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

Sunday, May 29, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Memorial Sunday
The Sacrament of Baptism**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Melody in A

William Stickles

***OPENING HYMN:** “Filled with the Spirit’s Power”

V194

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Praise God who has raised Jesus Christ to reveal new life.

PEOPLE: Praise God, who sends the Spirit to empower the church.

Leader: Praise God with trumpet sound, praise God with flute and harp.

PEOPLE: Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipes!

ALL: Let everything that breathes sing praise!**

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

O God, at this annual time of remembrance, our thoughts turn to the violence, fear, and pain of war. We think of those whose sworn duty it is to protect us, and the dangers they face. We think of the sacrifices they are called to make, and we remember those who have given their lives. Come gently in our worship this morning, that we may know your peace – not the peace of violence ignored or fear repressed, but the true peace of evil confronted, injustice exposed, and reconciliation achieved. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace.*** Amen.

HYMN: “Be Still, My Soul” v. 1

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Great and loving God, we who come to worship are also persons who sometimes feel that you have abandoned us or left us to fend for ourselves. Although we rely on your ever-presence, we suspect your absence. Encourage us, O God, when we doubt your promise to be with us always.

In our worship, grant us the gifts of discernment and hope. Enable us to recognize your workings in the commonplace and the everyday. Open us to faith and help us to perceive not only what is, but also what, by your grace, might be. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. ** 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - Harper Elizabeth Lilien

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 16:16-34

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One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***HYMN:** “For the Healing of the Nations”

V678

SERMON: “Power From On High”

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**

Scott – Pulpit MEMORIAL PRAYER

We lift our hearts in thanksgiving to you, O God, for the lives of our veterans and their families: for all who have given their lives for liberty and justice, for all who returned from the horrors of war, and all who served on our own shores; for all who stayed behind, and waited, wrote letters, and prayed, and all who worked to physical, mental and spiritual wounds. We lift our hearts in thanksgiving to you, O God, for the lives of our veterans and their families. Help us to remember, lest we forget. Grant us your peace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.*** Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Marche*

Edvard Grieg

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Cynthia Campos. **Greeter** is Doris Ferner.

Flowers are given by Lynne & Rob Nielsen. Congratulations to our beautiful granddaughter Sierrah Lynne Rich who graduated from Sacred Heart University on May 14th with high honors. Sierrah will be attending grad school at Columbia University in the Fall, studying biomedical engineering. She also celebrated her 22nd birthday on May 23rd. We are so proud of you!

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
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Gary Snowbeck, Organist
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In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Lorraine Burdge, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert and Treffle Robert.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Martha Butterworth 05/31, Jeanne Reardon 06/02, Wendy Russo 06/02, Susan Compton 06/03, John Rankin 06/03, David Nottingham 06/04.

Announcements:

Breakfast Celebration for John Tibor

On Sunday June 5, 2022 we will have a special coffee hour to thank John Tibor for his dedication and hard work for many years as church treasurer. Please plan to attend.



Save the date! The Women's Fellowship Craft & Tag Sale

will be held outside on the church lawn on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Set up will begin at 7:30.

Morning coffee and lunch will be available. There is space available for anyone who wishes to have their own personal Tag Sale. To reserve a space, please call the church office.

The cost for a space is \$25.00 (pre-paid, non-refundable, no rain date). Bring your own table and chair. Spaces will go

quickly so make your reservation soon. We hope for many tag sale tables and vendors, with a wide variety of merchandise. The Connecticut Record Club, Paparazzi Jewelry, and Body Shop will be there. This will make for an interesting day. The proceeds will make it possible for the Women's Fellowship to donate to our list of organizations and help with needs and projects of our church. Thank You!

The On-Line Fundraising Auction is Happening!

Thanks to church families responding to the request for donated items, we will be able to hold our 3rd annual On-Line Fundraising Auction. The items need to be brought to church on Sunday June 5, after worship, to the double classroom on the lower level. Any background information on the item that would not be obvious to us and would be helpful for the auction, please feel free to include a note with the item. Over the next several days, the items will be photographed and catalogued by our Auction Manager. The auction will go live around June 13 and close around June 20. Winning bidders will pick up their items on Saturday June 25. Thank you very much to all those who have donated. If you have any unique or interesting items that would do well in an on-line auction, items of sterling silver, tools, power tools, Beatles albums, turntable, gold jewelry, items the more unique the better, contact a member of the B Team: Patience Benassi, Martin Benassi, Priscilla Bradford, Martha Butterworth. Thank you to those donating goods for the fundraising auction: Sara and Bryant Munson, Chris Corcoran, Sue and John Tibor, Doris Ferner, SueBeth and Robert Higgins, Susan Guckert, Joyce and Ted Manzo, Joan Bennett, Priscilla Bradford, Lynn Reardon, Barbara Massey, and Lillian Flodquist.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	5/29	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream)
Monday	5/30	9:30 a.m. 9:30	MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICE CLOSED) Music Together (DBL) AA (K)
Tuesday	5/31	9:30 a.m. 9:30 12:30 p.m. 6:00 7:00 7:15	Al-Anon (CH) Music Together (DBL) PLP (CH) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) Music Under the Stars (Rich DiPalma) ORGANIST SEARCH (Zoom)
Wednesday	6/1	9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:30 p.m. 5:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH)
Thursday	6/2	6:30 p.m. 7:00	Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	6/3	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (CH) Girl Scouts (CH)
Saturday	6/4	7:30 a.m. 7:30 9:00 9:30 10:30	CRAFT & TAG SALE SET UP(Lawn) MENS FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (CH) CRAFT & TAG SALE (Lawn) Music Together (CH) Music Together (CH)
Sunday	6/5	9:30 a.m. 10:30	WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream) CELEBRATION BREAKFAST FOR JOHN TIBOR (CH)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

Trumpets before each stanza (optional)

1 Filled with the Spir - it's power, with one ac -
 2 Now with the mind of Christ set us on
 3 Wi - den our love, good Spir - it, to em -

cord the in - fant church con - fessed its ris - en Lord.
 fire, that u - ni - ty may be our great de - sire.
 brace with your com - pas - sion all the hu - man race.

O Ho - ly Spir - it, in the church to - day
 Give joy and peace; give faith to hear your call,
 Like wind and fire with life a - mong us move,

no less your power of fel - low - ship dis - play.
 and rea - di - ness in each to work for all.
 till we are known as Christ's, and Christ - ian prove.

F C7 F C F B \flat C F
 1 Be still, my soul, for God is on your side; bear pa-tient-
 2 Be still, my soul, your God will un-der-take to guide the
 3 Be still, my soul, the hour is hast-ening on when we shall

C7 F C F B \flat F Dm
 ly the cross of grief or pain. Trust in your God, your
 fu-ture sure-ly as the past. Your hope, your con-fi-
 be for-ev-er in God's peace; when dis-ap-point-ment,

Dm F C Gm D7 Gm F B \flat A
 sav-iour and your guide, who through all chang-es faith-ful will re-
 dence let noth-ing shake; all now mys-te-rious shall be bright at
 grief and fear are gone, love's joys re-stored, our striv-ings all shall

A F Dm F C
 main. Be still, my soul, your best, your heav-enly
 last. Be still, my soul, life's tem-pests still o-
 cease. Be still, my soul, when change and tears are

Gm D7 Gm F C7 F
 friend through storm-y ways leads to a peace-ful end.
 bey the voice that once the waves' wild fu-ry stayed.
 past, all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

Descant

4 You, Cre - a - tor - God, have writ - ten your great name on

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom, from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor - God, have writ - ten your great name on

hu - man - kind, for our grow - ing in your like - ness

one ac - cord, for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease; that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind, for our grow - ing in your like - ness

bring the life of Christ to mind; that, by our re -

of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind; that, by our re -

sponse and ser - vice, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

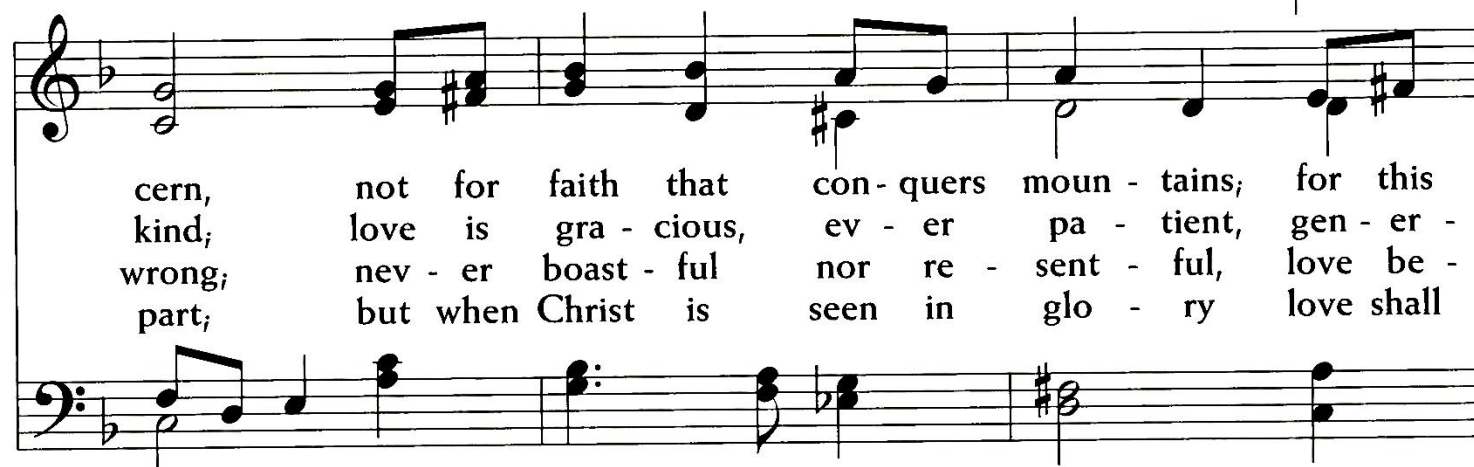
***CLOSING HYMN: "Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels"**

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Unison



1 Not for tongues of heav-en's an - gels, not for wis-dom to dis -
 2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, love is ten - der, true, and
 3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, love will not re - joice in
 4 In the day this world is fad - ing faith and hope will play their



cern, not for faith that con - quers moun - tains, for this
 kind; love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, gen - er -
 wrong; nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, love be -
 part; but when Christ is seen in glo - ry love shall



bet - ter gift we yearn:
 ous of heart and mind: may love be ours, O Lord.
 lieves and suf - fers long:
 reign in ev - ery heart:

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

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