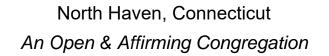
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They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season. Psalm 1: 3a



OF CHRIST

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NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, October 24, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 25 Generosity Sunday

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Andante in E-flat

*OPENING HYMN: "This Is God's Wondrous World"

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Leader: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Leader: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

ALL: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.**

*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison

Peace is not the product of terror or fear.

Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.

Peace is not the silence of violent repression.

Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.

Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity.

It is right and duty.^{##}

Oscar A. Romero, trans. James Brockman V683

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Our gracious God, like a loving parent you nurture and encourage and challenge us to grow in grace. Grant that by sensing your Spirit's presence in our midst, we may be enabled to mature in our commitment to you. Forgive our failures and show us once again our possibilities. Prepare us to be servants of your will and agents of your love in all the world.** Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

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.

9:30 a.m.

Organ Amen

J. F. Barnett

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THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jeremiah 31:7-9

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC:	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i> Sung by the Chancel Choir, recorded in the	Dan Schutte sanctuary on 10-16-21
SERMON: "O Mag	nify the Lord"	Scott Morrow
PASTORAL PRAYI		Organ Response
THE OFFERTORY *Doxology		Tune: Old Hundredth
Denelogy	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.	Tune: Old Hundredth
*Prayer of Dedicat		
GREETING OF PE. May the peace of	ACE ~unison of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!	

*CLOSING HYMN: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

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*THE BENEDICTION~unison

POSTLUDE: Allegro moderato

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Sunday 10/24 9:30 a.m. WORSHIP – GENEROSITY SUNDAY						
Sunday 10/24		7.30 a.m.	(In Person & Live Stream)			
		9:30				
			CHURCH SCHOOL (In Person)			
	10/25	4:00 p.m.	Tidepool (Spring Glen Church)			
Monday	10/25	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (Lawn)			
Tuesday	10/26	8 ()				
		4:30 p.m.	Music Together (Lawn)			
		6:00	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)			
		7:00	Danish Sisterhood (K)			
Wednesday	10/27		WINDOW MAILING			
	9:30 a.m. Music Togeth		Music Together (Lawn/CH)			
		10:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN			
		1:30 p.m.	STAFF MEETING (Zoom)			
		5:00	PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom)			
		7:00	REOPENING (Zoom)			
		Music Together (Lawn)				
		10:30 PERSONNEL MEETING (Library)				
		5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (Lawn/DBL)			
		7:00	CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)			
Friday	10/29	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (Lawn)			
·		10:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN			
		6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts (CH)			
Saturday			Music Together (Lawn)			
v		10:30	Music Together (Lawn)			
Sunday	10/31	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – BIBLE SUNDAY			
·		9:30	(In Person & Live Stream)			
		4:00 p.m.	CHURCH SCHOOL (In Person)			
		1	OASIS & Tidepool (Spring Glen Church)			
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

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Bold print starts new day.

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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.

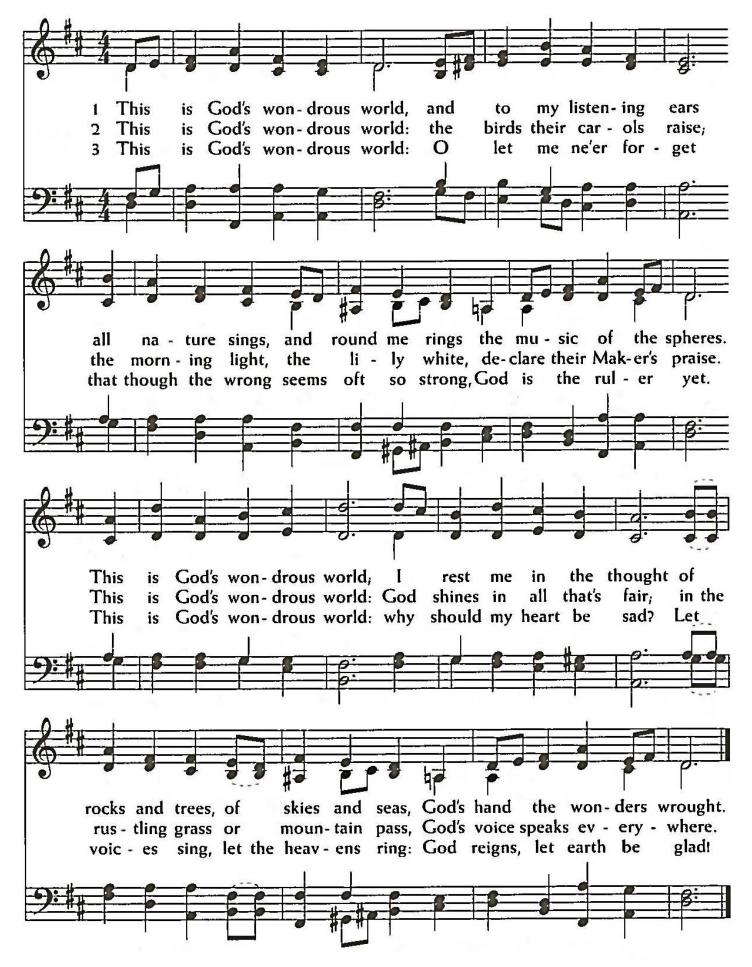
The flowers given by the DeLuca Family in loving memory of Pasquale DeLuca who passed 9 years ago on October 20th. Pasquale was the father of Carmen DeLuca and the grandfather of Kayla and Shayna DeLuca.

In Our Prayers This Week: Heather Rowe-Purcell, Linda Shannon, and Betsy Gumbart.

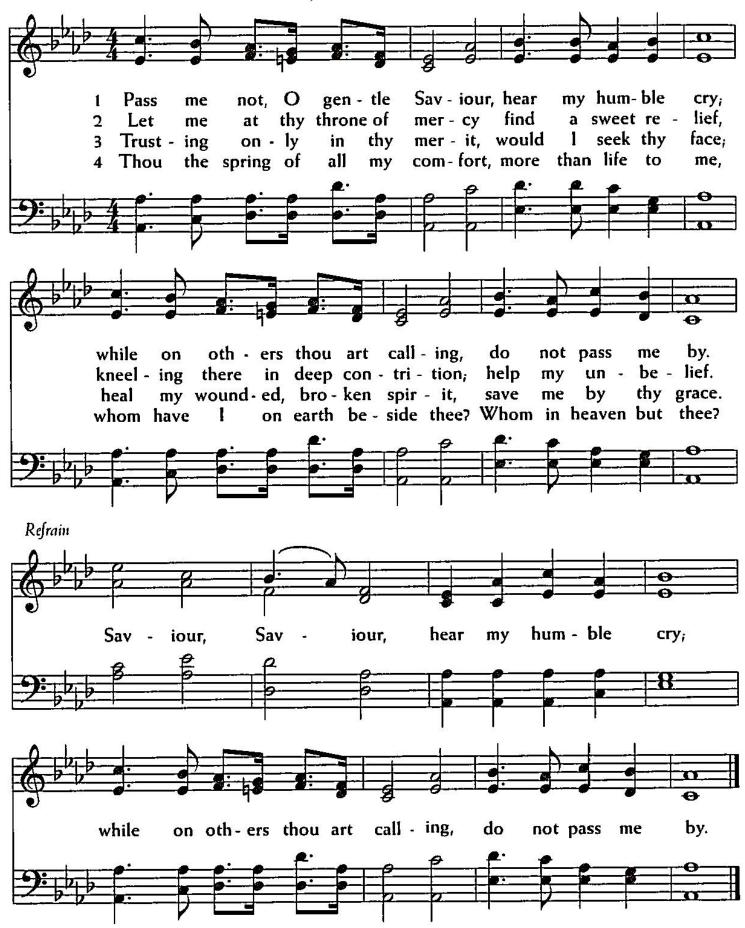
HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Gracie Kirk 10/24, Carson Leyerzapf 10/26, Mathew DiVito 10/27, Betsey Reid 10/28

We will mark All Saints Sunday on Nov. 7, by reading the names of church members, church members' family, and friends who have died in the last year. If you would like someone's name included on All Saints Sunday, please call the Church Office.

*OPENING HYMN: "This Is God's Wondrous World"



*CLOSING HYMN: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"



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Planted by Streams of Water

by Rev. Alex Shea Will

The Psalms often compare us to animals in search of water. In the 23rd, we are the sheep who drink from calm waters. In the 42nd, we are the deer, longing for God as the deer longs for the stream. But in the 1st Psalm, something is different. We are not the animals passing from stream to stream. We are the tree, fixed in the riverside. Our roots running deep and wide, nourished by the waters of God's mercy and love, and the collective ecosystem.

While I love the beauty of the 23rd and 42nd Psalms, the imagery of the 1st Psalm is the most moving because it is the image of life in Christian community. We do not come and go from the stream, taking only what we need, when we need it. Our roots are firmly planted, and growing deeper and stronger by the day. We not only take from the ecosystem, but we also contribute to it. We're committed to this spot, this ecosystem - no matter the changing of the seasons. In a culture where it is easy to pick up and look for a new stream, covenant calls us to plant something lasting. My financial generosity to the church is one way I declare that I am not merely passing by; I'm planting roots. It's how I proclaim that I am invested in the flourishing of our riverside. It's how I communicate that my thriving depends on our thriving.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, inspire my generosity so that my roots grow deeper and stronger. Amen.

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.



FOR YOUR RECORDS

FOR CHURCH RECORDS Envelope # _

Name	Date:		
Address	With others in my congregation, I commit myself		
City State Zip Code	togive in proportion to what I have for the ministries		
I plan to give \$ each □ week □ month beginning	of the church and the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.		
for an annual total of \$	news of Jesus Christ.		
(date and year)	plan to give \$beginning (date and year)		
I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the appropriate church officer.	Each 🗆 week 🗆 month		
Signed: Date: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season.	Annual Total \$		
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