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North Haven
Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



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I well remember them,
and my soul is downcast within me.
Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:
Because of the Lord's great love
we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
(Lamentations 3:20-23)

North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, September 11, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 19
Rally Day**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***OPENING HYMN: "O Worship the King"**

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We are summoned here by our holy God,

**PEOPLE: who calls us each by name, and gathers us together in
the unity of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: From classroom and kitchen and carpool,

PEOPLE: we are called into God's presence.

Leader: Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families,
soft-spoken and outspoken,

PEOPLE: we hear our names being called to join in worship.

Leader: This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for
all people:

**ALL: unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts.
Let us worship together! ****

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

Oh God, maker of all things new, You call us...Your servants...

to ventures of which we cannot see the ending;

by paths, as yet untraveled; through perils and joys still unknown.

Give us faith, Oh God, to do all we are called to with courage...

with hearts full of hope; with joy, even though we do not know

where we will land. Still, this is our assurance,

that Your love holds us, and Your hands lead us, Always!

Help us to be bearers of your peace. Through Jesus Christ.^{##} Amen.

***THE GLORIA "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" insert**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit of all holiness, be in our midst with
your baptism of power and your communion of love. We wait upon
you in stillness and patience because you turn strength into weakness
and weakness into strength. In the moments of victory and joy you
lift us up on wings of flight. In the days of routine and duty you
enable us to run a sure course without weariness or collapse. In the

hours of pain and fear, in the times of trial, in the nights of grief and death, you help us walk hand-held and step-steadied, so that we do not faint. You are our God, and we are your people.*** Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 32:7-14 Page 77

The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’ ” The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation.”

But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

HYMN: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON: “Lost and Found”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

A PRAYER ON 9/11

GIFT OF MUSIC: “O God, Our Hearts Were Shattered” Sung by all

O God, our hearts were shattered, On that horrendous day;
We heard the news and gathered, To grieve and then to pray.
We cried to you and wondered, "Where did the violence start?"
The world as we had known it, Had just been torn apart.
We heard of those who perished — Of heroes' sacrifice.
We paused again to cherish, The gifts of love and life.
We worried for the future; We hugged our loved ones then.
We cried, "Can peace be found here?", "We can't let terror win!"
Some sought to answer terror, The only way they knew —
With anger toward the stranger, And calls for vengeance, too.
Yet this is not your answer, Nor what you would create.
May we live toward a future, Where love will conquer hate.
God, give us faith and wisdom, To be your healing hands;
Give open minds that listen, To truth from all your lands.
Give strength to work for justice; Grant love that casts out fear.
Then peace and not destruction, Will be the victor here.

PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6 D, Tune: Hans Leo Hassler, Harmonization: Johann Sebastian Bach

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THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* insert

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

*CLOSING HYMN: “Abide with Me”

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Sally Pallatto. **Scripture Reader** is Barbara Massey.

No host for Fellowship Hour.

Today’s flowers are given by Barbara Massey. Rally day has arrived at NHCC! Welcome back to a new Sunday School year to the children and the big kids, too! We’re happy to see you and all our members after summer vacations have become memories and you resume your regular daily routines. These flowers are dedicated to you and the enthusiasm you bring to our church and programs.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Lorraine Burdge, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, and Ellen Robert.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Ryan Petrucci 09/11, Aaron Weiss 09/12, Flo Coulston 09/15, Kim Coughlin 09/16, Denise Adinolfi 09/17.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Fellowship will be having a gathering on September 13th at 6:30 PM. This will be a time of fellowship and reacquainting with old friends and possibly making new friends! We will be making cards to send for our homebound and infirmed members if you wish to participate. Otherwise just come to enjoy refreshments and conversation! More to come on future gatherings.

Kathy Harple, President

Threshold Saturday Morning

Come to **THRESHOLD SATURDAY MORNING, September 17, 8:30 – 10:30am. LOOK BACK** –we've been through an obstacle course. The pandemic turned life upside down and changed everything. **REMEMBER WHY WE'RE HERE TOGETHER** – God has promised us abundant new life. Jesus has called us to love God with all we have and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Jesus is sending us to tell his story and to serve our community. **LOOK AHEAD** – where is the Spirit of God leading us? Who is the Holy Spirit nudging us to invite, to welcome, to serve? **STEP IN** – to the future, to our next mission as a church. Threshold Saturday Morning will have bagels and coffee and catching up, and guided conversation, brainstorming, and dreaming. Childcare will be provided. Come and listen and be heard! We need you!



Save the Date:

Saturday, September 24th

4:00- 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship, Ice Cream, Gift Cards, and Games

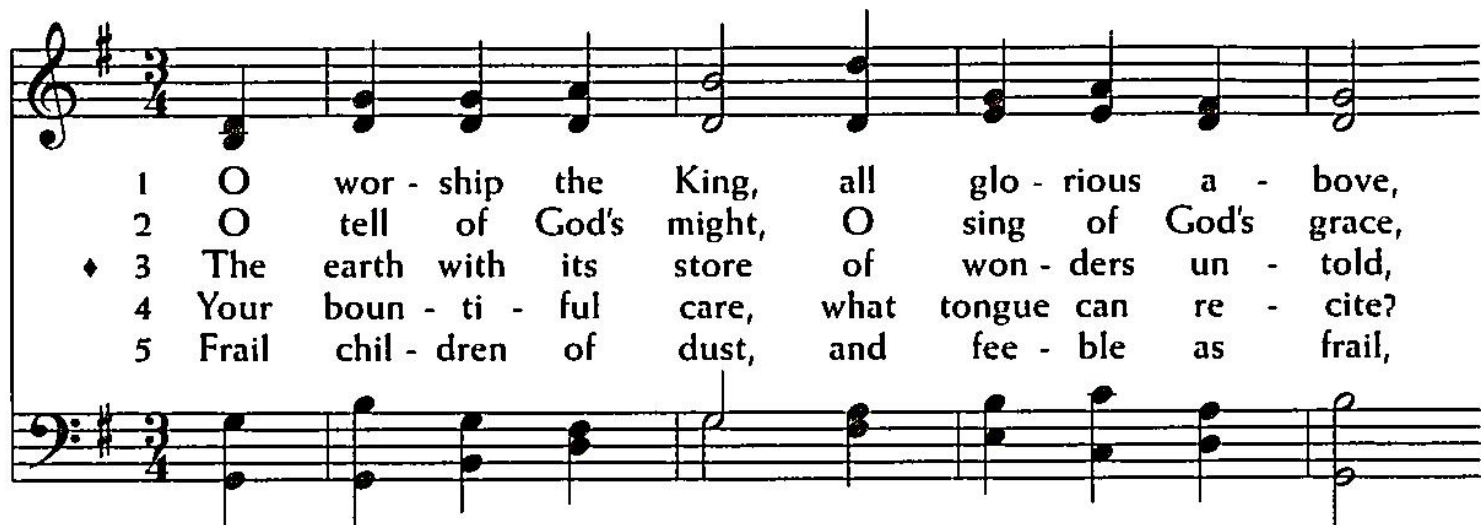
Come after you do your Saturday chores and visit with your friends and play various games. Drawings for gift cards from Crumbl, Dunkin, Stop & Shop, and Moon Rise Café starting at 4:30 every 15 minutes. You must be present to win.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	9/11	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) RALLY DAY, CONFIRMATION GATHERING, OASIS KICK-OFF
Monday	9/12	9:30 a.m. 10:30 1:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Retired Federal Employees (CH)
Tuesday	9/13	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:30 3:30 6:00 6:30 7:30	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) BUILDING & GROUNDS (Heath) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) WOMENS FELLOWSHIP (K) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)
Wednesday	9/14	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 1:30 p.m. 5:30 6:45 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Staff Meeting (Zoom) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH) Al-Anon District Family (CH) MLB (Library)
Thursday	9/15	9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	9/16	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	9/17	8:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30	THRESHOLD REGATHERING (CH) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	9/18	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)

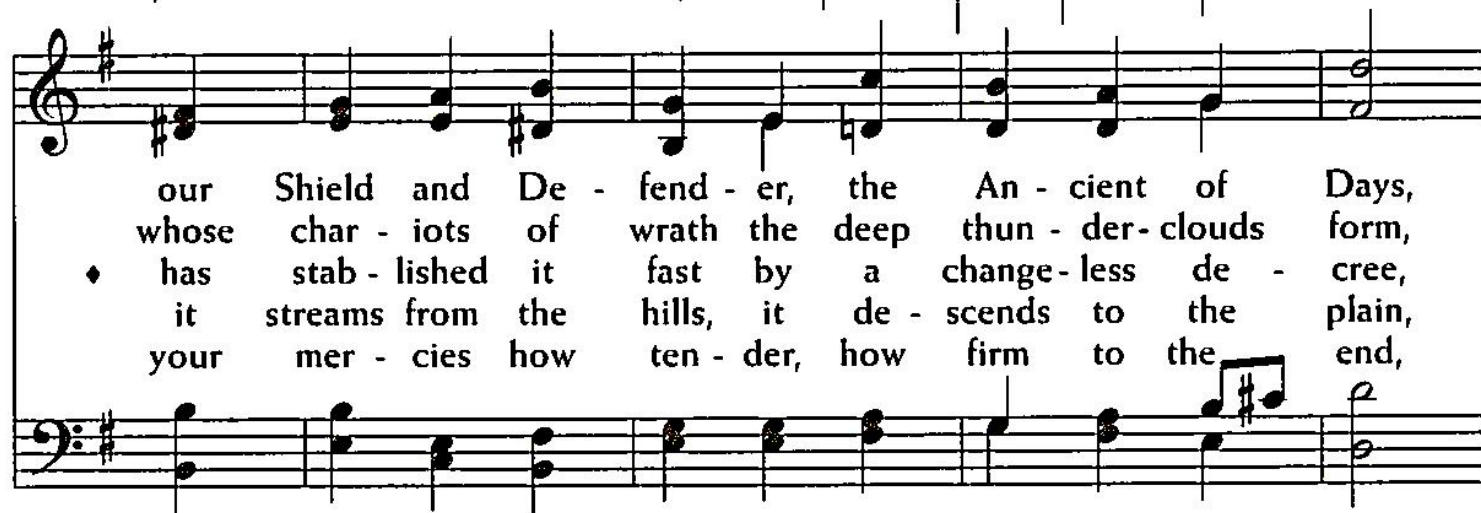
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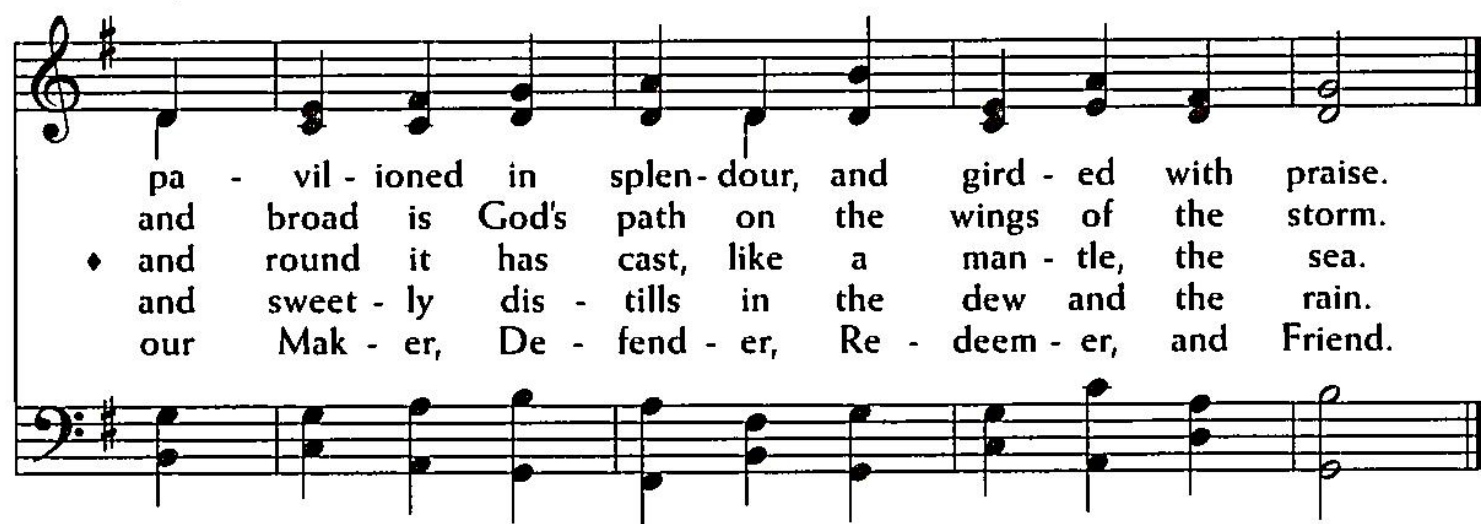
1 O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove,
 2 O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
 ♦ 3 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4 Your boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite?
 5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,



O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love;
 whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space,
 ♦ Al - might - y, your power has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;



our Shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 whose char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,
 ♦ has stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,
 your mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end,



pa - vil - ioned in splen - dour, and gird - ed with praise.
 and broad is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 ♦ and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.
 our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

*THE GLORIA “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)

B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)

F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)

C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)

Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

HYMN: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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Descant

3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,
D G A7 G D

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, God our Cre - a - tor;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,
G D E (B7 E7) A

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row—

A7 D D Em D G

thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row—

won - drous the por - tion thy bless - ings pro - vide.

G#dim7 D A D

as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 won - drous the por - tion thy bless - ings pro - vide.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

A G D B7 Am Em A7

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

D A E7 A A7 D Em D

morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

vid - ed — great is thy faith - ful - ness, ev - er to me!

G G#dim7 D A7 D

vid - ed — great is thy faith - ful - ness, ev - er to me!

1 A - bide with me; fast falls the ev - en - tide;
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 ♦ 3 I need your pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I have no fear with you at hand to bless;
 5 Hold now your cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide;
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 ♦ what but your grace can foil the temp - ter's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness;
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 ♦ Who like your - self my guide and stay can be?
 where is death's sting? Where, grave, your vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O Christ, who chang - es not, a - bide with me.
 ♦ Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if you a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with 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.



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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Julie Schweickert, Office Manager

Todd Swarney, Sexton