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

Sunday, August 15, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 15

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude in E flat

Theodore Dubois

***OPENING HYMN:** "All Praise to Thee"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

PEOPLE: In faith, we seek to follow God as we travel through life.

Leader: In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us in our age.

PEOPLE: In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.

**ALL: God of present, past, and future, guide us now
into your new age of promise.****

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

Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges,
the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations.

Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect.

Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows.

Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken.

Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly.

So that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, gender or skin color.

Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness.

So that we can share the joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbors.

And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all people as our neighbors.

And let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven.## Amen.

From A Prayer for the World - Rabbi Harold Kushner - 2003

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Holy God, we thank you that you receive us not according to our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. You receive us as we are. You show us what we can be, through Jesus Christ, who came to share our common lot and reconcile us to yourself. Sweep over us with your Spirit, and change us by your love that we may sing with joy before you, and live to your glory in the world.** 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.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

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Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

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

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 5:15-20

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Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

ANTHEM: *Spirit of Gentleness*

Words and Music by James K. Manley

Sung by members of the NHCC Children's Choir and Chancel Choir.

SERMON: "The Path To Wisdom"

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: "Take Up Your Cross"

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Prelude on *Azmon*

G. Snowbeck

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by Nancy and Ken Mahoney in honor of Nancy's parents, Fred and Muriel Tiedemann, celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on August 18th; and in celebration of Nancy and Ken's anniversary, they were married on her parents' 29th wedding anniversary.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mary Ellen Adams 08/15, Eleanor Harple 08/17, Phyllis Kaercher 08/17, Cindy Luedee 08/17, Lucy Mickolyzck 08/18, Philip Cooper 08/18, Adam Schweickert 08/21.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: , Jeanne & Billy Mecca 08/18, Nancy & Ken Mahoney 08/18, John & Sue Tibor 08/19, Walter & Phyllis Kaercher 08/20, Scott Morrow & Carol Amico 08/22.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	8/15	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream)
Monday	8/16	6:00 p.m.	CT Record Club (CH)
Tuesday	8/17	6:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	8/18	10:00 a.m.	WINDOW DEADLINE FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Thursday	8/19	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Lawn/DBL)
Friday	8/20	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	8/21		
Sunday	8/22	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 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
 ♦ 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought,
 ♦ who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord,

that in our trou - bled hearts thy grace might shine:
 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought:
 ♦ — hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry:
 and given the name to which all knees shall bow:
 and God e - ter - nal be by all a - dored:

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

1 Take up your cross, the Sav - iour said, if you would my dis -
2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spir - it
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, nor let your fool - ish
4 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, think not till death to

ci - ple be; take up your cross with will - ing heart,
with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your spir - it up,
pride re - bel; your Sav - iour once ac - cept - ed death
lay it down, for on - ly those who bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.