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

Sunday, May 30, 2021

9:30 a.m.

**Trinity Sunday
Memorial Sunday**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude on *O Blessed Holy Trinity*

Jan Bender

CHORAL INTROIT: *The Strife is O'er*

Text Translated by Francis Pott (1861)
Music by Palestrina, Victory (1591)

***OPENING HYMN:** "Come Now, Almighty King"

V314

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God, the Source of Love and Life, who creates us.

PEOPLE: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives among us.

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.

ALL: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ!**

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

O God, at this annual time of remembrance, our thoughts turn to the violence, fear, and pain of war. We think of those whose sworn duty it is to protect us, and the dangers they face. We think of the sacrifices they are called to make, and we remember those who have given their lives. Come gently in our worship this morning, that we may know your peace – not the peace of violence ignored or fear repressed, but the true peace of evil confronted, injustice exposed, and reconciliation achieved. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace.*** Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

O God, there is a dark and lonesome gulf in worship, a cavern of the awesome into which we rarely go. We prefer catchy tunes, bright vestments, and holiday prayers. We would rather celebrate community than touch holiness. Enable us in this precious time to venture into the depths of worship which can never be found totally in individual spirituality but which open slowly before the shared pain struggle, and love of the communion of saints.** 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.

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

ANTHEM: *O Spirit of the Living God*

Forest Green arr. Jim Boratko
Featuring the choir of First Church, West Hartford
with the Whitechapel Handbell Choir,
Jessica Berube, director, and William Valenti, trumpet.

SERMON: “Awestruck”

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

MEMORIAL PRAYER

GREETING OF PEACE

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** “God! As with Silent Hearts”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Introduction and Fugue in G

Christian Rinck

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by Doris Ferner in honor of all those who have served.

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 June 13th!!

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.

Heritage Sunday Celebration on June 13th

On June 13th will celebrate those who have been members of NHCC for 50 years or more. We encourage Heritage members to come to our in-person worship service that Sunday. If you are a Heritage member (or if you are not sure) please call Julie in the Church Office to let us know you will be present on June 13th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

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)
Tuesday	6/1	9:30 a.m. 11:30 6:00 p.m.	Music Together (Lawn) Agency on Aging (Parking Lot) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	6/2	9:30 a.m. 10:00 11:30 1:30 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (Lawn) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Agency on Aging-Rain Date (Parking Lot) Staff Meeting (Zoom) REOPENING (Zoom)
Thursday	6/3	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (Lawn) Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	6/4	9:30 a.m. 10:00	Music Together (Lawn) FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	6/5	8:00 a.m. 9:30 10:30	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (Zoom) Music Together (Lawn) Music Together (Lawn)
Sunday	6/6	9:30 a.m. 11:00 12:00 p.m. 4:00 5:00	SUNDAY WORSHIP (LiveStream) Church School: PreK-Gr2 (Zoom) Church School: Gr3-Gr7 (Zoom) OASIS 5 th -7 th Grade GAME NIGHT (Zoom) OASIS (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 Come now, al - might - y King, help us your
2 Come now, in - car - nate Son, your life in
3 Come ho - ly Com - for - ter, your sa - cred
4 To the great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing, help us to praise; one God all
us be - gun, our prayer at - tend; come, and your
wit - ness bear in this glad hour; your grace to
prais - es be for ev - er - more; your sov - ereign

glo - ri - ous, ev - er vic - to - ri - ous,
peo - ple bless, come, give your word suc - cess;
us im - part, now rule in ev - ery heart,
maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
stab - lish your righ - teous - ness, Sav - iour and friend!
nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!
and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore!

1 God! As with si - lent hearts we bring to mind
 2 Hal - low our will as hum - bly we re - call
 3 Give us deep faith to com - fort those who mourn,
 4 So, Prince of Peace, dis - arm our trust in power,

how hate and war di - min - ish hu - man - kind,
 the lives of those who gave and give their all.
 high hope to share with all the new - ly born,
 teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower.

we pause, and seek in wor - ship to in - crease
 We thank you, God, for wom - en, chil - dren, men
 strong love in our pur - suit of hu - man worth:
 May we, im - pas - sioned by your liv - ing Word,

our knowl - edge of the things that make for peace.
 who seek to serve in love, to - day as then.
 "lest we for - get" the fu - ture of this earth.
 re - mem - ber for - ward to a world re - stored.