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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 24, 2021**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 25  
Generosity Sunday**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Andante in E-flat*

J. F. Barnett

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

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**\*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

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**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)**

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.

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**

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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:** *Here I Am, Lord*

Dan Schutte

Sung by the Chancel Choir, recorded in the sanctuary on 10-16-21

**SERMON:** "O Magnify the Lord"

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

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**\*THE BENEDICTION~unison**

**POSTLUDE:** *Allegro moderato*

Oliver Brooksbank

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10/24</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 4:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP – GENEROSITY SUNDAY</b> <b>(In Person &amp; Live Stream)</b> CHURCH SCHOOL (In Person) Tidepool (Spring Glen Church)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10/25</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10/26</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 4:30 p.m. 6:00 7:00	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b> Music Together (Lawn) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) Danish Sisterhood (K)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>10/27</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:30 p.m. 5:00 7:00	<b>WINDOW MAILING</b> Music Together (Lawn/CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom) REOPENING (Zoom)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10/28</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 5:00 p.m. 7:00	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b> PERSONNEL MEETING (Library) Girl Scouts (Lawn/DBL) CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>10/29</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 6:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Girl Scouts (CH)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10/30</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b> Music Together (Lawn)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10/31</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 4:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP – BIBLE SUNDAY</b> <b>(In Person &amp; Live Stream)</b> CHURCH SCHOOL (In Person) OASIS & Tidepool (Spring Glen Church)

\*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.

**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.





1 This is God's won-drous world, and to my listen-ing ears  
 2 This is God's won-drous world: the birds their car-ols raise;  
 3 This is God's won-drous world: O let me ne'er for-get



all na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.  
 the morn-ing light, the li-ly white, de-clare their Mak-er's praise.  
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.



This is God's won-drous world; I rest me in the thought of  
 This is God's won-drous world: God shines in all that's fair; in the  
 This is God's won-drous world: why should my heart be sad? Let



rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the won-ders wrought.  
 rus-ling grass or moun-tain pass, God's voice speaks ev-ery-where.  
 voic-es sing, let the heav-ens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad!





1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - iour, hear my hum - ble cry;  
 2 Let me at thy throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief,  
 3 Trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, would I seek thy face;  
 4 Thou the spring of all my com - fort, more than life to me,



while on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.  
 kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion; help my un - be - lief.  
 heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by thy grace.  
 whom have I on earth be - side thee? Whom in heaven but thee?



*Refrain*



Sav - iour, Sav - iour, hear my hum - ble cry;



while on oth - ers thou art call - ing, do not pass me by.







## Planted by Streams of Water

by Rev. Alex Shea Will

**T**he 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 CHURCH RECORDS

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ (for office use)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each ☐ week ☐ month beginning \_\_\_\_\_

for an annual total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (date and year)

I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the appropriate church officer.

☐ I would like to talk with someone about including the church or church-related institution in my will.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Psalm 1: 3a

Rooted in Love

### FOR YOUR RECORDS

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

With others in my congregation, I commit myself to give in proportion to what I have for the ministries of the church and the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.

I plan to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ beginning \_\_\_\_\_ (date and year)

Each ☐ week ☐ month

Annual Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

