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

Sunday, August 29, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 17

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Ariosio*

Richard Redhead

***OPENING HYMN:** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We come, like Abraham, Sarah, and John, people with hope.

PEOPLE: We come, like Job, Thomas, and the Samaritan woman, people with questions.

Leader: We come, like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary, people with self-doubts.

PEOPLE: We come, like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen, people with courage.

Leader: We come, like David, Mary Magdelene, and Paul, people with brokenness in our lives.

ALL: We come, like Rebekah and Martha, like John Mark and Priscilla, people with a part to play in the story of faith.**

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

We pray for all whose lives have been touched by tragedy,
whether by accident or a deliberate act.

For those who mourn, immerse them in your love
and lead them through this darkness into your arms, and light.

For those who comfort, be in both the words they use
and all that's left unspoken;

fill each heart with love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, whose own suffering brought us life,
here and for eternity.^{###} Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit of all holiness, be in our midst with your baptism of power and your communion of love. We wait upon you in stillness and patience because you turn strength into weakness and weakness into strength. In the moments of victory and joy you lift us up on wings of flight. In the days of routine and duty you enable us to run a sure course without weariness or collapse. In the hours of pain and fear, in the time of trial, in the nights of grief and death, you help us walk, hand-held and step-steadied, so that we do not faint. You are our God and we are your people.**
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.

CELEBRATION OF THE BACKPACK PROJECT

GIFT OF MUSIC: *God of All Learning*

Tune: Traditional Gaelic Melody
("Morning Has Broken")

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God of all learning, God of all knowing,
We bring these backpacks filled with supplies.
Bless all these tools of learning and growing.
Use them, we pray, to change many lives.

Some kids are poor and some kids are wealthy;
May we give all the tools that they need.
May we make sure they're safe, loved and healthy
So that they all may thrive and succeed.

Bless all the students, young ones and old ones —
Walking or riding, traveling by bus.
May they remember that you go with them,
And that they all are precious to us.

Bless all who learn and bless those who guide them,
Bless those who teach and counsel and care.
May they remember you walk beside them.
Through all their school days, you, Lord, are there.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

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So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

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

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Seek Ye First*

Karen Lafferty

Sung by Jeffrey Hutchins

SERMON: "A Glance in the Mirror"

Scott 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:** "Forth in Your Name, O Christ"

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***THE BENEDICTION**~unison

POSTLUDE: *Allegretto*

Howell

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by Tom and Wendy Glynn in loving memory of Toms mom, Helga, whose beautiful and loving presence on earth is missed more with each passing year.

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, Greg Pierce Jr and the family of David Bellonio.

WELCOME: Callie Jean Maher was born at 3:15am on 8-18-21, 8lbs 11 oz to Erin and Sean Maher and big brother Liam. Erin is the daughter of Nancy and Ken Mahoney. Congratulations to all.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Alexis Dubail 08/24, Ella Tolisano 8/27, Catherine Welch 08/28, Ben Purcell 08/28, Cheyanne Leyerzapf 08/28, Barbara Massey 08/29, Robert Grant 08/29, Bryan Cretella 08/29, Talia Gallagher 08/30.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Scott Morrow & Carol Amico 08/22, Wendy & Richard Russo 08/30, David & Joanne Nottingham 09/01, Carl & Lillian Flodquist 09/05.

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	8/29	9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream) BAPTISM (Sanctuary)
Monday	8/30		Regular Office Hours (8:00 – 2:30)
Tuesday	8/31	10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	PERSONNEL (Library) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	9/1	10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Library) REOPENING TEAM (Zoom)
Thursday	9/2	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Lawn/DBL)
Friday	9/3	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN WEDDING REHEARSAL (Sanctuary)
Saturday	9/4	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (Zoom) WEDDING (Sanctuary) BAPTISM (Outdoors)
Sunday	9/5	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.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

(Peuples, criez de joie et bondissez d'allégresse)

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre - a - tion;
 2 Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so might - i - ly reign - ing,
 3 Praise to the Lord who will pros - per our work and de - fend us;
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

All that has life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him!

O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and sal - va - tion.
 keep - ing us safe at his side, and so gent - ly sus - tain - ing.
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy will dai - ly at - tend us:
 All that has life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain:

Come, all who hear: bro - thers and sis - ters draw near,
 Have you not seen how all you need - ed has been
 pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,
 Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain:

glad - ly with praise we a - dore him.

join - ing in glad a - dor - a - - - tion.
 met by God's gra - cious or - dain - - - ing?
 who out of love will be - friend us.
 glad - ly with praise we a - dore him.

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing

1 Gui - de - moi, Ber - ger fi - dè - le, en ce mon - de
 2 Christ, tu es la sour - ce vi - ve des bi - ens les

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y,
 stream doth flow, let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 pè - le - rin, prends à toi mon coeur re - bel - le,
 plus pré - cieux fais que pour toi seul je vi - ve,

hold me with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer,
 gui - de - moi, sois mon sou - tien, pain de vi - e,
 gui - de - moi du haut des cieux, viens, pro - tè - ge,

bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no more,
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and shield,
 pain de vi - e, de ta grâ - ce nour - ris - moi,
 viens pro - tè - ge, sois mon roc, mon bou - cli - er,

feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield.
 de ta grâ - ce nour - ris - moi.
 sois mon roc, mon bou - cli - er.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside;
 death of death, and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side:
 songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to thee
 I will ever give to thee.

3 Du Jourdain je suis les rives;
 quand j'ai peur, rassure-moi.
 À Sion, qu'enfin j'arrive,
 affermis ma faible foi;
 tes louanges, tes louanges,
 à jamais je chanterai,
 à jamais je chanterai.