

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

**Sunday, September 13, 2020**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 19  
The Sacrament of Communion**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Communion*

Louis Raffy

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "The Day of Resurrection"

**V164**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come to Christ, the living bread,

**PEOPLE: who satisfies those who hunger and thirst for what is right.**

Leader: Come to Christ, who gives living water,

**PEOPLE: that we may never thirst again.**

Leader: Come to Christ, that being filled yourselves,

**PEOPLE: we may minister to the hunger and thirst of others.**

Leader: Come to God in worship and in praise

**ALL: through Jesus Christ, who gives us life.\*\***

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

Forgiving Father, You speak through hungry women  
and outcast men.

You make a feast for us and bring us home.

Life-giving Mother, you raised Jesus from the tomb  
so that whenever we eat this bread and wine

Jesus also rises in us.

Make us one body, Oh God.

Make us a people of Peace.<sup>###</sup> Amen

**INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison**

Christ Jesus, our teacher and our friend, we have not listened for your word amid the clamor of words all around us. We are more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do your will. We pray for ears to hear the cries of our neighbors and for hearts which resonate with your Spirit. Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope, and love.\*\* Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 14:19-31**

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The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35**

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Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow

slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC: AIN'T GOT TIME TO DIE**

Words and Music by Hall Johnson

Chancel Choir

circa 1956

Featuring Brian Jones, guest baritone soloist & NHCC Music Director from 2011-2014. This performance was recorded live during our 300th anniversary Pierpont concert on December 10, 2016.

Lord, I keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,  
Keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,  
Keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,  
Ain't got time to die.  
'Cause when I'm healin' the sick,  
I'm praisin' my Jesus,  
When I'm healin' the sick,  
I'm praisin' my Jesus,  
When I'm healin' the sick,  
I'm praisin' my Jesus,  
Ain't got time to die.

'Cause it takes all of my time  
To praise my Jesus,  
All of my time  
To praise my Lord.  
If I don't praise Him  
The rocks gonna cry out,  
"Glory an' honor,  
Glory an' honor!"  
Ain't got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy workin' for the  
Kingdom,  
Keep so busy workin' for the Kingdom,  
Keep so busy workin' for the Kingdom,  
Ain't got time to die.  
'Cause when I'm feedin' the poor,  
I'm workin' for the Kingdom,  
When I'm feedin' the poor,  
I'm workin' for the Kingdom,  
When I'm feedin' the poor,  
I'm workin' fer de Kingdom,  
Ain't got time to die.

'Cause it takes all of my time  
To praise my Jesus,  
All of my time

To praise my Lord.  
If I don't praise Him  
The rocks gonna cry out,  
"Glory an' honor,  
Glory an' honor!"  
Ain't got time to die.

Lord, I keep so busy servin' my Master,  
Keep so busy servin' my Master,  
Keep so busy servin' my Master,  
Ain't got time to die.  
'Cause when I'm givin' my all,  
I'm servin' my Master,  
When I'm givin' my all,  
I'm servin' my Master,  
When I'm givin' my all,  
I'm servin' my Master,  
Ain't got time to die.

'Cause it takes all of my time  
To praise my Jesus,  
All of my time  
To praise my Lord.  
If I don't praise Him  
The rocks gonna cry out,  
"Glory an' honor,  
Glory an' honor!"  
Ain't got time to die.

Now, won't you get out of my way,  
Lemme praise my Jesus?  
Git out of my way,  
Lemme praise my Lord.  
If I don' praise Him  
The rocks gonna cry out,  
"Glory an' honor,  
Glory an' honor!"  
Ain't got time to die.

**MEDITATION:** Strength, Weakness, and 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

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

Invitation and Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**GREETING OF PEACE**

\***CLOSING HYMN:** “Out of the Depths, O God, We Call to You”

**V611**

\***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Laudate Dominum*

Philip Kreckel

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**The flowers this morning** are given by Dot Pierce. “In loving memory of Greg, my husband of 52 years. Sadly, 1 year ago, The Lord called you home. My heart broke into a million pieces that day, and my life has never be the same! It’s been a horrible year yet I know you have been my guardian angel through it all! I will forever love you! May God hold you in the palm of His hand, til we meet again!”

**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:** Flo Coulston 09/15, Kim Coughlin 09/16, Denise Adinolfi 09/17, Elia Creston 09/17.

## 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\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (Online)</b>
		11:00 a.m.	DEACONS (Zoom)
		5:00 p.m.	OASIS YOUTH FELLOWSHIP – Spring Glen Church
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept. 14</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sept. 15</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)</b>
		7:00 p.m.	DEACONS (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sept. 16</b>		<b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b>
		<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
		1:00 p.m.	STAFF MEETING (Zoom)
		7:00 p.m.	REOPENING TEAM (Zoom)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sept. 17</b>		<b>FOOD DRIVE COUNCIL (Zoom)</b>
		<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sept. 18</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept 19</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MENS FELLOWSHIP (Zoom)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (Online)</b>
		4:00 p.m.	VESPERS SERVICE OUTDOORS
		5:00 p.m.	OASIS YOUTH (Zoom)

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**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.

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Our hearts be free of e - vil, that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God!  
the Christ in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
and, listen - ing to the ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
Christ's own "All hail" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
for Christ in - deed is ris - en, our Joy that has no end.

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Out of the Depths, O God, We Call to You"

Dm A7 Dm Bb Gm Dm C

1 Out of the depths, O God, we call to you.  
 2 Out of the depths of fear, O God, we speak.  
 3 God of the lov - ing heart, we praise your name.

F A Dm Am E Asus4 A7

Wounds of the past re - main, af - fect - ing all we do.  
 Break - ing the si - lenc - es, the sear - ing truth we seek.  
 Dance through our lives and loves; a - noint with Spir - it flame.

Dm A Dm Bb Gm Dm A

Fac - ing our lives, we need your love so much.  
 Safe a - mong friends, our grief and rage we share.  
 Your light il - lu - mines each fa - mil - iar face.

Dm A Dm Bb Asus4 A7 Dm

Here in this com - mu - ni - ty, heal us by your touch.  
 Here in this com - mu - ni - ty, hold us in your care.  
 Here in this com - mu - ni - ty, meet us with your grace.