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

Sunday, May 23, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude on *Komm, heiliger Geist*

Andreas Armsdorf

***OPENING HYMN:** "O Worship the King"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Do not give easy or unthinking attention to this day's call to worship. For today we ask God's spirit to fill us, that we may prophesy, and dream dreams, and see visions. The call to worship today is a summons to be touched by holy fire.

PEOPLE: Even now the flames may dance above our heads,

Leader: Igniting our opinions on peacemaking so that they blaze into commitment.

PEOPLE: Even now the flames may be burning into our hearts,

Leader: Animating us, leaving us no rest as individuals until God's justice and peace fill the earth as waters fill the seas.

ALL: Prophets, visionaries, dreamers! Let us all worship with courage and with hope.** *originally published by UCC Stewardship Council for use for Peace Pentecost*

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

Come Holy Spirit dance in our souls.
Come as the fire of love and burn in our hearts.
Come, O Breath of God blow through our lives.
Come, O come, Dove of peace
and beat your strong wings
above all that we do in Jesus' name.## Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

God, Holy Spirit, come to us, come among us;
Come as the wind, and cleanse;
Come as the fire, and burn;
Come as the dew, and refresh:
Convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives
To our great good and your greater glory.***

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. *Eric Milner-White*

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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.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

ANTHEM: *Spirit of Gentleness*

Words and Music by James K. Manley

A Pentecost musical offering by members of the Children's Choir and the Chancel Choir

Special thanks to Gary Snowbeck, Karlee Etter, Jeff Hutchins
and church families who submitted videos.

SERMON: "The Promised Power"

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology

Tune: Lasst uns erfren

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!&&

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us"

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Triumphal March*

William Stickles

*Those who are able, please stand.

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In Our Prayers This Week are: Heather Rowe-Purcell, Onna & Sam Gott, Ben & Cole Purcell, Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, David Bellonio, Marlene Bellonio, Stefan McKosky, Linda Shannon, Joyce Bellonio, Betsy Gumbart, Shirley Ryan and all the family.

In-Person Worship Continues Indoors on May 30th!!

All who would like to attend in-person worship will need to pre-register online through the Church website under WORSHIP SERVICES [In-Person Worship Registration]. If you are not able to pre-register, please call the Church Office. Seating will be both safely distanced by household and, for those fully vaccinated, open seating. Attendees need to wear masks and refrain from singing. Please call Scott or Julie with questions.

On-Line Fundraising Auction

Our second on-line auction was held during May as a fundraiser for our church. The first on-line auction was held last July. Feedback we received last year encouraged us to coordinate another on-line fundraising auction this year. The goal was to raise funds for the church that otherwise would have been raised via in-person events such as concerts, dinners and other events that have not been possible over the last 14 months due to the pandemic. This solution brought in income for this line item in our church budget. We look forward to returning to in-person fundraising events that also provide fellowship opportunities with church volunteers working together in person. The success of the on-line auction would not have been possible without all the donations of a great variety of items that were auctioned. Thank you very much for your donations to the on-line fundraising auction. We received a great variety of items including antiques, Lenox china, paintings, a piano, barely used Kirby vacuum, Waterford crystal vases and candle holders, a pool float, jewelry, new unused items NIB, a lift chair, Karastan rugs, and so much more. Many of these items were lovingly cared for through generations including an antique chair with decorations hand-painted by a long-time church member's parent/grandparent. There is a story behind all the items donated! Thank you to the many donors: Betsey Reid, Dot Pierce, Florence Coulston, Joan Bennett, Martha & Mark Butterworth, Sara & Bryant Munson, SueBeth & Robert Higgins, Scott Morrow, Carol Amico, Womens Fellowship, Joyce & Ted Manzo, Barbara Massey, Sally Pallatto, Susan Guckert, Doris Ferner, Cathy Welch, Patience & Martin Benassi, Lynn Reardon, Jeanne Reardon, Melissa & Carmen Deluca, Paul Powers, Nancy Mahoney, and Lisa Heyl. Thank you again for your generosity to our church.

The **B** Team: Patience **B**enassi, Martin **B**enassi, Priscilla **B**radford and Martha **B**utterworth

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	5/23	9:30 a.m. 11:00 11:30 12:00 p.m. 1:00 4:00 4:00 5:00	SUNDAY WORSHIP (InPerson & LiveStream) Church School: PreK-Gr2 (Zoom) Baptism – Emma Pauline Mickolyzck Church School: Gr3-Gr7 (Zoom) Auction Pick up (CH) BOOK CLUB (Parking Lot) OASIS 5 th -7 th Grade GAME NIGHT (Zoom) OASIS (Zoom)
Monday	5/24	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	5/25	9:30 a.m. 6: 00 p.m.	Music Together (Lawn) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	5/26	9:30 a.m. 10:00 7:00 p.m.	WINDOW MAILING Music Together (Lawn) FOOD PANTRY OPEN REOPENING (Zoom)
Thursday	5/27	9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (Lawn) STAFF MEETING (Zoom) CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	5/28	9:30 a.m. 10:00	Music Together (Lawn) FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	5/29	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (Lawn) Music Together (Lawn)
Sunday	5/30	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:00	SUNDAY WORSHIP (InPerson & LiveStream) OASIS 5 th -7 th Grade GAME NIGHT (Zoom) OASIS (Zoom)
Monday	5/31		OFFICE CLOSED (MEMORIAL DAY)

*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 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove,
 2 O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
 ♦ 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love,
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 ♦ Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 ♦ has stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dour, and gird - ed with praise.
 and broad is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 ♦ and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us"

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us,
 2 We would raise our hal - le - lu - jahs
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us,

come with pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a
 for the grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's
 give us words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble

strong - er vi - sion, help us face each cru - cial hour.
 un - known path - way, hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers.
 lips to praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name.

Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the
 In the church's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us
 God, all ho - ly, Son and Spir - it, three in one: what

cor - ner - stone, still the church is called to mis - sion
 all the way, still in pres - ence move be - fore us,
 mys - ter - y! We would sing our loud ho - san - nas

that God's love shall be made known.
 fire by night and cloud by day.
 now and through e - ter - ni - ty.