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Congregational Church
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*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 17, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 24

The Season of Generosity

Pink Sunday

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Song of Hope*

Bertha R. Frick

***OPENING HYMN:** "God of the Sparrow"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Phil. 4:7-8)

Leader: Paul the Apostle commends to us whatever is true and honorable and just.

PEOPLE: Let us hear these words so we may be challenged.

Leader: Paul also offers us whatever is pure and lovely and gracious.

PEOPLE: Let us seek these ways so we may be blessed.

Leader: We are to set before ourselves whatever is excellent and worthy of praise.

PEOPLE: Let us think upon these deeds in our worship.

ALL: And the peace of God which passes all understanding will keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.**

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

Blessed are you, O God of the Universe,
for you have bound us together in a common life
on this fragile planet.

We confess and offer before you
our misperceptions, our hatred, our bigotry, and our deceit.

Grant us understanding that is grounded in love,
and reconciliation that grows out of humility.

Open our hearts to the possibility and newness
of your Covenant Word.

In the name of the One God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
world without end.## Amen.

Martin Bell

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Gracious Redeemer, we come in our times of indecision. We do not know where to turn; we do not know how to stand; we do not know what to choose. Set our feet upon your paths, incline our hearts to your call, give us new opportunity to decide for your ways. Be with us, faithful God, in this hour of worship and commitment and in all our hours.** 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 SPIRIT OF THE SEASON OF GENEROSITY **Peter Hall**

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Job 38:1-7, 34-41

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Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,

so that a flood of waters may cover you?

Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go

and say to you, ‘Here we are’?

Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,

or given understanding to the mind?

Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?

Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,

when the dust runs into a mass

and the clods cling together?

Can you hunt the prey for the lion,

or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

when they crouch in their dens,

or lie in wait in their covert?

Who provides for the raven its prey,

when its young ones cry to God,

and wander about for lack of food?

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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GIFT OF MUSIC: *Healing River of the Spirit*

Sung by members of the Chancel Choir
Gary Snowbeck, organ

Healing river of the Spirit,
Bathe the wounds that living brings.
Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness
Deep beneath your sacred springs.
Weary from the restless searching
That has lured us from your side,
We discover in your Presence
Peace the world cannot provide.

Living stream that heals the nations,
Make us channels of your pow'r.
All the world is torn by conflict;
Wars are raging at this hour.
Saving Spirit, move among us,
Guide our winding human course,
Till we find our way together,
Flowing homeward to our Source.

Wellspring of the healing Spirit,
Stream that flows to bring release,
As we gain our selves our senses,
May our lives reflect your peace.
Grateful for the flood that heals us,
May your church enact your grace.
As we meet both friend and stranger,
May we see our Savior's face.

Words by Ruth Duck, 196
Music attr. to B.F. White, 1844
Tune: Beach Spring
"The Sacred Harp", 1844

SERMON: “Following Jesus”

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: "The Head That Once Was Crowned"

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Departing Blessing*

Rob Roy Perry

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers are given by Bernie & Elfie Hummel in memory of Bernie's mother, Irmgard Hummel who would have celebrated her birthday on October 9th, and Elfie's parents.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Kerry Stewart 10/17, Nancy Mahoney 10/19, Elizabeth Anderson 10/20, Jonathan Bogaert 10/21, Kevin Studley 10/21, Cynthia Miller 10/22, Cheryl Logan-Sendlein 10/22, Gracie Kirk 10/24.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Lynne & Rob Nielsen 10/22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is “Pink Sunday”! There are baked goods available for purchase after the service. All funds raised will be donated to “After the Storm.” There will not be an Art Bra Runway Show this year because of Covid. Please consider supporting “After the Storm” by purchasing some baked goods or by sending your donation to the church, checks payable to Women’s Fellowship. Your donation is greatly appreciated! Save the date for next year: August 4, 2022, when “Art Bra “ returns to Aqua Turf in Southington! Honor those survivors you know and love, WEAR YOUR PINK!

Annual Evaluations:



Please fill out an annual Review for each of the NHCC Staff and Minister on our website.

OASIS and TIDEPOOL youth will hike at Lake Wintergreen in Hamden on Sunday 4-6pm. Meet at the parking lot across from 45 Main St., Hamden. Look for your leaders, waving signs! Bring your water, and bring a friend with you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	10/17	9:30 a.m. 9:30 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP – PINK SUNDAY (In Person & Live Stream) CHURCH SCHOOL (In Person) Tidepool (Spring Glen Church)
Monday	10/18	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Music Together (Lawn) CT Record Club (CH)
Tuesday	10/19	9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:00	Music Together (Lawn) Music Together (Lawn) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	10/20	9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:30 p.m.	WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (Lawn/CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom)
Thursday	10/21	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (Lawn) CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	10/22	9:30 a.m. 10:00	Music Together (Lawn) FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	10/23	8:00 a.m. 9:30 10:30	FALL CLEAN-UP (Lawn) Music Together (Lawn) Music Together (Lawn)
Sunday	10/24	9:30 a.m. 9:30 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP-GENEROSITY SUNDAY (In Person & Live Stream) CHURCH SCHOOL (In Person) OASIS & Tidepool (Spring Glen Church)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.



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Psalms 1:3a

Rooted in Love

Money Follows Values

by Rev. Mary W. Nelson

We put our money behind the things we value. We don't say that enough, and I don't understand why. We put our money behind the things we value. And what we value more, we're willing to spend more to support.

This is why my pledge to my local church is my largest financial gift. For my household budget, I have selected four organizations that are important to me, to whom I make a significant and intentional gift each year.

- My local UCC congregation
- The UCC seminary where I am a Trustee
- A UCC summer camp
- My undergraduate school (also UCC, incidentally)

Other groups get a small, unplanned gift—a friend running a 5k for charity, a kiddo selling something for their scout troop, or the sym-phony whose concerts I attend.

My local church is the recipient of my largest financial gift because it's the most important. I know that my pledge is likely to be more impactful to my church and the community we serve than the smaller gifts I give to other organizations with larger budgets. I also know that a significant financial gift to my local church will impact other settings of the United Church of Christ when the church passes on my generosity (pooled with others' contributions) to the Conference and National settings of the UCC. I value the work of my local church and the work of the wider church as well. Even more reason to give them more!

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.

Unison

G C Em Am Dm

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross

4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick
 5 God of the neigh - bour God of the foe
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand

G C F E7 Am Em

God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say
 God of the trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry
 God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say

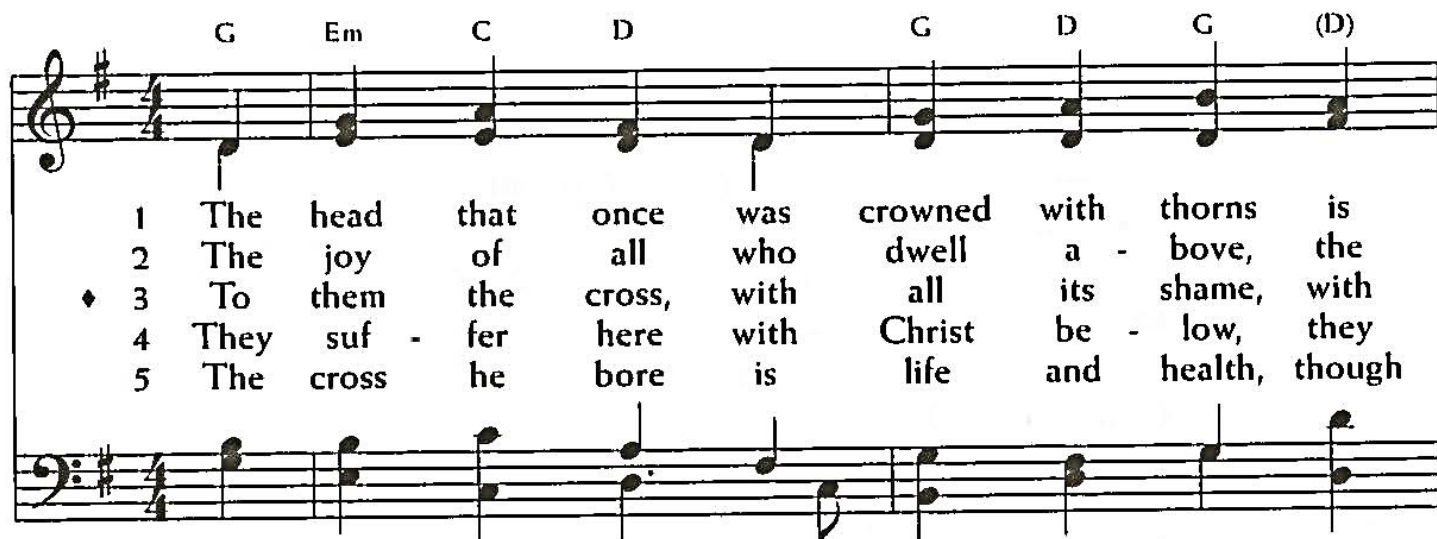
God of the prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say
 God of the prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say
 God of the lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say

F Em Am Dm 1-5 Gsus4 G 6 C

Awe How does the crea - ture say Praise
 Woe How does the crea - ture cry Save
 Grace How does the crea - ture say Thanks

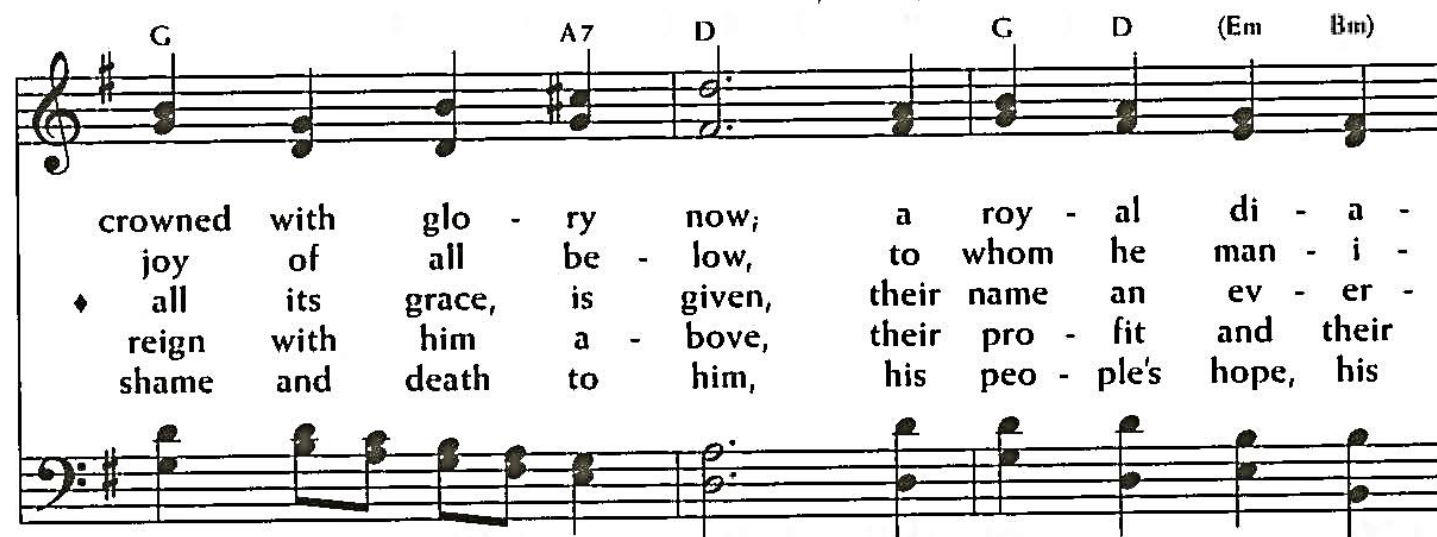
Care How does the crea - ture say Life
 Love How does the crea - ture say Peace
 Joy How do your chil - dren say Home

G Em C D G D G (D)



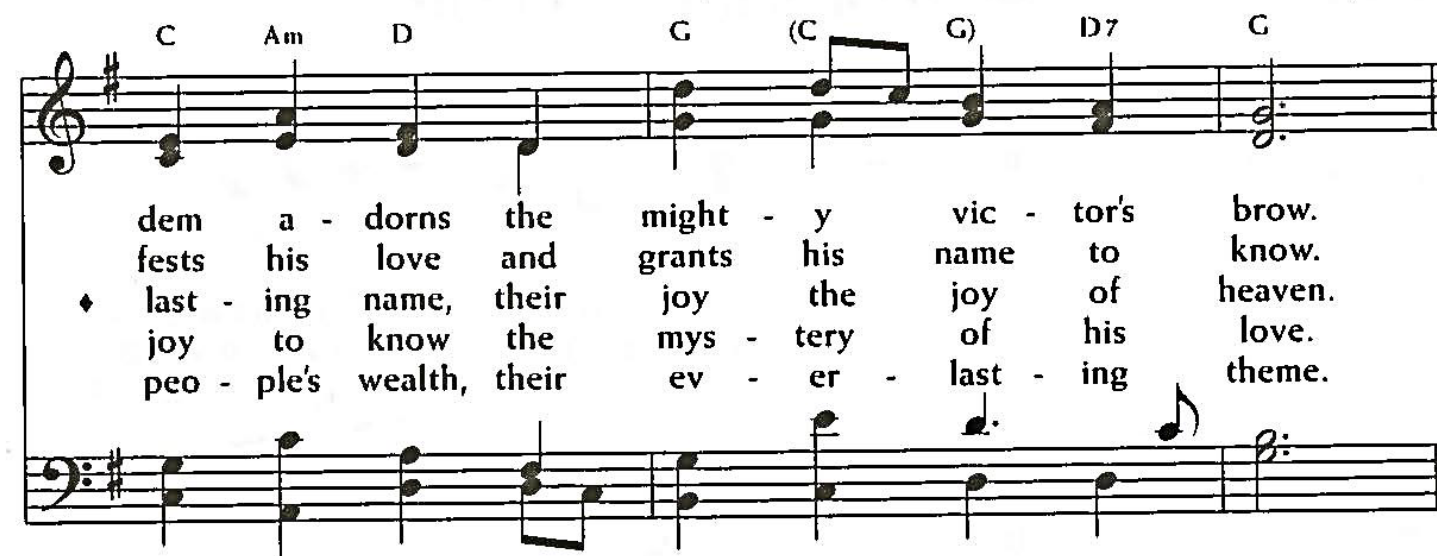
1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is
 2 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the
 ♦ 3 To them the cross, with all its shame, with
 4 They suf - fer here with Christ be - low, they
 5 The cross he bore is life and health, though

G A7 D G D (Em Bm)



crowned with glo - ry now; a roy - al di - a -
 joy of all be - low, to whom he man - i -
 ♦ all its grace, is given, their name an ev - er -
 reign with him a - bove, their pro - fit and their
 shame and death to him, his peo - ple's hope, his

C Am D G (C G) D7 G



dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
 fest his love and grants his name to know.
 ♦ last - ing name, their joy the joy of heaven.
 joy to know the mys - tery of his love.
 peo - ple's wealth, their ev - er - last - ing theme.

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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.