - gy, and bless your heart - re - new - ing power.
let all on earth be - low re - cord and dwell up - on your love.

Let all the an - gel throng give thanks to God on high,
The grace to sin - ners shown, you heaven - ly choirs pro - claim,
No an - gel tongues can tell your love's ec - sta - tic height,
When heaven and earth have fled be - fore your glo - rious face,

while earth re - peats the joy - ful song and e - choes to the sky.
and cry, "Sal - va - tion to our God, sal - va - tion to the Lamb!"
the glo - rious joy un - speak - a - ble, the be - at - if - ic sight.
may all the saints your love has made sing ev - er - last - ing praise.

*CLOSING HYMN: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

C G C F7 Bb F

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
 2 In him shall true hearts ev - ery - where
 3 Join hands, then, peo - ple of the faith,
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,

C F Am Dm7 G7 C F C

in him no south or north,
 their high com - mun - ion find;
 what - e'er your race may be;
 in him meet south and north;

C Am C Bdim Em7 G7 C

but one great fam - i - ly of love
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord
 all child - ren of the liv - ing God
 all Christ - like souls are one in him

F C C G7 C

through - out the whole wide earth.
 close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 are sure - ly kin to me.
 through - out the whole wide earth.