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*Choir Appreciation Sunday*



North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 6  
Heritage Sunday and Choir Appreciation Sunday**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Elevation*

Louis Raffy

**CHORAL INTROIT:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
Chancel Choir

Henry van Dyke Jr.  
Ludwig van Beethoven

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Jesus, United by Your Grace”

**V591**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people.

**PEOPLE: The winds of the Spirit have given us breath and the fire of the Spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and each other.**

Leader: Come gather in faithfulness, and be ready for the surprises that God’s Spirit brings.

**PEOPLE: We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God’s promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace.**

**ALL: May God help us to be true people of spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days!\*\***

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

We pray to the great Spiritual Power in which we live and move and have our being.

We pray that we may become ever more filled with generosity of spirit and true compassion and love for all life;

We pray for the victims of violence and war, for those wounded in body and for those wounded in mind.

We pray for the multitudes of refugees, forced from their homes to alien places through war or through the utter destruction of their environment.

We pray that we may learn the peace that comes with forgiving and the strength we gain in loving;

We pray for these things with humility; We pray because of the hope that is within us.

We pray because of our love for Creation, and because of our trust in God.

We pray, above all, for peace throughout the world.<sup>##</sup> Amen.

- Dr. Jane Goodall

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

O holy God, we know the beauty of this June day and we are grateful. We experience the warm stirrings of summer and the fullness of bountiful earth, and we are grateful. We share the love of family and friends and the family and friendship that is our church, and we are grateful. Through the grace of Christ Jesus, we know the opportunity to bring new selves to this new day that we might worship with our community in joy and thanksgiving and be filled with the good news we would offer everyone. For all these things we are deeply grateful.\*\* 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.

## CELEBRATING HERITAGE MEMBERS

Scott Morrow

Curtis Andrews	1948	Kathleen Mickolyzck*	1970
Joyce Bellonio	1946	Lorraine Morehouse	1954
Mary Cestaro	1966	Bryant Munson	1956
George Coulston	1964	Eleanor Norback	1963
Flo Coulston	1964	Lawrence North	1944
Ann Dubar	1962	Jeanne Reardon	1969
Nancie Estep	1963	Lynn Reardon*	1971
Doris Ferner	1965	Betsey Reid*	1971
Lillian Flodquist	1965	Ellen Robert	1957
Carl Flodquist	1965	Jane Romans	1961
Richard Gherlone	1953	Ruth Scelzo	1952
Joy Gillen*	1971	Robert Scheidecker	1966
Merrilee Gladkosky	1960	Barbara Scheidecker	1966
Nancy Gutowski*	1971	Ann Schneider*	1970
Eleanor Harple	1960	James Shea*	1970
Bernard Hummel	1954	Charlotte Shea*	1970
Elfie Hummel	1965	Victoria Struk	1969
Roberta Juliano*	1971	Audrey Tilley	1957
Linda Lacobelli	1956	Linda Tosetti*	1970

\*New 50-year member this year and last year

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 4:26-34**

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He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17**

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So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

**ANTHEM:** *Speak, O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of your holy word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see,  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of power that can never fail;  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

**SERMON:** "Living In-Between"

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** ~unison

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

**THANKING THE CHOIR**

Carol Amico, Martin Benassi, Elaine Burr, Susan-Beth Collins, Susan Compton, Doris Ferner, Joyce Manzo, Ted Manzo, Barbara Massey, Carol Mitchell, Rose Monaco, Stephanie Perkins, Lisa Phillips, John Rankin, Linda Rankin, John Tibor, Susan Tibor, Cathy Welch and **Music Director Jeff Hutchins, and Organist Gary Snowbeck**

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Arranged for SATB voices and piano by Mary McDonald

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Offered by:

Members of the NHCC Chancel Choir

Gary Snowbeck, piano

Jeff Hutchins, Music Director & Producer

\*CLOSING HYMN: “Sing Your Praise to God Eternal”

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\*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *The Canterbury March*

H. C. Perrin

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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## **WORLD PRAYERS** –[www.worldprayers.org](http://www.worldprayers.org) - retrieved 8/21/15

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**The flowers this morning are given by** Cheryl and Peter Hall in celebration of Peter’s mother’s birthday on 6/13 and in memory of his father’s passing on 6/10/18.

**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 27<sup>th</sup>!!**

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.

**Installation of the Rev. Darrell Goodwin, Executive Conference Minister** The Installation Service for the Rev. Darrell Goodwin, Executive Conference Minister of the Southern New England Conference UCC, will be held online on Saturday, June 19 at 1pm. If you would like to watch this service online, go to the Conference website ([sneucc.org](http://sneucc.org)) and register. Call Scott or Julie with questions.

**Sign Up to Host Lemonade Hour!!** Lemonade Hour – our summertime outdoor fellowship following the worship service, will begin again on in-person worship Sundays. **We need hosts and hostesses!!** Please sign up on the church website!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6/13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 11:00 11:15 12:00 p.m. 2:00	<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP (InPerson &amp; LiveStream)</b> Church School: PreK-Gr2 (Zoom) Food Delivery Church School: Gr3-Gr7 (Zoom) OASIS Beach Day at Hammonasset!!
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6/14</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6/15</b>	1:00 p.m. 6:00	<b>PERSONNEL MT (Library)</b> BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6/16</b>	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN ReOpening Team (Zoom)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6/17</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6/18</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6/19</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> 1:00 p.m.	<b>MENS FELLOWSHIP (Zoom)</b> Installation Service – Rev. Darrell Goodwin, Executive Conference Minister (Zoom)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6/20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 4:00 p.m. 5:00	<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP (LiveStream)</b> OASIS 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade GAME NIGHT (Zoom) OASIS (Zoom)

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**

Church Office Staff:

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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:

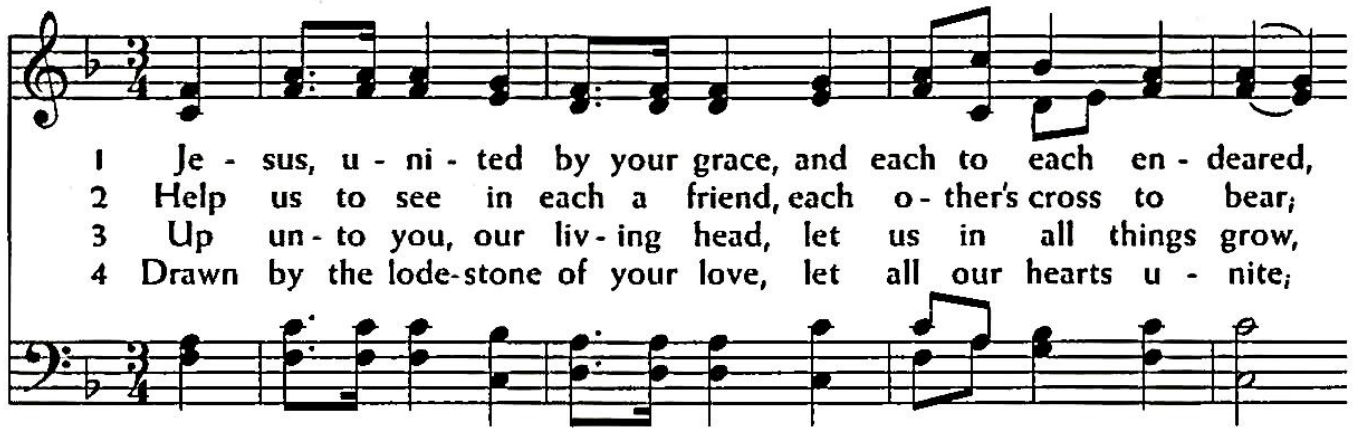
- Conducting regular, robust worship in a responsible and relevant way in an ever changing and challenging world;
- Welcoming all people from different and diverse backgrounds to become a community of disciples together; and
- Involved in purposeful action and activities through the structure of self-directed 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.

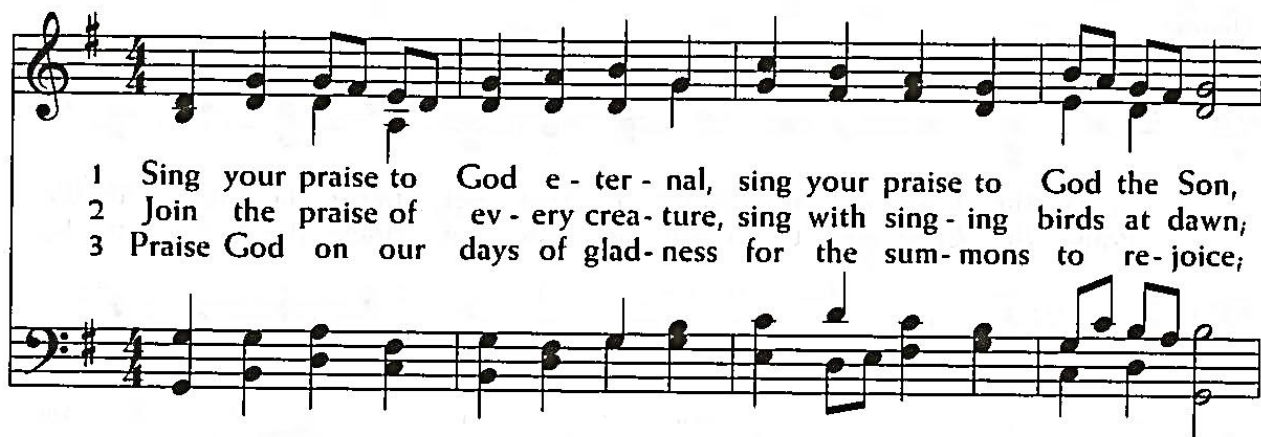




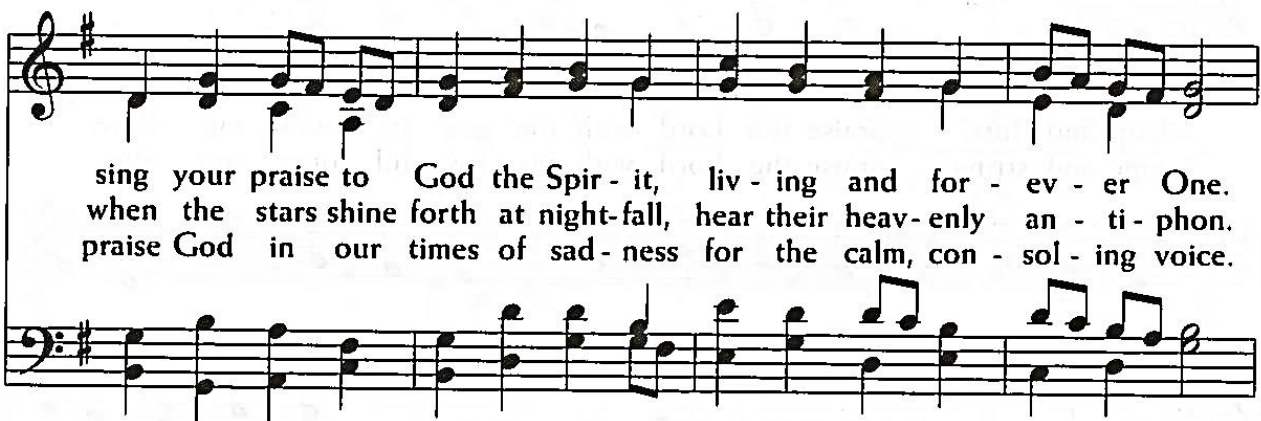
1 Je - sus, u - ni - ted by your grace, and each to each en - deared,  
2 Help us to see in each a friend, each o - ther's cross to bear;  
3 Up un - to you, our liv - ing head, let us in all things grow,  
4 Drawn by the lode - stone of your love, let all our hearts u - nite;



with con - fi - dence we seek your face, and know our prayer is heard.  
let all their friend - ly aid ex - tend, and feel the oth - er's care.  
till you have made us free in - deed and faith - ful here be - low.  
let us to - ward each oth - er move, and move to - ward your light.



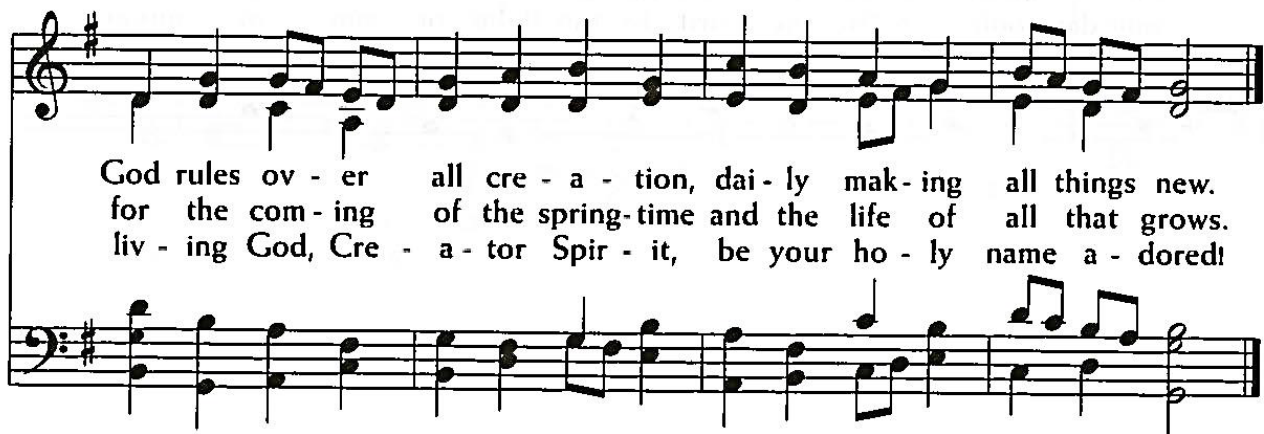
1 Sing your praise to God e - ter - nal, sing your praise to God the Son,  
2 Join the praise of ev - ery crea - ture, sing with sing - ing birds at dawn;  
3 Praise God on our days of glad - ness for the sum - mons to re - joice;



sing your praise to God the Spir - it, liv - ing and for - ev - er One.  
when the stars shine forth at night - fall, hear their heav - enly an - ti - phon.  
praise God in our times of sad - ness for the calm, con - sol - ing voice.



God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true.  
Praise God for the light of sum - mer, au - tumn glor - ies, win - ter snows,  
God our Ma - ker, strong and lov - ing, Christ our Sav - iour, Lead - er, Lord,



God rules ov - er all cre - a - tion, dai - ly mak - ing all things new.  
for the com - ing of the spring - time and the life of all that grows.  
liv - ing God, Cre - a - tor Spir - it, be your ho - ly name a - dored!