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NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, August 21, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 16

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Lord God of Morning and of Night Walther

*OPENING HYMN: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" V264

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day is born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

PEOPLE: We celebrate the beauty of creation and the wonder of human family. We remember those whose love has shaped our lives and those whose struggles for justice have been unsleeping in spite of opposition.

Leader: We gather to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world.

ALL: May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.**

*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison

God of compassion and love, show us how to care for each other and live in the world.

Beyond all limits, difficulties or failings, give us a passion to hold all people in respect and dignity.

Together, O God, may we create a world of freedom, justice and peace. ## Amen

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Gracious and holy God, we come to you because you have first come to us. We know you because you have revealed yourself. Give us in this morning hour of worship a new sense of your Spirit breathing through us. Lift our hearts with the wings of song, heal our souls with the balm of prayer, enliven our minds with the words of scripture and interpretation, and enable us to dedicate our strength, our substance, and our service to your work in the world. We pray 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 FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 58:9b-14

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Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;

You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'

"If you take away the yoke from your midst,

The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

If you extend your soul to the hungry

And satisfy the afflicted soul,

Then your light shall dawn in the darkness,

And your darkness shall be as the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,

And satisfy your soul in drought,

And strengthen your bones;

You shall be like a watered garden,

And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

Those from among you

Shall build the old waste places;

You shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach,

The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

"If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath,

From doing your pleasure on My holy day,

And call the Sabbath a delight,

The holy day of the Lord honorable,

And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways,

Nor finding your own pleasure,

Nor speaking your own words,

Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord;

And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth,

And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father.

The mouth of the Lord has spoken."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 71:1-6 Page 524

In You, O Lord, I put my trust;

Let me never be put to shame.

Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to escape;

Incline Your ear to me, and save me.

Be my strong refuge,

To which I may resort continually;

You have given the commandment to save me,

For You are my rock and my fortress.

Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,

Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

For You are my hope, O Lord God;

You are my trust from my youth.

By You I have been upheld from birth;

You are He who took me out of my mother's womb.

My praise shall be continually of You.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: You Are My King (Amazing Love)

1999 Words and Music by Billy J. Foote

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken I'm accepted, You were condemned I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me Because You died and rose again

Amazing love, how can it be That You, my King, should die for me?

Amazing love, I know it's true

It's my joy to honor You

In all I do, to honor You

I sing, You are my King

You are my King

Jesus, You are my King

You are my Lord

Sung by Tim Peiffer

SERMON: "A Rock of Refuge" 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: "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" P397

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Old Hundred

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Deacon is Jim Bennett. Scripture Reader is Jim Bennett.

Today's flowers are given by Ann Marie Czajkowski in memory of her grandfather, John Bartizek, on his birthday.

No host for Fellowship Hour.

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World

The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children Leffrey Hutchins, Director of Music

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, and Ellen Robert.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Adam Schweickert 08/21, Alexus Dubail 08/24, Ella Tolisano 8/27, Catherine Welch 08/28, Ben Purcell 08/28, Cheyanne Leyerzapf 08/28.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Scott Morrow & Carol Amico 08/22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

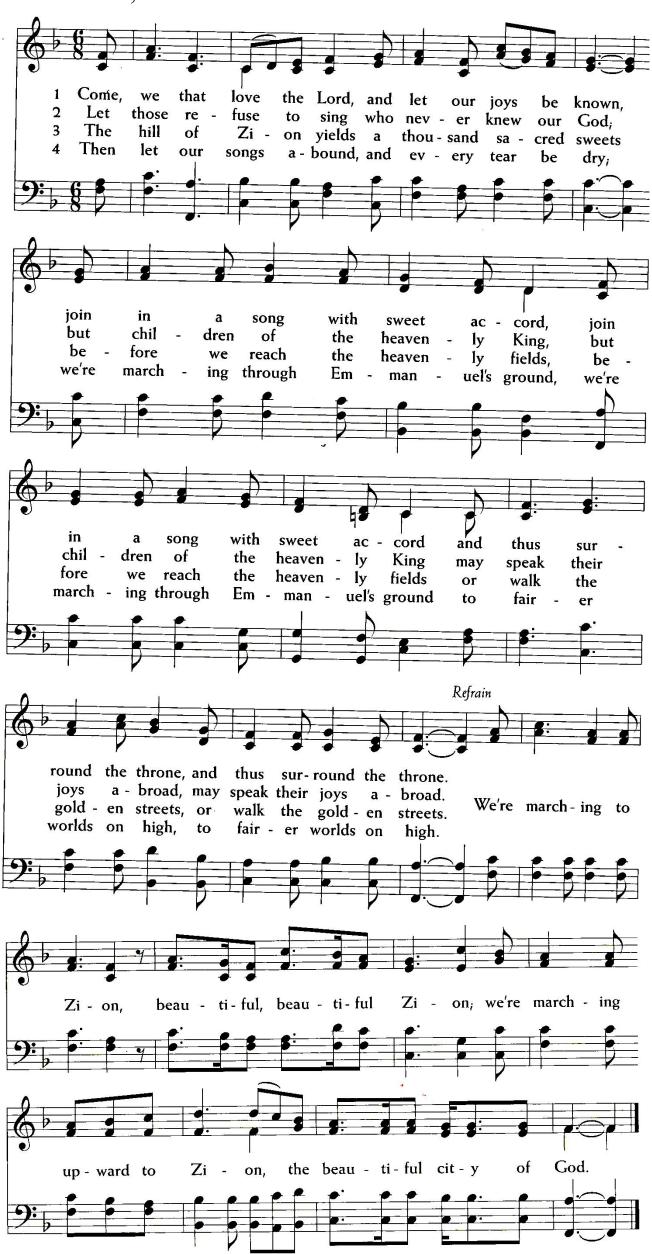
Women's Fellowship is collecting gift cards for our DCF social worker to distribute to children in need of money to purchase school supplies (our "backpack" project). If you wish to participate you may purchase gift cards in the amount of \$25 at either Walmart or Target. If you wish to donate a different amount you may send a check of any amount. Please write "backpack project" in the memo line. Please have cards or checks to the church office by August 29th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	8/21	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)	
		11:30	BAPTISM – Nora Mickolyzck	
Monday	8/22	9:30 a.m.	AA (K)	
Tuesday	8/23	9:00 a.m.	Daytime Gardeners (K)	
		9:30	Al-Anon (CH)	
		12:30 p.m.	PLP (Parking Lot/Library)	
		7:00	ORGANIST SEARCH (Zoom)	
		7:00	Music Under the Stars	
			(Timmy Maia Experience)	
Wednesday	8/24		WINDOW DEADLINE	
		10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN	
		5:15 p.m.	PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom)	
		5:30	Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH)	
Thursday	8/25			
Friday	8/26	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN	
Saturday	8/27			
Sunday	8/28	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)	
		10:45	Faith Formation Mission Team	

^{*}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.