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

Sunday, June 18, 2023

9:30 a.m.

**Third Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 6
Choir Appreciation Sunday**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Prelude - Benedicimus Te*

Nicolas le Begue

***OPENING HYMN:** "When in Our Music God is Glorified" **V533**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people!

PEOPLE: The winds of the Spirit have given us breath and the fire of the Spirit has kindled in us a love for God and each other.

Leader: Come here in faithfulness, and be ready for the surprises that God's Spirit brings.

PEOPLE: We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promise to us that we can live new lives of freedom and grace.

ALL: May God help us to be true people of spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days!**

***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.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

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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

Come Holy Spirit, come. Come into our place of worship this day. Come into each heart, each prayer, each song, each life here today so that we may live and love with purpose, courage, and enthusiasm serving our world.*** 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.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 18:1-15 Page 13

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

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

* **HYMN:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Turn, Turn, Turn*
Sung by the Chancel Choir

Pete Seeger
arranged by Roger Emerson

SERMON: "Access to Grace"

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY

Offertory Anthem: *look at the world*

Words and Music by John Rutter (b.1950)

Sung by the Chancel Choir

1. Look at the world,
everything all around us:
Look at the world,
and marvel every day.
Look at the world,
so many joys and wonders,
so many miracles along the way.

CHORUS:

Praise to thee, O Lord,
for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts,
that we may see:
All the gifts we share,
and every blessing,
All things come of Thee.

2. Look at the earth
bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky,
the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills,
look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river,
field and plain.

CHORUS

3. Think of the spring,
think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest
before the winter's cold.
Everything grows,
everything has a season,
till it is gathered to the Father's fold

CHORUS

4. Every good gift,
all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord
in token of his love;
We are his hands,
servants of all his bounty;
His is the earth,
and his the heav'ns above.

Praise to thee, O Lord,
for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts,
that we may see:
All the gifts we share,
and ev'ry blessing,
All things come of Thee.
All things come of Thee.

CHORUS

*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:** "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" V330

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *No. 4 Postlude*

Leon Boellmann

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Today's flowers are given by Ed and Mary Ellen Collett, In celebration
of my mom's, Dorothy Cahill, 95th birthday. We are so blessed to have
her in our life.

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.

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World

The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor
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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	6/18	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream)
Monday	6/19	9:30 a.m. 10:30 6:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	6/20	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 1:00 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) Danish Sisterhood (K) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	6/21	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DBL) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K)
Thursday	6/22		
Friday	6/23	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	6/24	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	6/25	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream)

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Makenzie Conley 06/23, Finley McBride 06/24.

***OPENING HYMN: "When in Our Music God is Glorified" V533**

Unison

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 ♦ 3 So has the church in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!

and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 ♦ in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!

it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 ♦ borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue,
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways

1-4 Hal - le - lu - jah! 5 Hal - le - lu - jah!

* HYMN: "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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Ab Eb Eb7

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps- es of truth thou
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

Ab C7 Fm C7 Fm

hast for me; place in my hands the won- der - ful key
 send- est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev - ery- where; o - pen my heart and let me pre- pare

Bb7 Bb Eb7 Refrain Ab

that shall un- clasp and set me free.
 ev - ery- thing false will dis - ap- pear. Si - lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

Eb Eb7 Ab

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

Ab7 Db Eb7 Ab

O - pen my eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart,

*CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun" V330

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 - ery 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!



See you in September