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Congregational Church
United Church of Christ

*They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season.* Psalm 1: 3a

Rooted in

Love



North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, October 3, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 22

The Sacrament of Communion

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Communion*

L. Niedermeyer

CHORAL INTROIT: *One Bread, One Body*

One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which
we bless.

And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this
one Lord.

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 10:16–17; 12:4, 12–13, 20;
Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:4–6; The Didache 9.

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***OPENING HYMN:** “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: You will say in that day:

PEOPLE: God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the Sovereign
God is my strength and my song.

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say
in that day:

ALL: Sing praises to the Sovereign God who has done gloriously; let this be
known in all the earth.**

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

Almighty God, guide the nations of the world into ways of justice and truth, and
establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness and the sharing of
grace, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows. Give
peace to your Church, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts, through your dear
Son.## Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~*unison*

O God, you search after us when we have gone far from you, yet we confess that we have become consumed with our own affairs. We seldom pause to listen for the wind in the trees or hear the happy voices of children. Sometimes we feel that the burdens of the world fall entirely on our shoulders, and we have been slow to put our trust in you or to cooperate with others. When we take ourselves too seriously, remind us that we are only human! Make us patient with our mistakes, even as we are willing to forgive others. And remind us that we are also precious, not because we are good but because you have accepted us and called us to be your very own. Amen.***

~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 2:18-24

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Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Hebrews 2:5-12

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Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?
You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *As We Gather*

1 As we gather at your table,
As we listen to your word,
Help us know, O God, your presence;
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's victory known.

Tune: Beech Spring
arr. Ronald A. Nelson
adapt. Jeff Hutchins
Text by Carl P. Daw

2 Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
To forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
In the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy.

SERMON: “A Helping Community”

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Will You Come and Follow Me"

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***THE BENEDICTION**~unison

POSTLUDE: *Postludium*

Beethoven

*Those who are able, please stand.

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In Our Prayers This Week are: Heather Rowe-Purcell, Linda Shannon, Betsy Gumbart, and the family of David Bellonio.

Flowers are given by Carla Hill. "In loving memory of my Father, Phil James, who passed over on October 5, 2017. He, along with my Mother, Cindy, and Brother, Brian, watch over me, support me, and guide me everyday."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Robert Nielsen 10/01, LaVala Rossi 10/03, Linda Nielsen 10/04, Hannah Grant 10/07, Nancie Estep 10/09, Kayla McKosky 10/09, Olivia Scoppetto 10/09.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Cheryl & Dana Andrews 10/05, Rebecca & Edward Bogaert 10/07

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OASIS and Tidepool youth will have a Chill Night at Spring Glen Church at 4pm.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	10/3	9:30 a.m. 9:30 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream) CHURCH SCHOOL (In Person) OASIS & Tidepool (Spring Glen Church)
Monday	10/4	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (Lawn)
Tuesday	10/5	9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:00	Music Together (Lawn) Music Together (Lawn) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	10/6	9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:30 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (Lawn) FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) REOPENING ZOOM
Thursday	10/7	9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 6:30 7:00	Music Together (Lawn) Food Council ZOOM Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	10/8	9:30 a.m. 10:00	Music Together (Lawn) FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	10/9	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 5:00 p.m.	Music Together (Lawn) Mothers of Twins (Parking Lot) Music Together (Lawn) OASIS Campout (High School) SGC
Sunday	10/10	9:30 a.m. 9:30 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream) CHURCH SCHOOL (In Person) OASIS & Tidepool (Spring Glen Church)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.

Psalm 1: 3a

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Love

Rooted in Love

by Rev. Michael Neuroth

I've attended Hope UCC in Alexandria, VA for ten years. Our vision is to "Welcome, Nurture, Transform," seeking to embody Christ's love for one another and the wider community. Hope is a vibrant and warm congregation full of great people and important ministry. But that's not really why I give my time and money to Hope UCC. It is because Hope is the only congregation that my boys, ages 10 and 13, have ever known. It roots them in love. It roots them in love expressed in the public as justice. As we pass the peace around the sanctuary each week, they see every kind of person wishing them love and peace, sometimes even a too-tight hug. My boys have been taught the stories of our faith. They have learned about racism and white supremacy, how to stand up for justice and equality. My boys received cards and flowers when they lost their grandfather and kind words of encouragement in ZOOM chats over the past year. My boys wait with anticipation each year for the summer Camp Hope theme to be announced. They know which adults they can turn to for advice and which ones tell the best sarcastic jokes. And it isn't just my kids that are being rooted in love at Hope UCC; it's me too.

I give to Hope and the wider mission of the UCC, believing that the roots of love we tend will one day spread seeds of justice and joy in the world. For me, that's a great investment in my boys, our family, and a shared future for all.

CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
16,000	1,333	27	40	53	67	133
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	62	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity. Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.



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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.

Unison

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en, glad of heart your car-ols raise,
ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, should sing God's praise.
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the Mak - er all your days!

*Harmony

2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vour shown our fore-bears in dis-tress,
God is still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!

Unison

3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our fee - ble frame;

glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing, still to count - less years the same.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! All with - in me, praise God's name!

4 Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;

but, while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.



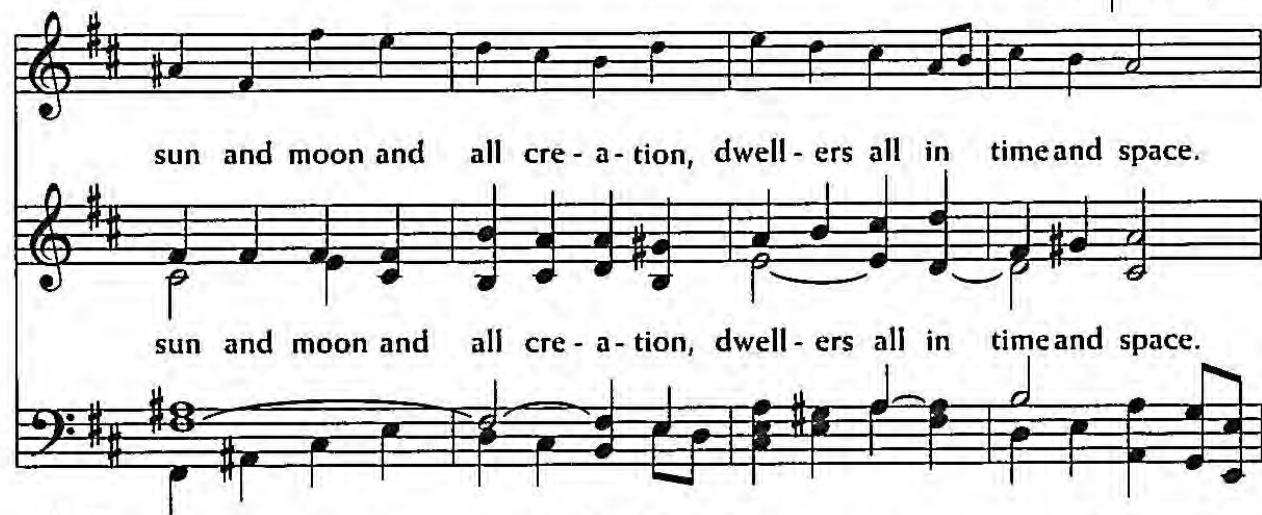
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the high e - ter - nal one.

Descant



5 An - gels, teach us ad - or - a - tion, you be - hold God face to face;

5 An - gels, teach us ad - or - a - tion, you be - hold God face to face;



sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, dwell - ers all in time and space.

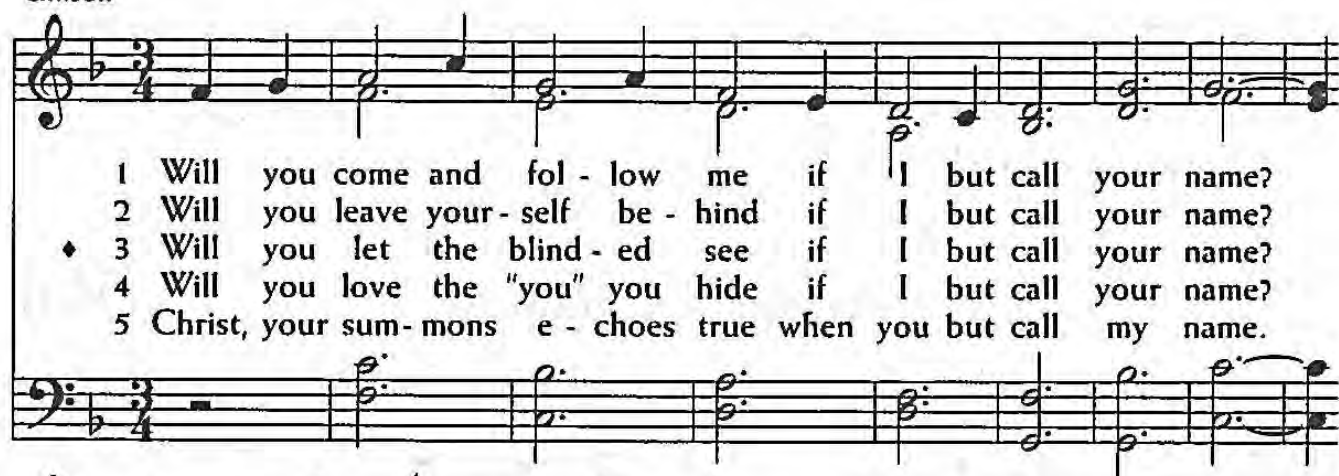
sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, dwell - ers all in time and space.



O praise God! O praise God! Praise with us the God of grace!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise with us the God of grace!

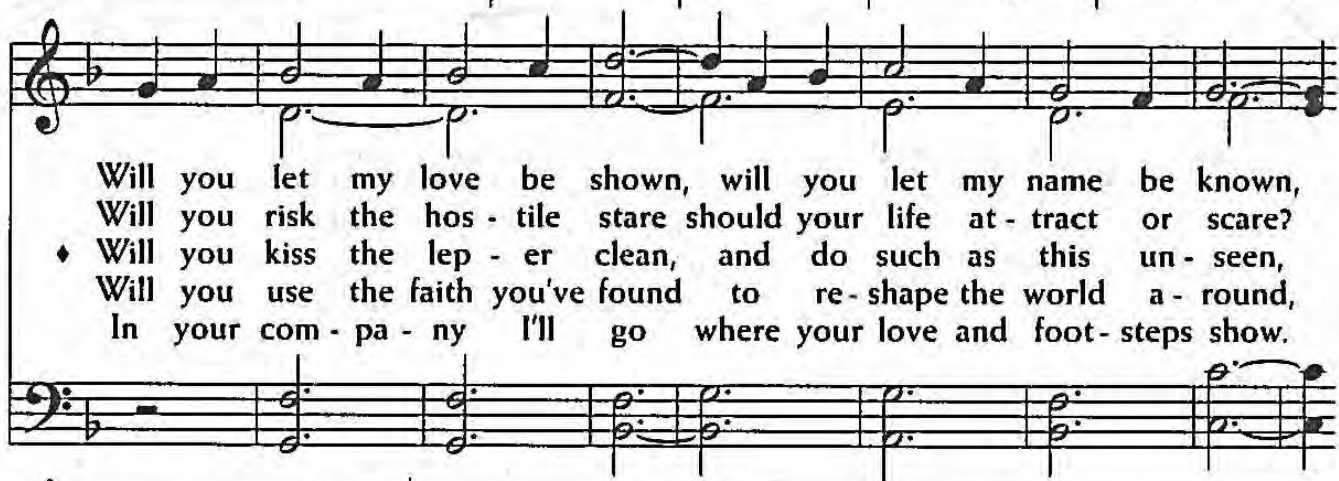
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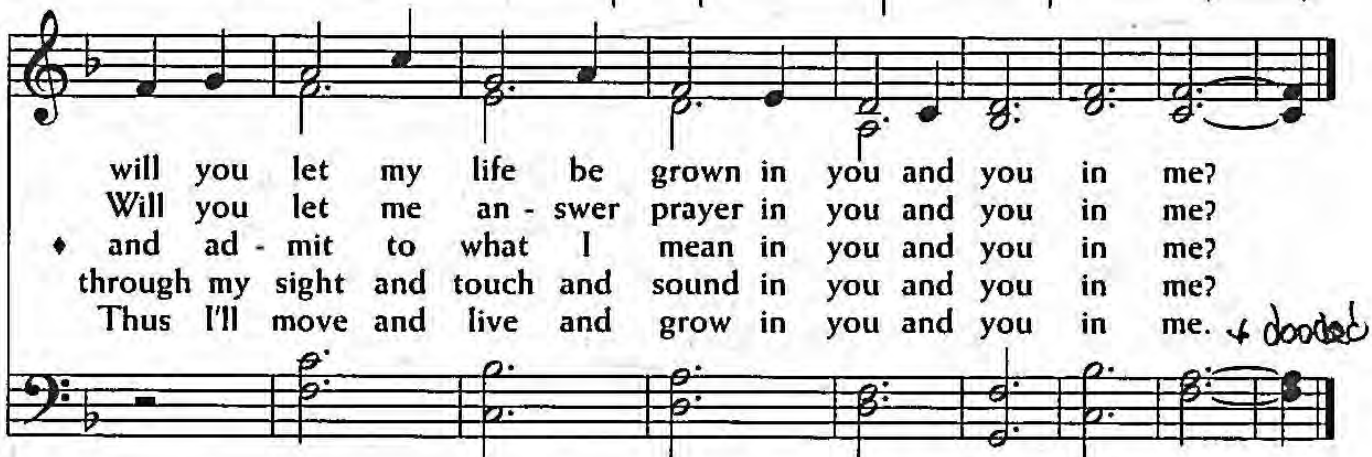
1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 ♦ 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Christ, your sum - mons e - choes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 ♦ Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 ♦ Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 ♦ and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me. 4 dotted