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NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, June 20, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 7

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude Louis Raffy

*OPENING HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" V 333

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

PEOPLE: Behold our God is a Creator.

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,

and the Word was God.

PEOPLE: Behold our God is a Redeemer.

Leader: The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the

deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

PEOPLE: Behold, our God is a Holy Spirit.

ALL: Let us worship the God who is one in three, three in one, who heals our

brokenness and gathers up all our meanings.**

*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison

Oh God, All Holy One, you are our Mother and our Father and we are your children.

Open our eyes and our hearts so that we may be able to discern Your work.

Help us know that You have created us, members of the same family,

Your family...the human family.

May we know war no more as we strive to be what You want us to be: Your children.##

Amen. a prayer of Archbishop Desmond Tutu

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Gracious God, we give you thanks for June with its roses and its rains, for all that is green and growing, for weddings and their anniversaries, for school children counting the hours till vacation, and for reunion times of remembering younger days. We give thanks for these brief occasions for rejoicing in our lives. We also celebrate those assurances that are beyond the changing of the seasons – the promise of forgiveness and healing, the resurrection and eternal life, the scriptures of Israel's history and the Gospel story of love made flesh in Christ Jesus. For all that blesses us, as a congregation and as individuals, we praise you, O gracious God.** 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.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 32-49 p. 257 Now the Philistines gathered their armies for battle.

And there came out from the camp of the Philistines a champion named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a helmet of bronze on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail; the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze. He had greaves of bronze on his legs and a javelin of bronze slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer went before him. He stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us." And the Philistine said, "Today I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man, that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "The Lord, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you!"

Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin;

but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's and he will give you into our hand."

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 4:35-41

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On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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ANTHEM: Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Traditional Spiritual

arr. Horace Clarence Boyer

adapt. Jeff Hutchins and Gary Snowbeck

Sung by members of the Chancel Choir via Zoom, computer, and cell phones

SERMON: "A Quiet Center"

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology

Tune: Lasst uns erfreuen

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

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Allegro maestoso William Stickles

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The flowers this morning are given by Barbara Massey in honor of all the loving fathers who have shown us the power of patience, understanding and dedication. God bless them on this Father's Day!

In-Person Worship Every Sunday Starting June 27th!!

We ask that all who would like to attend in-person worship 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.

<u>Sign Up to Host Lemonade Hour!!</u> Lemonade Hour – our summertime outdoor fellowship following the worship service, has begun. **We need hosts and hostesses!!** Please sign up on the church website!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	6/20	9:30 a.m.	SUNDAY WORSHIP (LiveStream)
Monday	6/21		
Tuesday	6/22	6:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	6/23		WINDOW MAILING
-		10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
		5:00 p.m.	Pastoral Relations Team (Zoom)
Thursday	6/24	4:30 p.m.	Eccles Council (Zoom)
Friday	6/25	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	6/26		
Sunday	6/27	9:30 a.m.	SUNDAY WORSHIP (InPerson & LiveStream)
•		11:30	Baptism – Mila Grace Mickolyzck

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

^{*}Those who are able, please stand.

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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.

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.

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