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North Haven, Connecticut  
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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, September 12, 2021**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 19**

**Rally Day**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Andante*

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**CHORAL INTROIT:** *“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”*

Chancel Choir      Words and Music by Ken Medema (b. 1943)

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Be Thou My Vision”

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**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: May God’s peace rest on our busy lives so that we are quieted into prayer.

**PEOPLE:** May God’s love flow through our worship words so that we are awake to opportunities for service.

Leader: May God’s grace embrace every need and may the restless Gospel set our hearts afire.

**ALL:**      **Amen and Amen.\*\***

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

Oh God, maker of all things new, You call us...Your servants,  
to ventures of which we cannot see the ending;  
by paths, as yet untraveled; through perils and joys still unknown.  
Give us faith, O God, to do all we are called to,  
With courage...with hearts full of hope, with joy.  
Even though we do not know where we will land.  
Still, this is our assurance,  
That Your love holds us, and Your hands leads us,  
Always!  
Help us to be bearers of your peace.  
Through Jesus Christ.<sup>###</sup> Amen.

a prayer for new beginnings

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison**

Gracious God, we ask your blessing presence among us. We gather today after we have been scattered to many places, and we begin a new church year full of excitement, even if wistful for summer relaxation. Bless this church family – bless singers and pray-ers and workers and teachers and servers of so many kinds that all worship and ministry might be to your greater glory and that our gifts of the Spirit might build up the body of Christ.\*\* 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:** Isaiah 50:4-9a

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The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

## **THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** James 3:1-12

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Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

**ANTHEM:** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

The Chancel Choir

Text by Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Music by Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

This anthem was recorded live in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 10, 2017

**SERMON:** "Standing Up Together"

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:** "This is My Song"

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**\*THE BENEDICTION**~unison

**POSTLUDE:** *Festival March*

William Stickles

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**The flowers** are given by Dot Pierce in loving memory of Greg, my husband for 52 years, who went home to be with the Lord, 2 long years ago. I miss you everyday!

**In Our Prayers This Week are:** Heather Rowe-Purcell, Onna & Sam Gott, Ben & Cole Purcell, Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, Marlene Bellonio, Stefan McKosky, Linda Shannon, Betsy Gumbart, and the family of David Bellonio.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Aaron Weiss 09/12, Flo Coulston 09/15, Kim Coughlin 09/16, Denise Adinolfi 09/17, Elia Creston 09/17.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Youth Group Begins Today!

The OASIS Multi-Church Youth Group begins in-person and outdoor this afternoon at Spring Glen Church in Hamden 4-6pm. The High School group, grades 9-12, will be led by Emily McKenna. The Middle School group, grades 5-8, will be led by Tori Crook. Masks are required, and you are asked to bring your own beverage.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9/12</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (In Person &amp; Live Stream)</b>
			<b>CHURCH SCHOOL</b>
		11:30	<b>BAPTISM</b>
		4 - 6 p.m.	<b>OASIS YOUTH Sr High &amp; MS Spring Glen</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9/13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b>
		6:45 p.m.	<b>GFWC (K)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9/14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b>
		12:00 p.m.	<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS (Zoom)</b>
		4:30	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b>
		6:00	<b>BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9/15</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b>
		10:00	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
		1:30 p.m.	<b>STAFF MEETING (Zoom)</b>
		7:00	<b>REOPENING TEAM (Zoom)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9/16</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b>
		7:00 p.m.	<b>CHANCEL CHOIR</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9/17</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b>
		10:00	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9/18</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (Zoom)</b>
		9:30	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b>
		10:30	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9/19</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (In Person &amp; Live Stream)</b>
			<b>CHURCH SCHOOL</b>

\*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 Be thou my vi - sion, O joy of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, my calm in all strife;  
 ♦ 3 Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for the fight;  
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,  
 5 Great God of heav - en, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
 I ev - er with thee, and thou in my life;  
 ♦ be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou lov - ing par - ent, thy child may I be,  
 ♦ thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 ♦ raise thou me heav - en - ward, O power of my power.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vis - ion, O rul - er of all.

**\*CLOSING HYMN: "This is My Song"**

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1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions,  
 2. My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
 3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine;  
 Thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is;  
 but oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 O hear my song, thou God of all the na - tions,  
 O hear my prayer, thou God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
 my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

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