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

Sunday, November 7, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 27

All Saints Sunday

The Sacrament of Communion

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Song of Remembrance*

Gilbert Martin

***OPENING HYMN:** "All My Hope is Firmly Grounded"

V654

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Our God is Alpha and Omega.

PEOPLE: We have many beginnings and endings.

Leader: The One who is and was and is to come is Almighty.

PEOPLE: Encompassed in God's time are little times – our memories, our concerns for today, our dreams for the future.

Leader: This hour we set aside to worship God in reverence and praise.

ALL: With open hearts and fragile bodies, with struggling reason and hopeful spirits, we rejoice to enter the stream of God's presence.**

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

O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth;

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust;

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let your peace fill our hearts, our homes, our world, our universe. Amen. V692

Satish Kumar

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

Gracious God, we confess that we do not love you with all our heart, our soul, our strength, and our mind. We do not love our neighbors with a deep and abiding compassion. We do not love ourselves and care for our truest needs. Transform our shallowness, enliven our deadness, heal our wounded, broken places, and so fill us with your Spirit that we can be forgiven, even as we forgive ourselves and others. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ who brings us love that has no end.** Amen.

~ silence ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Down to the River to Pray*

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Sheldon Curry

Recorded live in the sanctuary on September 23, 2021

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about
that good ol' way
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord, show me the way.
Oh, brothers, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down. Come on, brothers,
let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about
that good ol' way.
And who shall wear the robe and crown?
Good Lord, show me the way.
Oh, mothers, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down. Come on, mothers,
let's go down, down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about
that good ol' way.
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way.
Oh, fathers, let's go down,
let's go down. Don't you wanna go down?
Oh, fathers, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about
that good ol' way.
And who shall wear the starry crown? Good Lord,
show me the way.
Oh, children , let's go down, let's go down, come
on down. Oh, children, let's go down, down to the
river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray, studying about
that good ol' way.
And who shall wear the starry crown?
Good Lord, show me the way.

MEDITATION: “Choosing Sacrifice”

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

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE

Doris Adams*, January 17th

Heritage Member

Brian James, February 12th

Brother of Carla Hill, Son of Phil and Cindy James

Frances LoCicero Amico, February 13th

Mother of Carol Amico, and Grandmother of Amy and Jesse Morrow

Tom Ryan*, March 26th

Husband of Shirley Ryan, father of David, Meg, John, and the late Jane Ryan. stepfather of Kimberly Sceggel and Mark, Jeffrey, and Jonathan Whipple.

Rita Noonan, April 16

Family friend of Carla Hill

Vera Inguaggiato, May 10th

Aunt of Sandy Carter.

Ernest “Ernie” Wall, July 9th

Father of Robin Rose, Grandfather of Brie and Raj.

John Dockendorff, July 24th

Brother of Jim Dockendorff.

Joe DeLuca*, July 28th

Father of Gabriella, the son of Frank “Chickie” DeLuca, the brother of Laura Alden, and the nephew of Carmen DeLuca.

Michael Noonan, August 17

Family friend of Carla Hill

David Bellonio*, August 19th

Son of Joyce and Anthony Bellonio, husband to Marlene.

Lawrence North*, August 26^h

Heritage Member, Nephew of Barbara Pearsall

John David Mackback, October 1st

Cousin of Kerry Stewart’s Father.

Mary Cestaro*, October 27th

Heritage Member

Rev. Arthur Latimer, October 9th

Family Friend of Carol Amico and Scott Morrow.

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:** “For All the Saints”

V705

***THE BENEDICTION**~unison

POSTLUDE: *Seraphim Chorus*

J. Mohr/Philip Kreckel

*Those who are able, please stand.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	11/7	9:30 a.m. 9:30 4:00 p.m.	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream) CHURCH SCHOOL (In Person) OASIS & Tidepool (Spring Glen Church)
Monday	11/8	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Music Together (Lawn) GFWC (K)
Tuesday	11/9	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 4:30 6:00 7:30	Music Together (Lawn) BUILDING & GROUNDS (Library) Music Together (Lawn) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)
Wednesday	11/10	9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:30 p.m. 5:30 7:00	Music Together (Lawn/CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) Girl Scouts (CH) MLB (Library)
Thursday	11/11	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00 7:00	Music Together (Lawn) PERSONNEL MT (Library) CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom) Garden Club (CH)
Friday	11/12	9:30 a.m. 10:00 6:00 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (Lawn) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Girl Scouts (CH) Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	11/13	8:00 a.m. 9:30 10:30	Boy Scout Food Drop off (CH) Music Together (Lawn) Music Together (Lawn)
Sunday	11/14	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:45 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In Person & Live Stream) CHURCH SCHOOL (In Person) FAITH FORMATION MT (RR) OASIS & Tidepool (Spring Glen Church)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

Unison

1 All my hope is firm - ly ground - ed in our great and
 2 Tell me, who can trust our na - ture, hu - man, weak, and
 3 But in ev - ery time and sea - son, out of love's a -
 4 Thank, O thank, our great Cre - a - tor, through God's on - ly

liv - ing Lord; who, when - ev - er I most need him, nev - er
 in - se - cure? Which of all the air - y cas - tles can the
 bun - dant store, God sus - tains the whole cre - a - tion, fount of
 Son this day; God a - lone, the heaven - ly pot - ter, made us

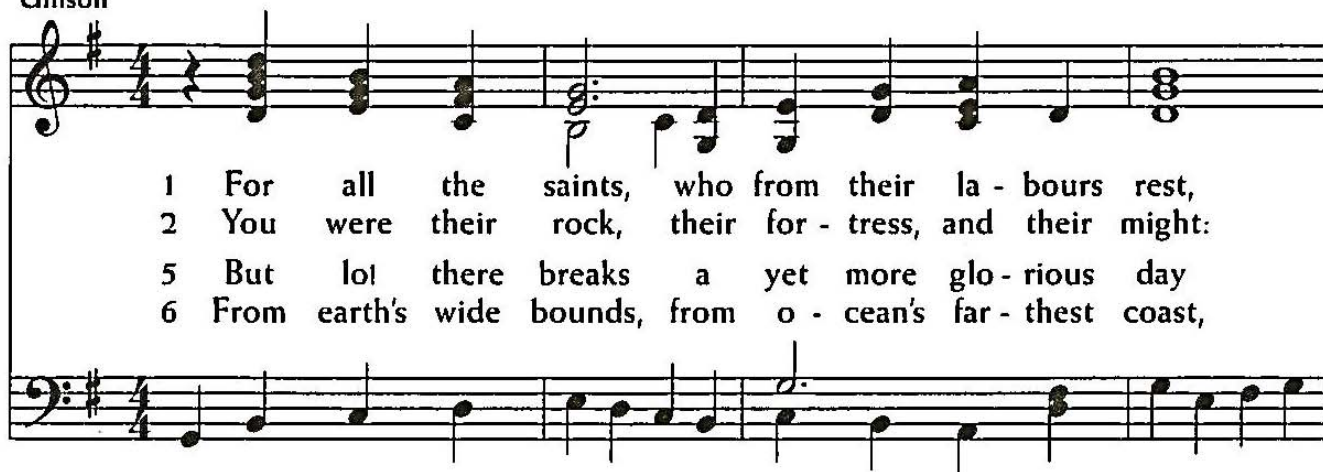
fails to keep his word. God I must whol - ly
 hur - ri - cane en - dure? Built on sand, naught can
 life for - ev - er - more. We who share earth and
 out of earth and clay. Quick to heed, strong in

trust, God the ev - er good and just.
 stand by our earth - ly wis - dom planned.
 air count on God's un - fail - ing care.
 deed, God shall all the peo - ple feed.

***CLOSING HYMN: "For All the Saints"**

V705

Unison



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bours rest,
 2 You were their rock, their for - tress, and their might:
 5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day
 6 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,



all who by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, your
 you were their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 the saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray: as
 through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 you, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 God to glo - ry calls them all a - way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
 (verses 3 and 4 follow)



3 O blest com-mun-ion, fel-low-ship di-vine! We fee-bly struggle,
4 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west, soon, soon to faith-ful



they in glo-ry shine, yet all are one with-in your great de-war-riors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the



sign. Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah!
blest. Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah!

Today's flowers are dedicated to the memory of my dad, David Diana during his birth month of November. He was the owner of an independent grocery store in Point Beach, Milford. This season brings back memories of such a busy time of preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday for him. Customers would order their turkeys, fruit baskets and Table Talk apple and pumpkin pies in advance. He would individually wrap the pies and place a bow on each to make them festive. He truly appreciated his customers and treasured their friendships. Missing him again this season as we all prepare for the coming holidays. Barbara Massey

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Bette DeMayo 11/08, Chery Solecki 11/08, Peter Hall 11/08, Max Scoppetto 11/09, Annette Grant 11/10, Audrey Tilley 11/12, Theodore Manzo 11/13.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Carmen & Melissa DeLuca 11/09, William & Mary Ellen Adams 11/10, George & Flo Coulston 11/14, Jim & Joan Bennett 11/14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Evaluations:

Evaluations are an important part of supporting our staff. Please fill out an annual Review for each of the NHCC Staff and Minister on our website by November 29th.

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Wherever you are in life's journey, you are welcome here.





North Haven
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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.