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

Sunday, July 25, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 12

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Andante*

Theodore Dubois

***OPENING HYMN:** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We have been called to walk the faithful road and to choose the way of God's justice.

PEOPLE: We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good, and that we live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.

Leader: Come together, then, to be God's people. Follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done. Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

ALL: We will share with others the goodness that we have found in God. May our lives be an expression of that goodness.**

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

Oh God, You made Yourself known to us in the person of Jesus, and now, You are made flesh in all people. Let us be a community of the incarnation; a people who sorrow, suffer, hope and rejoice with all human beings. Let us be Christ to one another. Let us be peace.##
Amen.

a prayer of Archbishop Oscar Romero

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

O God, our joy and our comfort, we gather in your name to give thanks for all the gifts of this day. Our spirits abound with your gift of joy. Of all the many things we have received from your hand, the flame of joy is the most precious. We have also come to his hour of prayer bearing in our hearts the sorrows of our world. Comfort us with your presence that we may be strengthened to continue to proclaim your goodness and deliverance in all the earth; through Jesus Christ our Savior.** 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.

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his

house. When they told David, “Uriah did not go down to his house,” David said to Uriah, “You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?” Uriah said to David, “The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.” Then David said to Uriah, “Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.”

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A GIFT OF MUSIC: *He Leadeth Me*

Traditional

William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868)

Recorded by Gary Snowbeck & Jeffrey Hutchins in April of 2020

SERMON: “Being Present in Sin and in Blessing”

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:** “Dear God Who Loves All Humankind”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Postlude in A*

Lefebure-Wely

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by Cathy Welch in gratitude to God for our many blessings and in honor of her daughter Amy's birthday on the 27th.

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: Martina Benassi 07/25, Vivian Shipley-Harris 07/26 James Shea 07/27, Kristin Lynch 07/29, Erin Mahoney 08/01.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Jim & Leslie Dockendorff 08/01.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Habitat For Humanity Work Day Aug 14

We are gathering a group of volunteers to work with Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven on **Saturday, Aug. 14, 9am-3:30pm**. We will be working at 603 and 611 Middletown Avenue – just over the town line! **We need 7 volunteers** to fill our group of 10. To sign up go to habitatgnh.org, click on Get Involved, drop down to volunteering as a group activity, click on the VolunteerUP button. Questions? Call Scott Morrow.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	7/25	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream)
Monday	7/26		
Tuesday	7/27	8:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Daytime Gardeners (DoubleClassroom) BIBLE STUDY (ZOOM)
Wednesday	7/28	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Thursday	7/29		
Friday	7/30	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	7/31		
Sunday	8/1	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream)

*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.

***OPENING HYMN: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"**

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Descant

4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come
C G C Am Em F C (G7 C) G

1 Re - joice the Lord is King! Your ris - en Lord a - dore!
2 Je - sus the Sav - iour reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 God's king - dom can - not fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come

to glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home.
C Am G D G C G D G

Re - joice, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more.
when he had purged our sins, he took his seat a - bove.
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
to glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home.

We soon shall hear the arch - an - gel's voice,
C F Dm6 Am C G C F

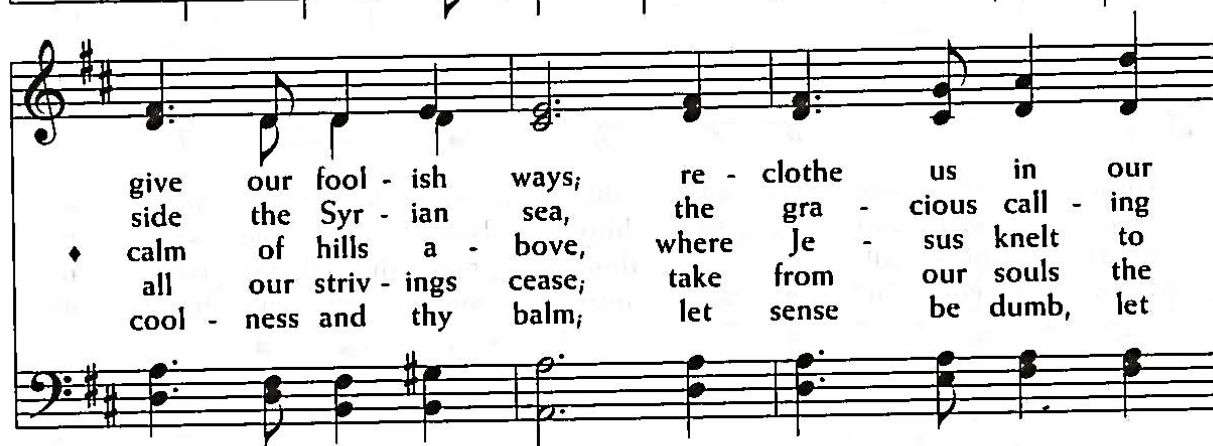
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
We soon shall hear the arch - an - gel's voice,

the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!
C F Dm6 (C F) C G G7 C

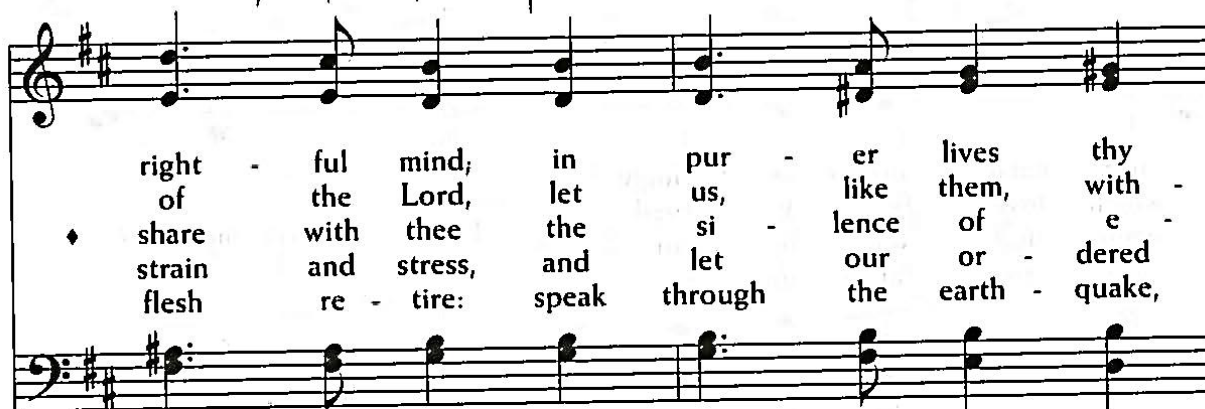
re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!



1 Dear God, who loves all hu - man - kind, for -
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
 ♦ 3 O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness till
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



give our fool - ish ways; re - clothe us in our
 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
 ♦ calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



right - ful mind; in pur - er lives thy
 of the Lord, let us, like them, with -
 ♦ share with thee the si - lence of e -
 strain and stress, and let our or - dered
 flesh re - tire: speak through the earth - quake,



ser - vice find, in deep - er re - verence, praise.
 out a word rise up, and fol - low thee.
 ♦ ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 wind and fire, O still small voice of calm!