

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

Sunday, November 1, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 26

All Saints Sunday

The Sacrament of Communion

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude for All Soul's Day

Edward Lassen

INTROIT: *Be Known to Us*

Gary James (b.1957)

***OPENING HYMN:** "You Servants of God"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: There are many who have walked the path toward God before us, showing us the way with their lives.

PEOPLE: We come to give thanks for them.

Leader: As they were called, so are we called to live as Jesus did, answering the call of God, saying "Here I am! Send me."

PEOPLE: We come to ask for guidance and courage.

Leader: We are, each of us, like those who have gone before us, a strange mixture of saint and sinner. God accepts us that way and fills us with the Spirit, who empowers us to act.

ALL: We come to worship the Holy God.**

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

We pray for all whose lives have been touched by tragedy,
whether by accident or a deliberate act.

For those who mourn, immerse them in your love
and lead them through this darkness into your arms, and light.

For those who comfort, be in both the words they use
and all that's left unspoken;
fill each heart with love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
whose own suffering brought us life,
here and for eternity.### Amen.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

Gracious God, we confess our sins. When we act out of fear, when we act out of anger, when we act out of selfishness, we sin. When our thoughts are small-minded, when our thoughts are unruly, when our thoughts are bitter, we sin. When our words are unfeeling, when our words are thoughtless, when our words are admirable but empty, we sin. When we waste our gifts and possibilities, when we do not live out of love, we sin. You are the source of love and life. We ask your forgiveness and your re-forming of our very selves, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior.** Amen. ~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 23:1-12

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Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 5:1-12

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When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *In Remembrance of Me*

Ragan Courtney & Buryl Red

Chancel Choir

This special anthem was recorded through Zoom meetings and the magic of smart phones! Organ and organ-flute accompaniment by Gary Snowbeck, compiled, adapted, and directed by Jeffrey Hutchins.

MEDITATION: “Admonished and Blessed”

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

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

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: "For All the Saints"

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Postlude on *Sine Nomine*

G. Snowbeck

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by Rich, Sue, Saydee and Sienna Baldino In loving memory of Rich and Sue's grandparents: Angelo & Ann Baldino, Gerald & Grace Abate, Allen & Sylvia Case and Lorraine Chandler. (Also) In honor of Sue's 93-year-old grandfather, Richard Chandler, Sr., who enjoys the outdoors and spending time with his family, especially his great granddaughters Saydee and Sienna.

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: Dan Lafleur 11/01, Laura Alden 11/02, Nicole Mecca 11/03, Onna Gott 11/04, Samuel Gott 11/04, Eliza Stewart 11/05, Jason Petrucci 11/05, Robert Crowther 3rd. 11/07, Bette DeMayo 11/08, Chery Solecki 11/08.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Daniel & Paige Mickolyzck 11/01.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	11/1	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	WORSHIP–Online (All Saints Day) OASIS (Zoom)
Monday	11/2	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	11/3	6:00 p.m. 7:00	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) MLB (Zoom)
Wednesday	11/4	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) RE-OPENING (Zoom)
Thursday	11/5	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	11/6	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	11/7	8:00 a.m.	Men’s Fellowship (Zoom)
Sunday	11/8	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	WORSHIP OASIS (Zoom)

*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.

Make your Church Pledge Online!

We are trying many new ways of reaching out to members and friends this year. In conjunction with the **Season of Generosity** this year, you have the opportunity to make your pledge of financial support for the church next year online, through the church website (www.northhavenucc.org). On the homepage of the website you will see a bright purple banner invitation “Make Your 2021 Pledge Today.” Click on the purple banner, and the Generosity page will open. Here you will find some comments from church members reflecting on their giving to the church, and a Pledge Card form which you can fill out and submit from the web page. If you would like a copy as your confirmation, you can print the screen before you submit your pledge, or call the Church Office and Julie Schweickert will send it to you.

Evaluation of the Pastor ONLINE!

Here is yet another opportunity to respond online! The Evaluation of the Pastor is being conducted now, and the evaluation team from the Pastoral Relations Mission Team is seeking responses from as many members and friends as possible. Please take a few minutes and complete the Pastoral Evaluation online! Go to the church website (www.northhavenucc.org) and click on the green banner on the homepage “Annual Evaluation of the Pastor.” This will open the Pastoral Evaluation page. Here you will find a brief explanation of the purpose of the evaluation and instructions. You are asked to answer 8 questions, and your specific thought and feelings and examples will be most helpful. **Please complete your evaluation by Nov. 3.** Thank you for helping to guide, affirm, and improve pastoral leadership at North Haven Congregational Church.



New England “VIRTUAL” Fair begins Wednesday, Nov 4th on line!

Please go to the website northhavenucc.org to place your orders for:

WF FAMOUS FROZEN APPLE PIES!! 9” READY TO BAKE PIE \$10.00 each.

ONLY 1 PIE PER FAMILY AS THERE ARE ONLY 12 PIES AVAILABLE!!

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE!! PLACE YOUR ORDER AND PAY TODAY ON LINE!!

Need help placing an order, call the office and Julie will be happy to help you!

They are assorted cookies, sold by ½ and 1 dozen bags. Cakes, breads and a few assorted pies available as well.

Place and pay for you order on line, or check payable to NHCC Women’s Fellowship! Orders available for pick up Sunday Dec 13th, 12-2:00 p.m.

Church Office Staff:

All the Members, Ministers to the World
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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: "You Servants of God"

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in four parts, with the first part having four numbered lines. Chords are indicated above the notes.

System 1:

Chords: C, (D G), C, (D7) G, D

1 You ser - vants of God, your Sav - iour pro - claim,
 2 God rules from on high, al - might - y to save,
 3 Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore and give as is right,

System 2:

Chords: D, G, (D G), C, G, D7, G

and pub - lish a - broad that won - der - ful name,
 whose Word still is nigh, a pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - our the Son!
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

System 3:

Chords: D, A7, D7, G, D, D7

the name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
 The great con - gre - ga - tion God's tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - our and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

System 4:

Chords: D, G, (D G), C, G, D7, G

whose king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 bow down in deep rev - erence and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

*CLOSING HYMN: "For All the Saints"

Unison

1 For all the saints, who from their la - bours rest,
 2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might:
 5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day
 6 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,

all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, your
 you were their cap - tain in the well - fought fight,
 the saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray: as
 through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 you, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 God to glo - ry calls them all a - way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
 (verses 3 and 4 follow)

Harmony

3 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine! We fee - bly struggle,
 4 The gold - en - eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful

they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one with - in your great de -
 war - riors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the

sign. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
 blest. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!



Beloved, Love the Children.

“Grown men can learn from very little children, for the hearts of the little children are pure. Therefore, the Great Spirit may show to them many things which older people miss.” – Black Elk 1863-1950

How often have I found myself amazed at the simple wisdom of children? Children have a profoundly different perspective on how they see the world – if only we could see the world through their eyes! Jesus tells us in our sacred texts that we must become like little children to enter the kin-dom of heaven. *(Matthew 18.3)*

In 2019, Skyland Community United Church of Christ, through their Love of Children, reached out to the broader community to create a photo exhibition. Located in the Santa Cruz mountains of California, the congregation invited children ages 4 – 11 from the community to submit photographs. Over 80 children participated in the “My World in the Santa Cruz Mountains” exhibit. People from all ages attended the exhibit reception replete with milk and cookies. Each participant was valued as an artist and encouraged to talk about their submission.



All enjoyed the playful and profound perspectives of their world in the mountains through the eyes of the children.

What might we learn about one another, our communities, and especially our church if we were to see them through the eyes of a child? Do they feel heard... seen... valued? How do they know they are ‘beloved’?

As you reflect on stewardship in our church, think about these things. How do your actions express your love of children? Are children engaged in ways that also inspire us? What do they teach us about love? Nelson Mandela reminded us, “Our children are our greatest treasure. They are our future.” Beloved, Love the children.

WEEKLY GIVING IF THE PERCENTAGE IS (Rounded to the nearest dollar)

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
16,000	1,333	308	6.00	12.00	18.00	25.00	31.00	46.00
20,000	1,667	385	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	39.00	58.00
25,000	2,083	481	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	12.00	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	87.00
35,000	2,917	673	13.00	27.00	40.00	54.00	67.00	101
40,000	3,333	769	15.00	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	115
45,000	3,750	865	17.00	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	130
50,000	4,167	962	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23.00	46.00	69.00	92.00	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29.00	58.00	87.00	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38.00	77.00	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48.00	96.00	144	192	240	361

