

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

**Sunday, September 20, 2020**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 20**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Prelude on *Bunessan*

G. Snowbeck

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Morning Has Broken"

**P38**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: May God's peace rest on our busy lives so that we are quieted into prayer.

**PEOPLE: May God's love flow through our worship words so that we are awake to opportunities for service.**

Leader: May God's grace embrace every need,

**ALL: and may the restless Gospel set our hearts afire. Amen and Amen.\*\***

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

Father, Mother, God, Thank you for your presence during the hard and mean days.

For then we have you to lean upon.

Thank you for your presence during the bright and sunny days,

for then we can share that which we have with those who have less.

For those who have no voice, we ask you to speak.

For those who feel unworthy, we ask you to pour your love out in waterfalls of tenderness.

For those who live in pain, we ask you to bathe them in the river of your healing.

For those who are lonely, we ask you to keep them company.

For those who are depressed, we ask you to shower upon them the light of hope.

Dear Creator, You, the borderless sea of substance, we ask you to give to all the world that which we need most—Peace.<sup>##</sup> Amen.

Maya Angelou

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison**

We worship you, O God, and thank you that you receive us when we turn to you. We turn to you now, trusting the promise of Jesus Christ to be with us whenever two or three gather in his name. Come to us, and fill us with your Spirit of unity and truth, that we may serve you in the world; for we pray in Jesus' name.\*\* 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

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

**ANTHEM:** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*  
Chancel Choir

Music: Thomas Tallis (*Tallis Canon*)  
arr. Hutchins & Snowbeck

**SERMON:** “Job, Work, Life”

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:** “When All Your Mercies, O My God”

**V219**

\***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Fantasia*

John Lee

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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## **WORLD PRAYERS** –[www.worldprayers.org](http://www.worldprayers.org) - retrieved 11/12/15

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**The flowers this morning are given by Ken and Nancy Mahoney.** They are given in loving honor of Nancy's mom, Muriel Tiedemann, who will celebrate her 93rd birthday on Sept. 23! Love you Mom!

**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:** , Carol Lacobelli 09/21, Greg Brenner 09/22, Patience Benassi 09/23, Jennifer Coulston 09/23, Linda Simonson 09/23, Brooklyn Mastracchio 09/23, Lexie Cooper 09/23, Raj Rose 9/26, Barbara Scheidecker 09/27, Jennifer Russo 09/27, Jillian Russo 09/27.

## 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.

**The Annual Meeting of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ** will be a virtual ZOOM meeting on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 8:30am – 12:30pm. The meeting will include worship, reports and breakout discussions, and voting on the candidate for Executive Conference Minister, the Rev. Darrell Goodwin. More information on the Annual Meeting, and on Rev. Darrell Goodwin, can be found on the conferences website, [sneucc.org](http://sneucc.org). The registration deadline is Sept. 24. The bylaws for the new Southern New England Conference allocate 3 delegates to churches with membership up to 400. If you would like to serve as a delegate, please contact Scott Morrow.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<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	OASIS YOUTH (Zoom)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Sept. 21</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sept. 23</b>		<b>WINDOW MAILING</b>
		<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
		1:00 p.m.	STAFF MEETING (Zoom)
		7:00	REOPENING TEAM (Zoom)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept 26</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>SNE Conf. Annl Mtng ZOOM</b>
		9:30 a.m.	Musical Folk (Lawn)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 27</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (In person &amp; Online)</b>
		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.

\*OPENING HYMN: "Morning Has Broken"

Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-

BUNESSAN 5.5.5.4.D.

Gaelic Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

*In unison*

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!  
 dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness  
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,

Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
 Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com-plete - ness Where his feet pass.  
 Praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

1 When all your mer-cies, O my God, my ris - ing soul sur - veys,  
2 Ten thou - sand thou - sand pre - cious gifts my dai - ly thanks em - ploy;  
3 Through ev - ery per - iod of my life your good - ness I'll pur - sue,  
4 Through all e - ter - ni - ty to you a joy - ful song I'll raise,

G C (D G Am) G C D Am G Em G D G

trans - port - ed with the view I'm lost in won - der, love and praise.  
nor is the least a cheer - ful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.  
and af - ter death, in dis - tant worlds the glo - rious theme re - new.  
but oh! e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ut - ter all your praise.