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North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

**Sunday, August 7, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 14  
The Sacrament of Communion**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Prelude in F minor

J. S. Bach

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Faith of our Fathers"

V 580

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We have been called to walk the faithful road and to choose the way of God's justice.

**PEOPLE: We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good, and that we live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.**

Leader: Come together, then, to be God's people. Follow Christ and listen for the good thing!

**ALL: We will share with others the goodness that we have found in God. May our lives be an expression of that goodness.\*\***

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

Blessed are you, O God of the Universe, for you have bound us together in a common life on this fragile planet.

We confess and offer before you our misperceptions, our hatred, our bigotry, and our deceit.

Grant us understanding that is grounded in love, and reconciliation that grows out of humility.

Open our hearts to the possibility and newness of your Covenant Word.

In the name of the One God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, world without end.## Amen.

Martin Bell

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison**

Mighty, Gentle God, you have shown us your love and called us to be your servants. But we have made ourselves too busy and worried to notice. Like Martha, we have been anxious about much that we cannot control, and we have forgotten you. We have been worried about what other people think of us, and we have missed the point of

your care. We resent the Marys who act freely, trusting in your grace. We are angered by people whose service draws attention away from us. Forgive us, God, that we have worried over the wrong things. Free us, body and soul, for your service of love and grace.\*\* Amen.

~ *silence* ~

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

### **THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 1:1,10-20** Page 620

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more!

Bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and Sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove your evil deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord:

If your sins are like scarlet, will they become like snow?

If they are red like crimson, will they become like wool?

If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land, but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

**\*HYMN:** “Give to the Winds Your Fears”

V 636

**SERMON:** “Washed and Ready”

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

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

Hymn of Preparation: “Now to Your Table Spread”

V 456

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:** "Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom" V 643

\***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Organ Postlude in C major

J. S. Bach

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Deacon** is Nancy Mahoney. **Prayer Leader** is Aaron Dean. **Scripture Reader** is Cathy Welch. **Greeters** are Doris Ferner and Susan Compton.

**Fellowship Hour** does not have a host.

**Today's flowers** are given by Melissa DeLuca In memory of Joseph DeLuca on the first anniversary of his passing. Joey is thought of daily and missed by his loved ones. These flowers are dedicated to his spirit and his "Gift of Gabbs". With love Jennifer, Gabriella, Carmen and Melissa.

**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:** Linda Rankin 08/08, Tim Peiffer 08/10, Michele Lynch 08/10, Daniel Kirk 08/11, Priscilla Bradford 08/12, Robert Scheidecker 08/12, Emma Nottingham 08/12, Cole Purcell 08/12, Jeanne Mecca 08/13, Michael Goldfuss 08/13, Carolanne Geissler 08/14.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** LaVala & Kevin Rossi 08/07, Michele & Richard Lynch 08/12.

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/7</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8/8</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 6:45 p.m.	<b>AA (K)</b> <b>GFWC (K)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8/9</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 12:00 p.m. 12:30 7:00 7:00	<b>Al-Anon (CH)</b> Music Together (DBL) <b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS (Library)</b> PLP (Parking Lot/Library) <b>ORGANIST SEARCH (Zoom)</b> Music Under the Stars (Jukebox 45)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8/10</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:30 7:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b> <b>ENDOWMENT (Heath)</b> Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH) MLB (CH)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8/11</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> 7:00	<b>DEACONS (K) (?)</b> Garden Club (CH)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8/12</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8/13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Music Together (DBL)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)</b>

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

\*OPENING HYMN: "Faith of our Fathers" V 580

G Am D G C G

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
 2 Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith, your work for Christ is  
 3 Faith of our sis - ters, broth - ers too, who still must bear op -  
 4 Faith born of God, O call us yet; bind us with all who

A7 D G Em Am D7 Em

fire, and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
 love re - vealed, spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,  
 pres - sion's might, rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,  
 fol - low you, shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross

C G Em Am7 D G C G

when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word: faith of our fa - thers,  
 mak - ing love known and free - dom real: faith of our moth - ers,  
 the cross of Christ still burn - ing bright: faith for to - day, O  
 un - til the world is made a - new. Faith born of God, O

D G C Em Dsus D G

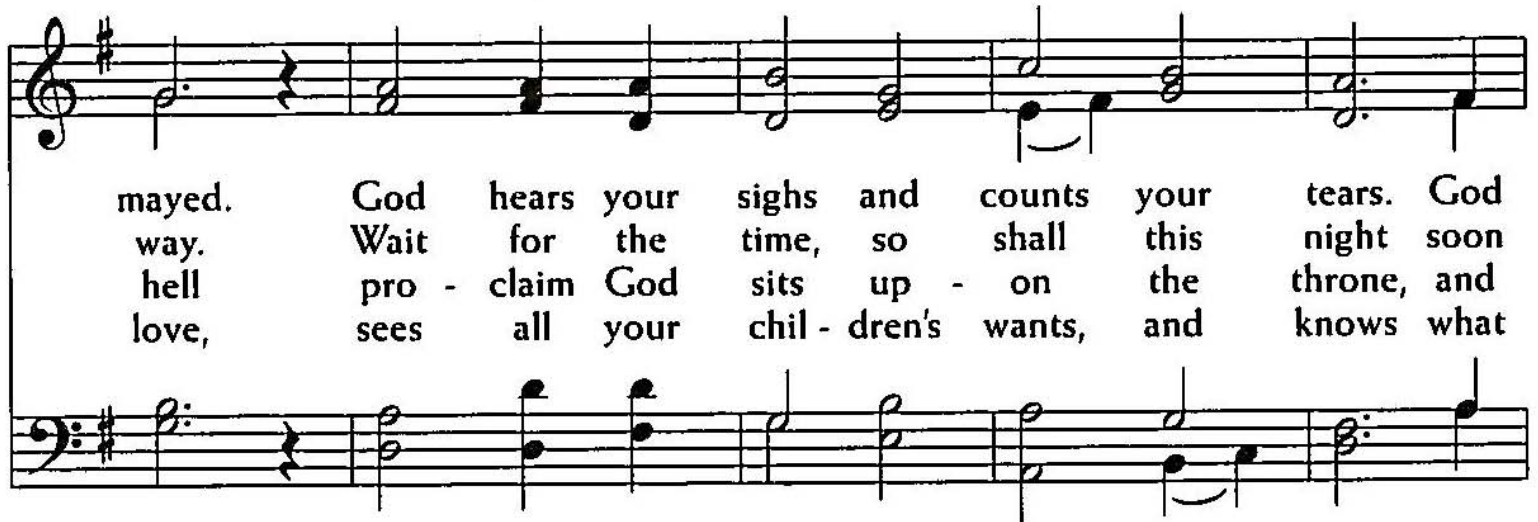
ho - ly faith,  
 ho - ly faith,  
 liv - ing faith, we will be true to you till death.  
 liv - ing faith,

\*HYMN: "Give to the Winds Your Fears"

V 636



1 Give to the winds your fears. Hope and be un - dis -  
2 Through waves and clouds and storms, God gent - ly clears your  
3 Even though you do not rule, yet heaven and earth and  
4 Your ev - er - last - ing truth, O God, your cease - less



mayed. God hears your sighs and counts your tears. God  
way. Wait for the time, so shall this night soon  
hell pro - claim God sits up - on the throne, and  
love, sees all your chil - dren's wants, and knows what



shall lift up your head, God shall lift up your head.  
end in joy - ous day, soon end in joy - ous day.  
rules o'er all things well, and rules o'er all things well.  
best for each will prove, what best for each will prove.

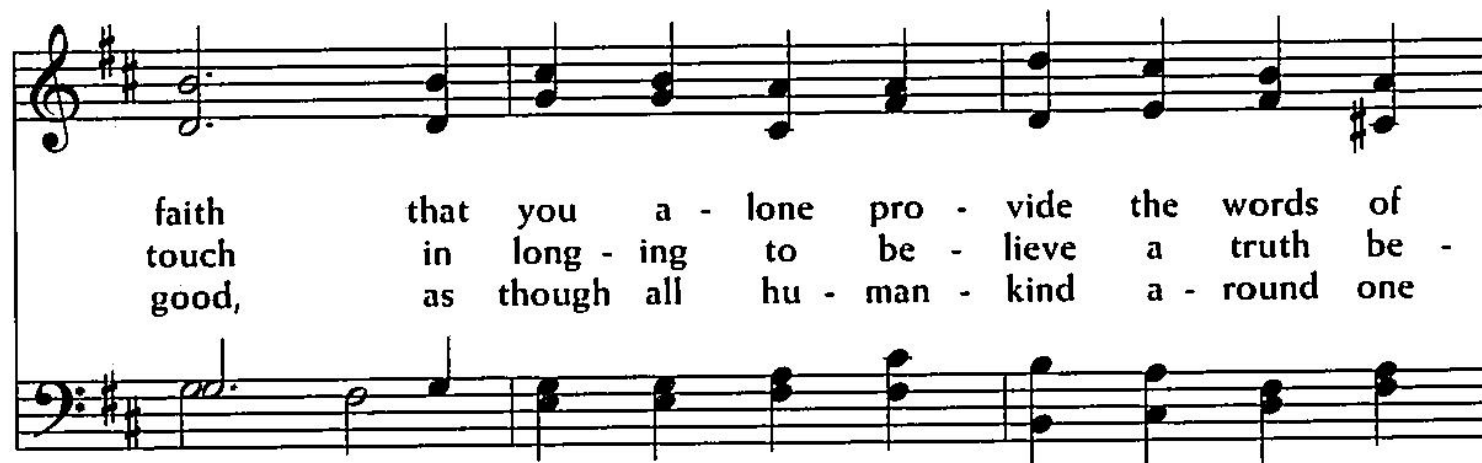


# Hymn of Preparation: "Now to Your Table Spread"

V 456



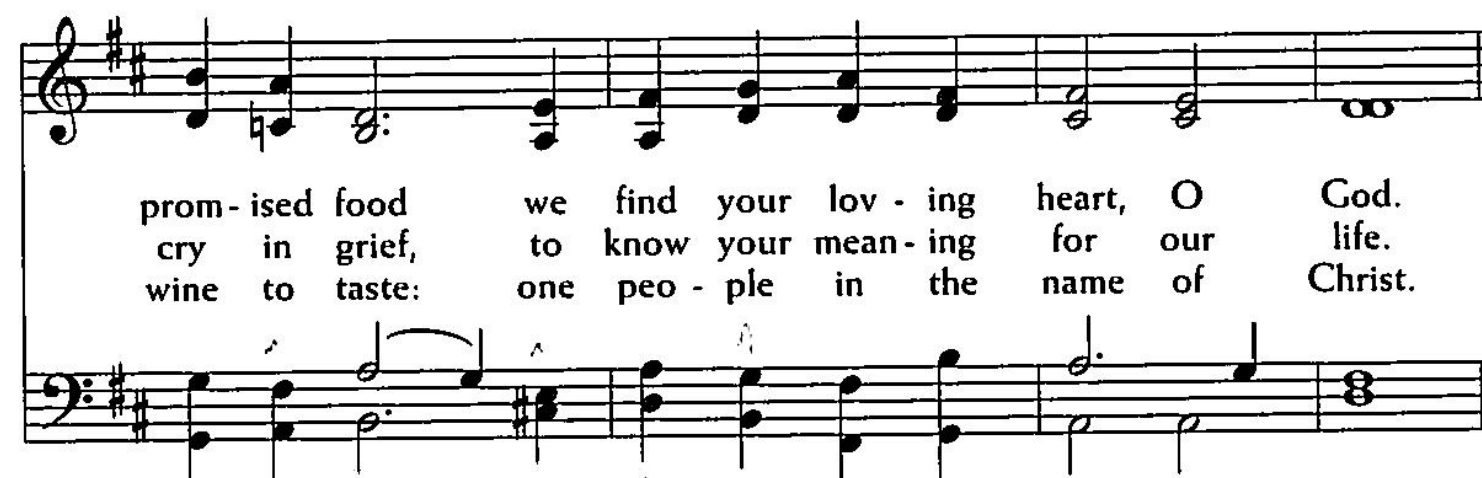
1 Now to your ta - ble spread we come, each one in  
2 Hands of the world stretch out your mys - ter - y to  
3 Here is our com - mon wealth in shar - ing what is



faith that you a - lone pro - vide the words of  
touch in long - ing to be - lieve a truth be -  
good, as though all hu - man - kind a - round one



life and death: in wine and bread, in  
yond our reach, to sing in joy, to  
ta - - - ble stood, this bread to break, this



prom - ised food we find your lov - ing heart, O God.  
cry in grief, to know your mean - ing for our life.  
wine to taste: one peo - ple in the name of Christ.

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom" V 643

G Am6 G Em Am7 Am6 G D Em B

1 Faith, while trees are still in blossom, plans the  
 2 Long be - fore the dawn is break - ing, faith an -  
 ♦ 3 Long be - fore the rains were com - ing, No - ah  
 4 Faith, up - lift - ed, tamed the wa - ter of the  
 5 Faith be - lieves that God is faith - ful: God will

Em Am Bm A D B Em D D7

pick - ing of the fruit; faith can feel the thrill of  
 ti - ci - pates the sun. Faith is ea - ger for the  
 ♦ went and built an ark. A - bra - ham, the lone - ly  
 un - di - vid - ed sea, and the peo - ple of the  
 be what God will be! Faith ac - cepts the call, re -

G D Em Am Bm Am Dsus4 D7 G

har - vest when the buds be - gin to sprout.  
 day - light, for the work that must be done.  
 ♦ mi - grant, saw the light be - yond the dark.  
 He - brews found the path that made them free.  
 spond - ing, "I am will - ing, Lord, send me."



## ***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.