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Pentecost

North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, May 28, 2023

9:30 a.m.

**Pentecost
Memorial Sunday**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Downstream*

Eugenie Rocherolle

***OPENING HYMN:** "Come Down, O Love Divine"

V 367

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

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Words & Music by Ken Medema

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us Love, send pow'r, send us Grace.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Accessible God, your Spirit moves in ways mysterious, and in ways so plain they cannot be ignored.

PEOPLE: You speak to each of us in our own language, and the very words each of us need to hear.

Leader: It may be hard to recognize a miracle when it happens to others. We may be confused, uncertain, stuck in our own understanding of the world.

PEOPLE: But when it happens to us, when your way of love and access is made known, we cannot keep it to ourselves. We must speak! We must sing! We must worship with our whole bodies!

Leader: Come, let us worship God whose Spirit moves us!

ALL: Let us praise our God who knows the language of our hearts.

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

All-Merciful God, on this Memorial Day, we pray for peace. On this Pentecost Day, a day of miraculous power and understanding, we pray for the power to create peace. If we all spoke the languages of one another's hearts, would we listen better? If we listened better, could we prevent the outbreak and continuation of war? God, we pray today for all those who have died in war, in our country and in others. We honor and mourn them, even as we know they are in your loving care. Help us to understand, to listen, and to make peace, so that no more will die as they have. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~*unison*

Fiery God, burn down systems that demean and destruct! Rage with us like a mighty wind when people are made vulnerable and are not protected! Speak the language of interdependence to our hearts, that we might not be stuck in despair, but empowered towards co-creating the Kin-dom of God.** Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

Choral 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 FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 P. 1316

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

ANTHEM: *Come Now, Spirit of God*
Sung by Chancel Choir
Debra Mason, flute

Words by Tina English
Music by Joseph Martin

Come now, Spirit of God
Spirit of light and of witness
Blow, blow heavenly wind, and
pour out your Spirit upon us.

Breath from heaven above, fill us
afresh with your power. Faithful
promise divine declaring the
presence of God.

Come now spirit of truth,
Spirit of grace and salvation.
Speak the wonders of God, giving
us hearts of compassion.

Build the kingdom of Christ
guide us, we pray, Holy Spirit.
Blow blow heavenly wind, leading
us into your Will.

Come now Spirit
Come and bind us together
Send your Spirit
Draw us nearer
Pour your Spirit upon us.

Alleluia!

SERMON: “In Our Own Languages”

Bekah Anderson

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral 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. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song” V 205

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Toscana*

Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck

*Those who are able, please stand.

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We welcome Bekah Anderson as our preacher this morning. Bekah serves as the Director of Pastoral Care and Community Connections for the Julian Way, a ministry offering spiritual care to people with disabilities. Scott Morrow is on vacation.

Deacon is Jim Bennett.

Today's flowers are given by Beth Anderson, remembering all the veterans and their families on this Memorial Day Weekend.

Craft and Tag Sale - Vendors Wanted!

Women's Fellowship Craft & Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. outside on the church lawn. Bring your own table and chairs. Set up begins at 7:30 am. There is ample parking in the church parking lot. Morning Coffee will be available. The cost for a space is \$30.00 prepaid, non-refundable. No rain date. Please call the church office at 203-239-5691 for information and to reserve a space. Spaces will go fast so make your reservation soon!

Need a Spiritual Boost?

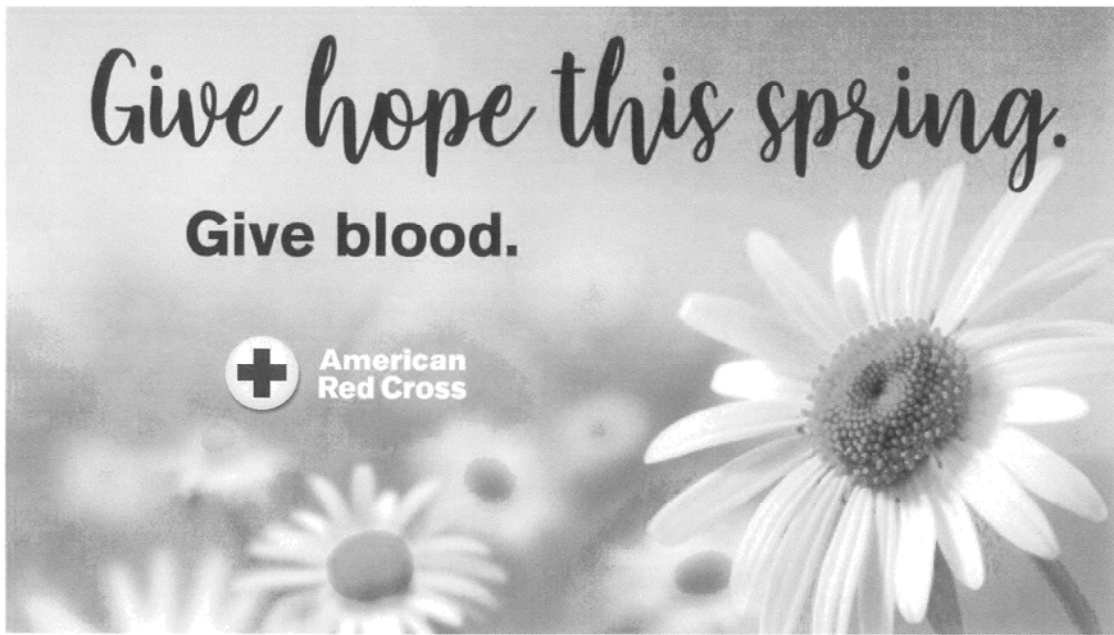
Did the Lenten Season and Holy Week leave you wanting to deepen your relationship with Christ? Give yourself the gift of a fantastic **Renewal Weekend** from Footsteps in the Sand.

Footsteps in the Sand is a non-denominational community of Christians, from churches in our area, that seek to bring people closer to Christ and help develop leaders for the local church.

Contact: Cathy Welch at kwelch@snet.net for more information. Women's weekend are now excepting registrations.

Women's Weekend June 2-4

Go to our website: Footsteps-Sand.org



**Blood Drive Sponsored by the
GFWC Women's Club of North Haven and
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Social Action
Drive Held at St Frances Cabrini Church**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Held in the Church Hall
57 Pond Hill Road, North Haven

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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	5/28	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream)
Monday	5/29	9:30 a.m. 10:30	OFFICE CLOSED: MEMORIAL DAY Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Tuesday	5/30	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	5/31	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DBL)
Thursday	6/1	5:15 p.m. 6:30 7:00	Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	6/2	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	6/3	7:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30	MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	6/4	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Merrilee & George Gladkosky, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert, and David Gould.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:, Martha Butterworth 05/31, Jeanne Reardon 06/02, Wendy Russo 06/02, Susan Compton 06/03, David Nottingham 06/04.

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
Heather Meachen, Organist
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
Todd Swarney, Sexton

*OPENING HYMN: "Come Down, O Love Divine"

Descant

3 The year - ing strong, with which the soul will long

1 Come down, O love di - vine, seek now this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the year - ing strong with which the soul will long

shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

and vis - it it with your own ar - dour glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

for none can guess its grace, till love cre - ates the place

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till love cre - ates the place

where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes its dwell - ing.

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, my on - ward path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes its dwell - ing.

*HYMN: "In the Midst of New Dimensions" NCH 391

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" V 205

Unison

C7 F G7 C F G7

1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of

C Gm (Eb7) D

flight, like the vig - our of the wind's rush, like the
 Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
 prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

Gm F7 Bb C7 Am Dm Gm C F

new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

