

FOUNDED 1716

North Haven
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



North Haven Congregational Church

North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, August 8, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 14

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Offrande*

Flor Peeters

***OPENING HYMN:** "O Christian, Love"

V594

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day is born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

PEOPLE: We celebrate the beauty of creation and the wonders of the human family. We remember those whose love has shaped our lives and whose struggles for justice have been unsleeping in spite of opposition.

Leader: We gather to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world.

ALL: May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.**

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

Oh God of all that is...

Let us lift up light where there is darkness

Let us bear hope where there is despair

Let us build community where there is isolation

Let us model abundance where there is scarcity

Let us be love where there is fear

Let us live in Peace!### Amen

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Gracious and holy God, we come to you because you have first come to us. We know you because you have revealed yourself. Give us in this morning hour of worship a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us. Lift our hearts with the wings of song, heal our souls with the balm of prayer, enliven our minds with the words of scripture and interpretation, and newly enable us to dedicate our strength, our substance, and our service to your work in the world.** We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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: Ephesians 4:1-16

p. 1336

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

p. 1336

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *When We Are Living*

Anonymous
harmonized by Carlton Young

When we are living it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living, and in our dying, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give, good works of service, all for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain, when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing, we belong to God, we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find, those who are crying, with no peace of mind. But
when we help them, or when we feed them, we belong to God, we belong to God.***

SERMON: "A Life of Integrity"

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

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: "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

V378

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *The Canterbury March*

H. C. Perrin

*Those who are able, please stand.

** Reprinted by permission of the publisher from *Touch Holiness*, ed. Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi. Copyright © 2012 The Pilgrim Press.

Reprinted by permission from <https://www.saintjoanofarc.org/liturgy/musical/peace-prayers> ;
retrieved 4/1/20

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from One License with license #A-719615.

The flowers this morning are given by John and Linda Rankin in memory of John H. Rankin, Happy Birthday Dad.

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, the family of Joe DeLuca, and the family of John Dockendorff.

BELATED HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Kathy Harple 08/04

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Linda Rankin 08/08, Tim Peiffer 08/10, Michele Lynch 08/10, Daniel Kirk 08/11, Priscilla Bradford 08/12, Robert Scheidecker 08/12, Emma Nottingham 08/12, Cole Purcell 08/12, Jeanne Mecca 08/13, Michael Goldfuss 08/13, Carolanne Geissler 08/14, Mary Ellen Adams 08/15.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Michele & Richard Lynch 08/12.

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.

Covenant to Care: Back Pack Project- Due to church TODAY

Please leave checks/gift cards in the office today.

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	8/8	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream)
Monday	8/9		
Tuesday	8/10	10:30 p.m. 6:00	PERSONNEL BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	8/11	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN MLB (Zoom)
Thursday	8/12		
Friday	8/13	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	8/14	9:00 p.m.	Habitat for Humanity
Sunday	8/15	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

Church Office Staff:

All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Gary Snowbeck, Organist
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
Todd Swarney, Sexton
Telephone: 203-239-5691
Fax: 203-234-1751
Email: churchoffice@northhavenucc.org
Website: northhavenucc.org

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 O Chris-tian, love your sis-ter and your bro-ther!
2 Fol-low with rev-erent steps the great ex-am-ple:
3 Then shall all shack-les fall, the storm-y clan-gour

Where pit-y dwells, the peace of God is there,
Je-sus whose ho-ly work was do-ing good,
of wild war-mu-sic o'er the earth shall cease;

to wor-ship right-ly is to love each oth-er,
so shall the wide earth seem a hal-lowed tem-ple,
love shall tread out the bale-ful fire of an-ger,

each smile a hymn, each kind-ly deed a prayer.
each lov-ing life a psalm of grat-i-tude.
and in its ash-es plant the tree of peace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Christian, Love". It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to three different verses. The first system contains the first three lines of the first verse. The second system contains the first three lines of the second verse. The third system contains the first three lines of the third verse. The fourth system contains the first three lines of the fourth verse. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with clear lyrics and a steady bass line.

Descant

4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,
 Spi - rit of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - cies,
 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame,
 wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move,
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame,

the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed dove,
 stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies,
 I see your cross: there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed dove,

my heart an al - tar and your love the flame.
 and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek you and O let me find
 my heart an al - tar and your love the flame.

Chords: Bb, F7, Bb, Eb, Bb, Cm7, F7, Bb, Gm, A, Dm, G7, F, Gm/C, C7, F, F, Eb, F7, Gm, F7, Eb, F7, Bb, F, Bb, Eb, Bb, F7, Bb