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

Sunday, July 24, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 12

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Little Prelude in C minor*

J.S. Bach

***OPENING HYMN:** "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" V 344

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Praise be to God, who reigns above the heavens.

PEOPLE: Praise be to God, who dwells within our hearts.

Leader: Let the majesty of creation worship in reverence.

PEOPLE: Let each man, woman, and child pray in faith.

ALL: Praise be to God!**

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

O Lord,

You love justice and You establish peace on earth. We bring before You the disunity of today's world; the absurd violence, and the many wars, which are breaking the courage of the peoples of the world; human greed and injustice, which breed hatred and strife. Send Your spirit and renew the face of the earth; teach us to be compassionate towards the whole human family; strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace, and give us that peace which the world cannot give. Amen. - Rev. Bridget Fidler, worship leader at NHCC 6/7/15

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Gracious God, we thank you that we can rest in you, secure amid the conflict and confusion of life. We thank you that you provide for our needs, and that you have trusted us to one another's care. Free us to receive with humility and to give with joy. Open our hands to share what we have without fear of tomorrow. Anoint your people as peacemakers and justice makers, that one day humanity may choose bread over weapons and fairness over greed.** 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.

Then the Lord said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

HERE ENDS THE READING. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." So he said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, may your name be revered as holy.

May your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set

before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

HERE ENDS THE READING. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

***HYMN:** “Seek Ye First the Kingdom”

V 356

SERMON: “Persist!”

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:** “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

V 626

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Partita in C minor (Capriccio)*

J.S. Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Cathy Welch. **Greeter** is Mary Johnston.

No host for Fellowship Hour.

Today’s flowers are given by Cathy Welch to the glory of God and in thanks for the day my daughter Amy was born on July 27th.

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
Todd Swarney, Sexton

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: Rich Baldino 07/20, Kristen Creston 07/24, George Silk 07/24, Heather Mastracchio 07/24, Martina Benassi 07/25, Vivian Shipley-Harris 07/26 James Shea 07/27, Kristin Lynch 07/29.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	7/24	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	7/25	9:30 a.m. 11:00 4:00 p.m.	AA (K) Set up Party (CH) Pre-Wedding Party (CH)
Tuesday	7/26	9:30 a.m. 9:30 12:30 p.m. 7:00	Al-Anon (CH) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) Music Under the Stars (Signature Band)
Wednesday	7/27	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 5:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH)
Thursday	7/28		
Friday	7/29	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	7/30	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	7/31	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

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.

*OPENING HYMN: “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” V 344

D F#m G D A A7 D Em D A7 D A

1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;
♦ 3 Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing - place,
4 Je - sus, my Shep - herd, Broth - er, Friend, my Pro - phet, Priest, and King,
5 The ef - fort of my heart is weak, and cold my warm - est thought;

D G D G D Em A7 Bm D Em D A D

It soothes the sor - rows, heals the wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry, rest.
♦ my nev - er - fail - ing trea - sury, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.
but when I see you whom I seek, I'll praise you as I ought.

***HYMN: “Seek Ye First the Kingdom”**

V 356

Descant

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and God's
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and
3 We do not live by bread a - lone, but by

le - lu - jah, hal - le -

D Em A7 D F#m

right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
you shall find; knock and the door shall be
ev - ery word that pro - ceeds from the

lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

G D G D Em A D

add - ed un - to you.
o - pened un - to you. Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah.
mouth of God.



1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, O weary one, lay down
 your head upon my breast."
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 weary and worn and sad;
 I found in him a resting place,
 and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
 the living water; thirsty one,
 stoop down, and drink, and live."
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched,
 my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's light;
 look unto me, your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright."
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till travelling days are done.