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

Sunday, July 18, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 11

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Orgelstucke*

Gustav Markell

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

V333

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We come to worship lonely or empty or frightened.

PEOPLE: We come to worship sick or grieving or discouraged.

Leader: We come from households spiky with anger. We come from unfinished projects, ruined plans, multiple irritations.

PEOPLE: We come from broken diets, hidden drinking, unanswered email, and a week without bedtime prayers.

Leader: We turn away from news and local opportunities to help someone.

**ALL: From inadequacy we seek God's wholeness;
From delinquency we seek God's forgiveness;
From self-imposed impotence we hope to be freed for love and service by the
Gospel's power.****

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

O God of many names,
lover of all nations,
we pray for peace
in our hearts,
in our homes,
in our nations,
in our world.

For the peace you willed, we pray. ^{##} Amen.

George Appleton V693

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Merciful God, Just God, Faithful God, God of blessing and God of our most difficult times, we come to you for a moment or quiet in our self-made busyness. We come to you for energy in our weariness. We come to you for challenge when we are willing to settle for our won small plans and dreams. We long for the peace of your presence, even as we are afraid of the urgency of your call. Enter, Spirit of God, into each of our lives and enliven us; enter, Spirit of God into our community and enable us to love and serve you and all your children.** We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

Organ Amen

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.

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

ANTHEM: *Soon and Very Soon*

Andraé Crouch
arr. Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir

Recorded at the 300th Anniversary Concert in 2016

SERMON: “Depths of Compassion”

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Organ Response

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

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

*CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Speak to Me"

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Grand Choeur in D*

Samuel Rousseau

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by Sandy Carter in loving memory of her grandson Jack Viele on his passing 22nd years ago today. Love you and miss you!

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: Rose Monaco 07/19, Jennifer Goldfuss 07/20, Megan Kundrath 07/20, Massaco Miller 07/22, Lindsay Grant 07/22, Kristen Creston 07/24, George Silk 07/24, Heather Mastracchio 07/24.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Rich & Jody Gallagher 07/22, Stephen & September Baraquin 07/23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration: Sandy Carter shares with joy the birth of her great grandson, Christopher James Caruso, born on July 10th.

Free Kenmore Gas Range

A friend of the church has a 30" Kenmore Gas Stove that she is looking to "Re-home". The Stove is in good working condition and free to anyone who needs it. Please call the church office at (203) 239-5691 if you are interested, or know anyone that needs a stove.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	7/18	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream)
Monday	7/19		
Tuesday	7/20	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Endowment Committee Meeting (Library & ZOOM) BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)
Wednesday	7/21	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Thursday	7/22		
Friday	7/23	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	7/24	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Baptism Memorial Service
Sunday	7/25	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream)

*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 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven to
 2 Come, al - might - ty to de - li - ver; let us all thy
 3 Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 grace re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com -
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 ly re - stored in thee, changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and
 glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak
2 O lead me, so that I may lead
3 O teach me, so that I may teach
4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord,

in liv - ing e - choes of your tone;
the wan - dering and the wa - vering feet;
the pre - cious truths which you im - part;
un - til my ver - y heart o'er - flows

as you have sought, so let me seek
O feed me, so that I may feed
and wing my words, that they may reach
in kin - dling thought and glow - ing word,

your stray - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
your hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
the hid - den depths of ma - ny a heart.
your love to tell, your praise to show.