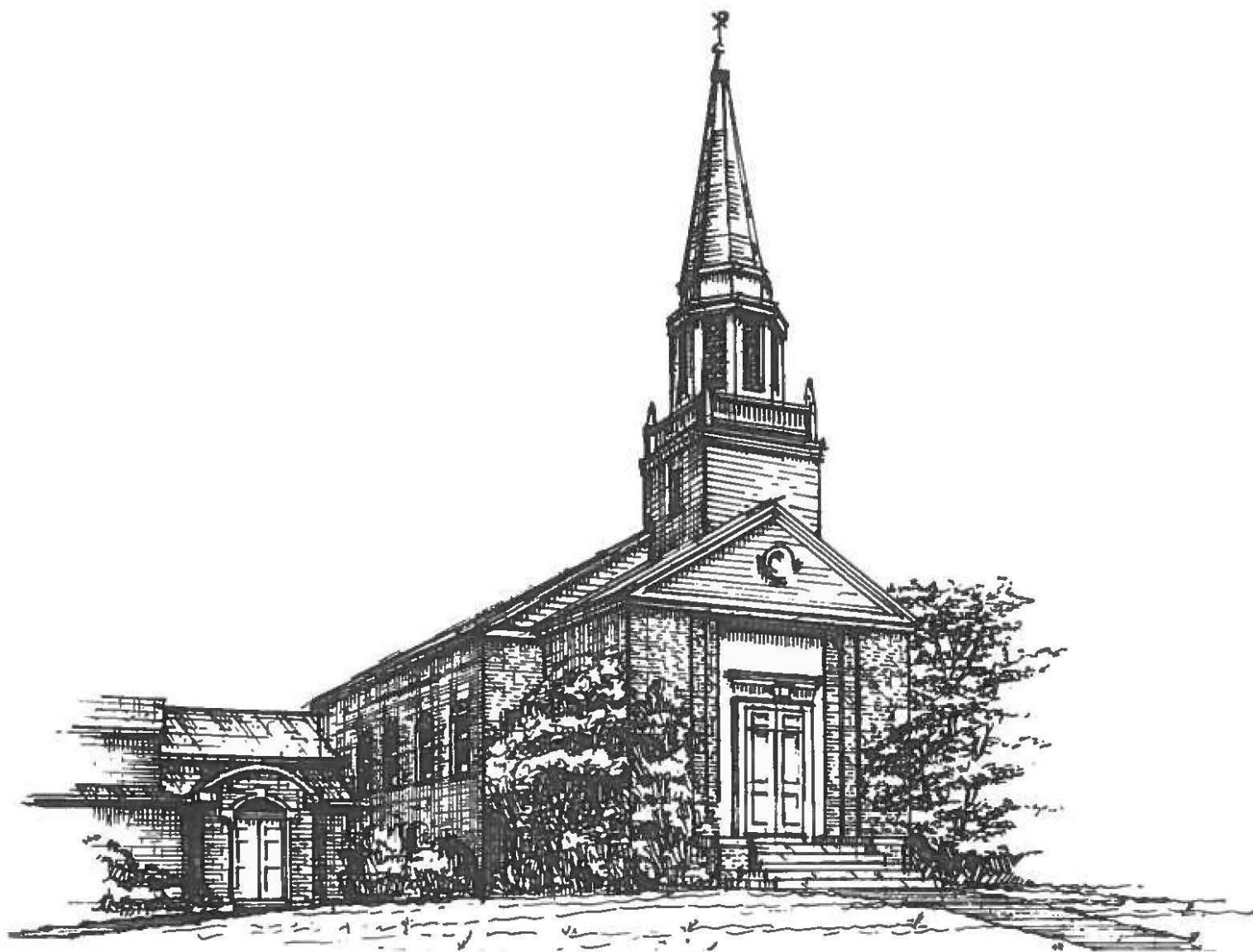


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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, June 25, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 7

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Diapson Movement*

John Stanley

***OPENING HYMN:** "This Is God's Wondrous World"

V296

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

PEOPLE: Behold, our God is a Creator.

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

PEOPLE: Behold our God is a Redeemer.

Leader: The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon
the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over
the face of the waters.

PEOPLE: Behold our God is a Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Let us worship the God who is one in three, three in one,
who heals our brokenness and gathers up all our
meanings.****

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

Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter
hatreds held and nurtured over generations. Let the rain wash away
the memory of the hurt, the neglect.

Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows. Let it burn
away the fog so that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents,
gender or skin color. And let the light of the sun be so strong that we
will see all people as our neighbors..

And let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven.##

Amen. *from A Prayer for the World - Rabbi Harold Kushner - 2003*

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

P513

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~*unison*

Gracious God we give you thanks for June with its roses and its rains. For all that is green and growing, for weddings and their anniversaries, for school children counting the hours until vacation and for reunion times of remembering younger days. We give thanks for these brief rejoicers of our lives. We also celebrate those assurances that are beyond the changing of the seasons—the promise of forgiveness and healing, the resurrection and eternal life, the scriptures of Israel’s history and the Gospel story of love made flesh in Christ Jesus. For all that blesses us, as a congregation and as individuals, we praise you, O gracious 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.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 10:24-39 Page 1156

“A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

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

* **HYMN:** “We Know That Christ Is Raised” **V448**

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 6:1b-11 Page 1298

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

SERMON: “Wanted: Dead or Alive” **Scott Morrow**

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:** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” **V288**

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Short Voluntary*

John Worgan

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Peter Hall. **Scripture Reader** is Cathy Welch.

Fellowship Hour is hosted by Carol Mitchell and Cathy Welch.

Today's flowers are given by Sandy Carter in memory of her parents Richard and Camel DeCola, her niece Cindy Henninger, and her grandson Jack Viele. Love you and miss you.

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
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Heather Meachen, Organist
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	6/25	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream)
Monday	6/26	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Tuesday	6/27	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00	AI-Anon (K) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	6/28	10:00 a.m.	WINDOW MAILING FOOD PANTRY
Thursday	6/29		
Friday	6/30	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY
Saturday	7/1	7:30 a.m.	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (CH)
Sunday	7/2	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream) CHOIR PICNIC

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: September Baraquin 06/26, Gabriella DeLuca 06/26, William Olmstead 06/28, Suzanne Light 06/29.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Jeff & Jackie Jennings 06/27, Ryan & Jennifer DiVito 06/30

1 This is God's won-drous world, and to my listen-ing ears
 2 This is God's won-drous world: the birds their car-ols raise;
 3 This is God's won-drous world: O let me ne'er for-get

all na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
 the morn-ing light, the li-ly white, de-clare their Mak-er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.

This is God's won-drous world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is God's won-drous world: God shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is God's won-drous world: why should my heart be sad? Let

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the won-ders wrought.
 rus-ling grass or moun-tain pass, God's voice speaks ev-ery-where.
 voic-es sing, let the heav-ens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad!

Unison

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The God of splend - our clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The un - i - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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.

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

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 -

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!

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