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

Sunday, July 4, 2021

9:30 a.m.

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 9
The Sacrament of Communion
Independence Day**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Communion*

Gertrude Richolson

***OPENING HYMN:** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We have been called here to face into God's gracious way of living. We are to leave the past behind us and walk into these new days of our ministry.

PEOPLE: Sometimes we'd rather remember how things used to be. Sometimes we are afraid to be disciples.

Leader: But this is a new day, and Christ is sharing freedom with us. It is a day to put aside all fear, to leave doubting behind, and to take courage in God's loving call.

PEOPLE: We will look to the new day, and we will set ourselves on the Jerusalem road. We will strive for faithfulness, even at the cost of popularity, and we will be disciples of Christ, renewing and healing the world around us.**

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

For this fragile planet earth,
its times and tides, its sunsets and seasons:
We give thanks this day.

For our human community,
our common past and future hope,
our oneness transcending all separation,
our capacity to work for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression:
We give thanks this day.

For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism,
for understanding of views not shared:
We give thanks this day.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world,
who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom:
We give thanks this day.

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes,
not by our words but by our deeds.## Amen.

– Rev. O. Eugene Pickett

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~*unison*

Organ Amen.

Most holy and most merciful God, in your presence we must face the sinfulness of our nature and the errors of our ways, intended and accidental. You alone know how often we have failed by wandering from your paths, wasting your gifts, and fleeing your love. Have mercy upon us, O God, for we have broken your requirements for justice and overlooked opportunities for kindness. Humble us with your truth and raise us by your grace that we may more nearly be the people of Christ and the witnesses of your Spirit.** We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON**ALL: Thanks be to God****THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Ezekiel 2:1-5

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He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Mark 6:1-13

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He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Standin' In The Need of Prayer* African American Traditional Spiritual
Sung by Jeff Hutchins

It's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer.

1 Not my brother, not my sister, but it's
me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer;
not my brother, not my sister, but it's
me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

2 Not the preacher, not the deacon, but
it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer
Not the preacher, not the deacon, but
it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

3 Not my father, not my mother, but it's
me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer;
Not my father, not my mother, but it's
me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

4 Not the stranger, not my neighbor,
but it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer;
Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but
it's me, O Lord,
Standin' in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

MEDITATION: “The Art of the Possible”

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Organ Response

PASTORAL PRAYER

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

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

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~unison

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Prelude in G Minor*

Gottlieb Muffat

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by Jim and Joan Bennett in honor of several July Bennett family birthdays: nephew Rich on the 4th; niece Kathy on the 7th; brother Alan on the 11th; and brother Rick on the 14th.

Summertime Outdoor Fellowship Hour this morning is hosted by Doris Ferner & Carol Mitchell. Join us on the lawn in the shade for lemonade and ice tea.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Robert Tait 07/04, Sue Tibor 07/04, Kaitlyn Mulvey 07/04, Skye Gallagher 07/06, Karen Linsky 07/06, Karen Silk 07/06, Onalee Collins 07/06, Kayla DeLuca 07/07, Todd Jokl 07/08, Ellen Robert 07/08, Jessica McKosky 07/09, Logan Stewart 07/10.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Denise & Gerard Adinolfi 07/03, David & Virginia Gould 07/03, Todd & Paige Jokl 07/05, Bob & Barbara Scheidecker 07/05, Adam & Julie Schweickert 07/05, Bob & Bette Demayo 07/07, Tom & Wendy Glynn 07/07, Rich & Susan Baldino 07/09, David & Marlene Bellonio 07/10.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	7/4	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream)
Monday	7/5	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
Tuesday	7/6	8a.m.-12a.m.	SUMMER OFFICE HOURS BEGIN
		6:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	7/7	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Thursday	7/8		
Friday	7/9	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	7/10		
Sunday	7/11	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Worship Every Sunday!!

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.

Sign Up to Host Lemonade Hour!! Lemonade Hour – our summertime outdoor fellowship, following the worship service, has begun. **We need hosts and hostesses!!** Please sign up on the Church website or call the Church Office!

Ushers & Greeters – We will need two ushers/greeters on Sunday mornings through the summer. Please sign up through the Church website or call the Church Office.

Flowers are needed for July 11th. If you have a special remembrance or occasion you would like to celebrate with flowers in the Sanctuary, please call the Church Office or sign up on the Church website under WORSHIP SERVICES to donate flowers. Thank you.

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:

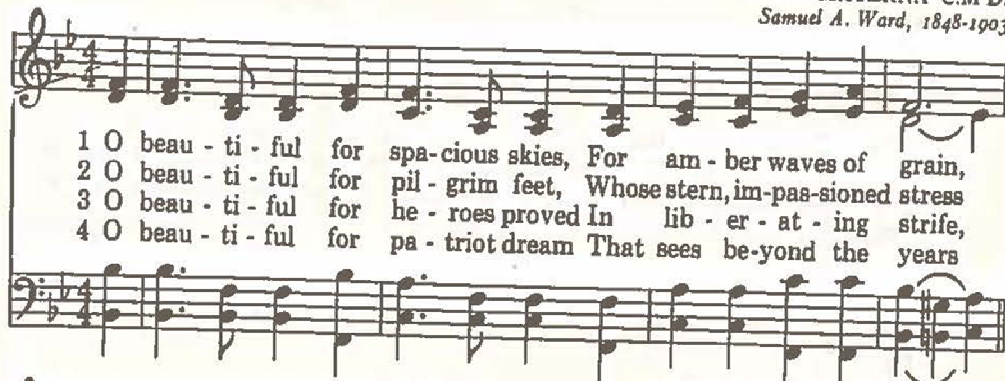
- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

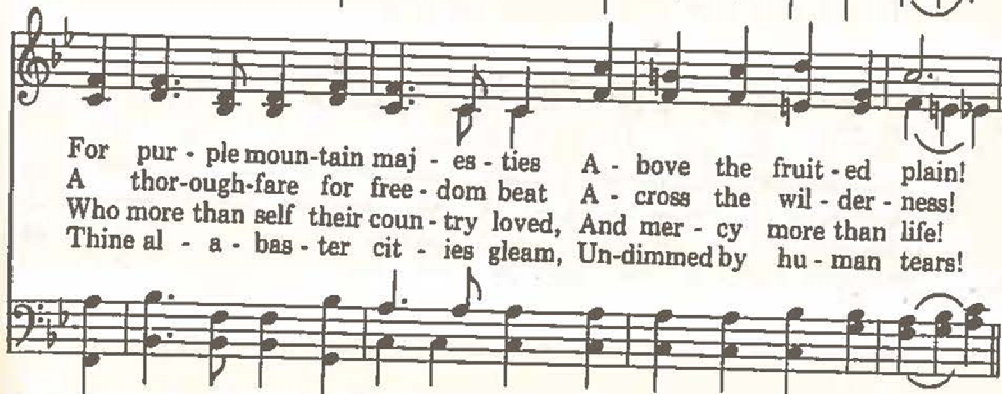
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Katharine Lee Bates, 1859-1929

MATERNA C.M.D.
Samuel A. Ward, 1848-1903



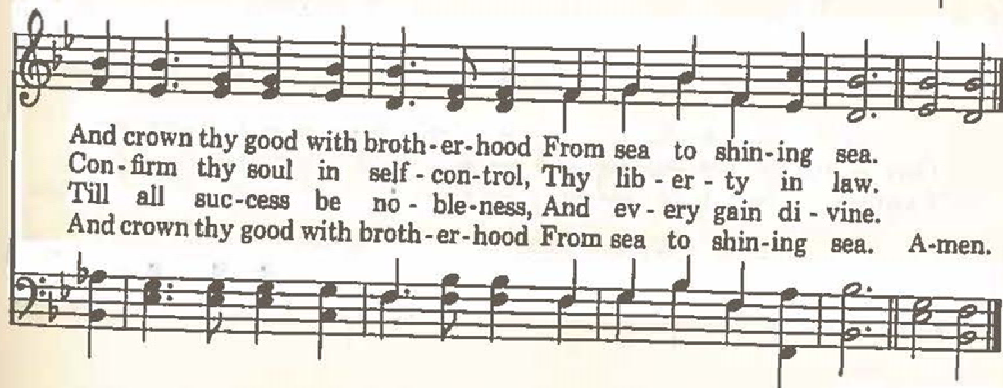
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years



For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine.
And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea. A - men.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Unison (D) G D G Em Am

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con -
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er

D G C Dsus4 D7 G

fess - ing, the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 liv - ing, the tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face.

(D) G D G Em Am

The sup - per is end - ed, O now be ex -
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er

D G C Dsus4 D7 G

tend - ed the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of each tribe and race.

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HOLY COMMUNION

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

God's grace did in - vite us, God's love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for the king - dom and an - swer its call.
give hon - our to Christ and the name that we bear.