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NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, October 2, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 22
The Sacrament of Communion
The Season of Generosity

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*OPENING HYMN: "O God Beyond All Praising" V256

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: People of God, it is time to worship.

PEOPLE: To remember to whom we belong,

Leader: One who rescues enslaved peoples,

PEOPLE: One who saves through forgiveness and grace,

Leader: Both stories remembered in bread and cup

ALL: Alive again here in this place.**

*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison

Creator God, gentle in power and strong in tenderness: kindle we pray, in the hearts of all people your passion for peace and your will for justice, that we may fearlessly contend against the powers of death and restrain evil's rage with your love.## Amen.

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

Holy God of Covenant, in our worship we are called again and again to be light to the world as we tell of Your mighty acts of past and present, we are called to deeds of love and mercy, we are called to faithful stewardship of our resources. Too often we find that our witness, mission, and stewardship have grown tired, weak, and confused. Forgive us and turn us again to deeper discipleship within the Community of Christ.** Amen.

~ silence ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 12:1-4, 6-8, 11, 14-15

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The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.

You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord.

"This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread; on the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses, for whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day shall be cut off from Israel.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*HYMN: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 26:26-29

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While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: Jubilate Deo (canon)

"Make a joyful noise to God. Alleluia" Michael Praetorius (1571-1621) Sung by the Chancel Choir **SERMON:** "In Remembrance of Me" Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS PASTORAL PRAYER

Organ Response

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation: "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

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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: "Forth in Your Name, O Christ"

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Sally Pallatto. Scripture Reader is Sally Pallatto.

There is no Host for Fellowship Hour.

Today's flowers are given by Susan Guckert in memory of her husband Gary who passed away 5 years ago on October 5th. You are very much loved and missed.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: LaVala Rossi 10/03, Linda Nielsen 10/04, Hannah Grant 10/07, Nancie Estep 10/09, Kayla McKosky 10/09, Olivia Scoppetto 10/09.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Cheryl & Dana Andrews 10/05, Rebecca & Edward Bogaert 10/07.

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

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.

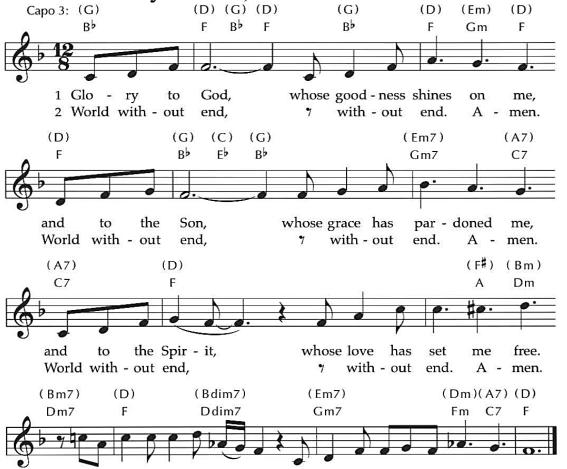
CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	10/2	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP –
Ţ			(In-Person & Live Stream)
			Church School Pre-K-Grade 7
		10:45	Faith Formation (K)
		4:00 p.m.	OASIS (Board Games, SGC)
Monday	10/3	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
		10:30	Music Together (DBL)
		7:00 p.m.	GFWC (CH)
Tuesday	10/4	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon (K)
		9:30	Music Together (DBL)
		12:30 p.m.	PLP (Library)
		3:30	United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)
		6:00	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	10/5	9:30 a.m.	CLEANING (Sang)
		10:00	Music Together (DBL)
		10:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
		1:30 p.m.	STAFF MEETING (Zoom)
		5:30	Music Together (DBL)
		7:00	PURL & PRAISE (L)
		7:00	ORGANIST SEARCH (Zoom)
Thursday	10/6	5:15 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K)
		6:30	Mothers of Twins (CH)
		7:00	CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	10/7	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
		10:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	10/8	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
		10:30	Music Together (DBL)
		6:00 p.m.	OASIS Campout (SGC)
Sunday	10/9	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – PINK SUNDAY
			(In-Person & Live Stream)

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



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



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

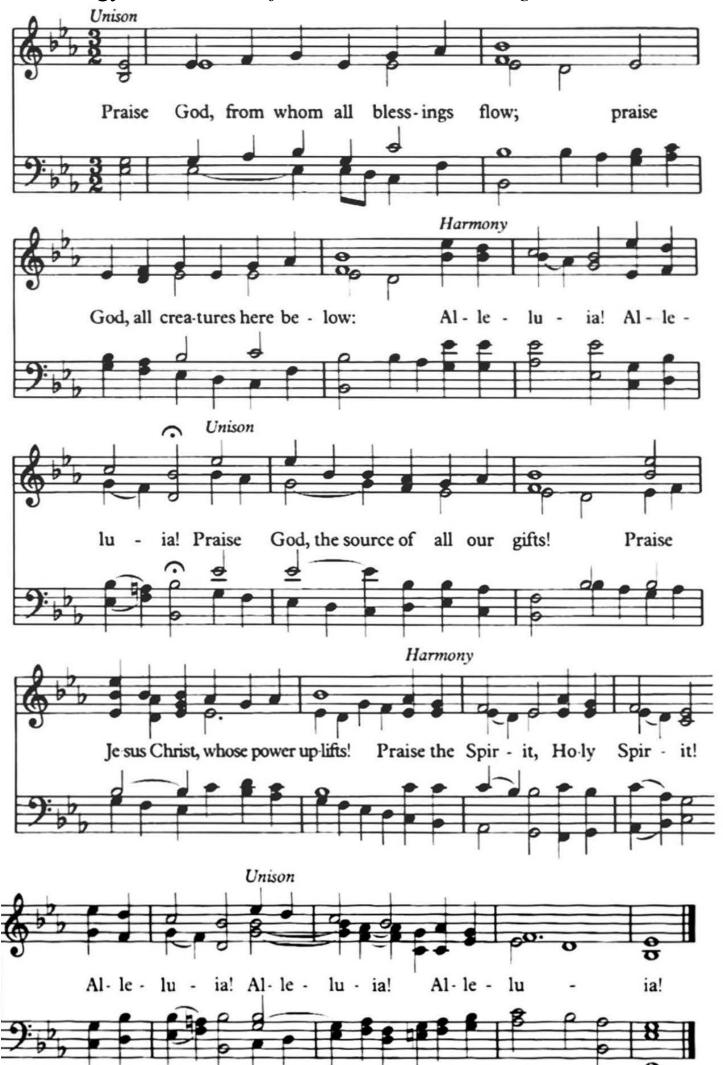


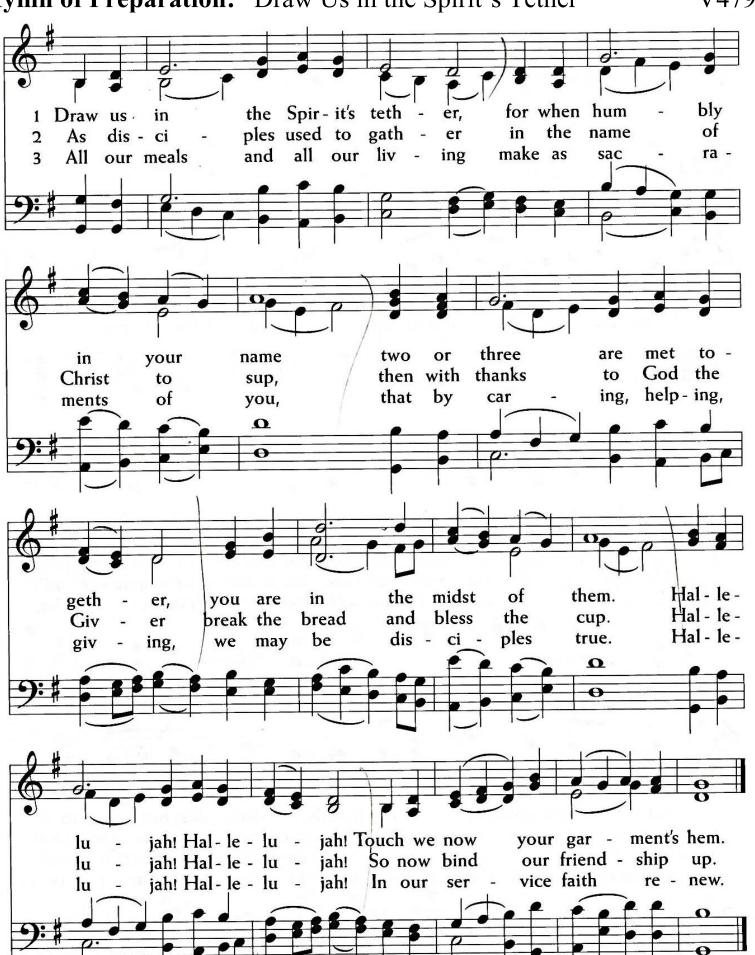


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THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow









Sunday, October 9th is "Pink Sunday" -

Wear your "pink" to show your support for Breast Cancer Awareness on PINK SUNDAY! There will be a pink bake sale at Coffee Hour.



Adobo Chicken

Matthew 26: 26-29

Rev. LaMarco Cable

Co-Executive Global Ministries, President, Division of Overseas Ministries Disciples of Christ

Included in one of the days of the Global Ministries Virtual Pilgrimage to the Philippines was an opportunity to enjoy a meal of adobo chicken for dinner. Chicken adobo is a traditional Filipino stew-like entrée consisting of chicken, soy sauce, and vinegar with an array of seasonings. Partners in the Philippines invited the primarily North American pilgrimage participants to enter their culture by sharing a meal. They shared traditional receipts for the meal, recommended modifications to accommodate dietary restrictions, and led a cooking demonstration to deepen engagement during the global pandemic impacting every corner of the world. As the meal was being enjoyed in front of cameras, stories were exchanged, food was appreciated, and memories were made. It was sacred. God was present. Host and guest were transformed and knitted into a scared tapestry though many miles apart.

The sharing of adobo chicken calls to mind the night that Jesus gathered with his friends, community, and some strangers to share the traditional Passover meal. While he had shared the meal many times during his lifetime, Jesus invited those who gathered to create new memories as they ate and drank. On World Communion Sunday, we recall that Jesus "while they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Matthew's gospel does not share details about the conversations that led up to Jesus' invitation to eat, drink, and remember. Still, those who accept his invitation to enjoy the bread and cup are transformed and become part of every community around the world who eat and drink in remembrance of Jesus.

Jesus gave. We receive. And we share.

At the end of the adobo chicken meal, some commented that they looked forward to sharing an in-person meal in the unknown future. In the same way, Jesus says to us and all who gather to remember him that he "will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in the realm of God." We look forward to that day.