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

Sunday, October 16, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 24
The Season of Generosity**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude on "The Call"

Alec Wyton

CHORAL INTROIT: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Chancel Choir

Words & Music by Ken Medema

***OPENING HYMN:** "Jesus Shall Reign"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: From the East and the West,

PEOPLE: From the North and the South,

Leader: We will eat in the kingdom of God.

PEOPLE: Where the last will be first.

Leader: And the first will be last.

PEOPLE: So that all can enter the gate no matter how narrow,

ALL: And all will share equally from what they have.**

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

Oh God, All Holy One, you are our Mother and our Father and we are your children.

Open our eyes and our hearts so that we may be able to discern Your work.

Help us know that You have created us, members of the same family, Your family...the human family.

May we know war no more as we strive to be what You want us to be: Your children.## Amen.

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Holy God, we arrive heavy with all that we carry from the wider world. Let us come to the gate of worship and leave behind all that would make it hard for us to enter; all that stops us from knowing and living generously. We leave behind a mindset of scarcity and embrace abundance, so that what we have may pave a way of blessing rather than a way of destruction. Let us say yes to your Realm and join in solidarity with the intentionally international and multicultural family you have made ** 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY

Tracy Weiss

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 13:22-30

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Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" He said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. Once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then in reply he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' But he will say to you, 'I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!' There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and take their places at the banquet in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

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

***HYMN:** "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

V472

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 6:52-59

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The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum.

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Seek Ye First* Karen Lafferty
Chancel Choir

SERMON: “Confirming Your Reservation” Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER Organ Response

THE OFFERTORY: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Anna Laura Page

*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:** “O Christian, Love” V594

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Postlude from Sonatina for Worship #1 Robert W. Jones

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon & Scripture Reader is Tim Peiffer. **Fellowship Hour** has no host. **Guest Organist** is Gail DeBoer. **Today’s flowers** are given by Peter & Cheryl Hall in remembrance of Robert Hall's birthday, October 10th. Robert passed away in 2017, he was Peter's father

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Barbara Marks 10/16, Marissa Volpe 10/16, Gary Czajkowski 10/16, Kerry Stewart 10/17, Kim Natoli 10/18, Nancy Mahoney 10/19, Elizabeth Anderson 10/20, Jonathan Bogaert 10/21, Kevin Studley 10/21, Cynthia Miller 10/22, Cheryl Logan-Sendlein 10/22.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Lynne & Rob Nielsen 10/22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Fellowship New England Fair November 5, 2022

In Person this Year! How you can help!

Tell everyone about the Fair!

Sign up:

To help with set up the week of the Fair beginning at noon, November 2

To work at the Fair 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and/or 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

November 5th and on the 6th at the Coffee Hour Fair.

To help with clean up after the Fair on November 5th and 6th

Invite friends and neighbors to come to the Fair!

Bring in starting now:

Donated items to be sold in Grandma's Attic, on the Jewelry Table, in the Nearly New and Christmas Rooms

Handcrafted items you have been working on for the Fair

Come to the Fair for fun and fellowship!

Bring in the week of the Fair:

Items for Grandma's Kitchen (Jam, jelly, relish, candy, etc.)

Goodies for The Bakery - breads, pies, cakes, cupcakes, bars

Cookies for the Cookie Walk – small cookies that will fit in a coffee can

Thank You!

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	10/16	9:30 a.m. 10:45 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP– (In-Person & Live Stream) CONFIRMATION (K) OASIS - Bowling
Monday	10/17	9:30 a.m. 10:30 6:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) CT Record Club (CH)
Tuesday	10/18	9:30 a.m. 9:30 12:30 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	10/19	 9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:00 5:30 p.m. 7:00 7:00	WINDOW DEADLINE CLEANING (Sang) Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom) ORGANIST SEARCH (Zoom) PURL & PRAISE (L)
Thursday	10/20	5:15 p.m. 7:00	Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	10/21	9:30 a.m. 10:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	10/22	9:30 a.m. 10:30 12:30 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Birthday Party (CH)
Sunday	10/23	9:30 a.m. 10:45 11:15 3:00 p.m. 4:00	WORSHIP– (In-Person & Live Stream) GENEROSITY SUNDAY BAPTISM CONFIRMATION (K) Musical Folk (CH) OASIS – Rake & Run

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

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

Descant

4 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 Peo - ple and realms of ev - every tongue dwell on his
3 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; and pris - oners
4 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

hon - ours to our King, an - gels de - scend with


ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
hon - ours to our King, an - gels de - scend with

songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!


*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.

V472

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts,
 2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood;
 3 We taste your ev - er liv - ing bread,
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay,

the fount of life, the light of all
 you plead with all to feast up - on you,
 and make all our mo - ments calm and bright;

from ev - ery bliss that earth im - parts we
 to those who seek you, you are good, to
 we drink of you, the foun - tain - head, our
 chase the bleak night of sin a - way; shed

turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 those who find you, life is new.
 thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
 o'er the world your ho - ly light.

THE OFFERTORY

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

Unison

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise

Harmony

God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-

Unison

lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise

Harmony

Je-sus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Unison

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

1 O Chris- tian, love your sis - ter and your bro - ther!
 2 Fol - low with rev - erent steps the great ex - am - ple:
 3 Then shall all shack - les fall, the storm - y clan - gour

Where pit - y dwells, the peace of God is there;
 Je - sus whose ho - ly work was do - ing good;
 of wild war - mu - sic o'er the earth shall cease;

to wor - ship right - ly is to love each oth - er,
 so shall the wide earth seem a hal - lowed tem - ple,
 love shall tread out the bale - ful fire of an - ger,

each smile a hymn, each kind - ly deed a prayer.
 each lov - ing life a psalm of grat - i - tude.
 and in its ash - es plant the tree of peace.

God Widens the Narrow Door

Luke 13: 22-30

Rev. James D. Ross II (he, him, his)

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The frequent human inclination to operate as though resources and opportunities are scarce presents itself in the question of someone Jesus encountered during his journey to the Passover in Jerusalem.

“Lord, will only a few be saved,” the man asked.

Many scholars agree the man was someone who felt certain of his own salvation – whether because he was following the rules, because of his connection to the lineage of Abraham, or for other reasons. But how many would be saved along with him?

Jesus responded with a parable about people arriving at a house for a party and being denied entry by the owners, who said they did not know the visitors, despite the visitors’ claims of a friendship with them. The message, perhaps, is that none of us should assume that our connection to God is stronger or that our relationship with God is more special than that of anyone else.

Jesus follows the parable with the promise that far from “a few” being saved, “people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God.”

Our God is one of abundance. Just as God welcomes people from all directions to the kingdom (and kindom) of God, so has God created the earth with enough resources for us all. We need only remember that everyone is deserving of them.

How is your stewardship reflected in this parable? Do you operate as though there is only enough for you, or do you model generosity and gratitude for God’s provision?