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

Sunday, July 2, 2023

9:30 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 8
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Aria "So Oft Ich Meine Tobackspfeife" *

"Whene'er I Take My Pipe"

by anonymous

***OPENING HYMN:** "The Day of Resurrection"

V164

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come to worship Almighty God.

PEOPLE: We lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.

Leader: Come to honor Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: We offer Christ our hearts, our minds, our spirits.

Leader: Come to be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.

ALL: Breathe in us, Breath of God. Alleluia.**

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

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Psalms 33:12, ESV)

Eternal God, stir our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism as we approach the Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of Your holy name and the good of our Nation and of all humankind.##
Amen.

Congressional Prayer offered by Chaplain,
Reverend Edward G. Latch on July 3, 1974.

***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 CONFESSION:~unison

Christ Jesus, we have lived as if we did not need you, pretending that life is what we make it. In those rare moments of openness when we received the gift of faith, we have assumed it was meant for us alone.

Awaken us by your Spirit to fuller dimensions of faith. Lead us to find in our neighbors new occasions to love, in the social order new paths to justice, and among the nations new ways toward peace. Reform our attitudes and behavior until in every circumstance we may, by your grace, be the instruments of your saving Word ** Amen. ~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 22:1-14 Page 17

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

V120

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

MEDITATION: “Practicing Freedom”

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation: "As We Gather at Your Table"

V457

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: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

P440

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Mit Ganczem Willen Wunsch Ich Dir

"With All My Being I Wish You Well" Cobrad Paumann

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacons are Nancy Mahoney and Cathy Welch. **Greeter** is Doris Ferner.

Today's flowers are given by Tracy Weiss. These flowers are given in thanks and prayer to Caregivers... professional caregivers, as well as our family, friends and neighbors who answer the call to help... with your care, meals, transportation, companionship, prayers, contributions, concern and support. YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE. We appreciate you!

In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert, Eleanor Lianos, 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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Robert Tait 07/04, Susan Tibor 07/04, Skye Gallagher 07/06, Karen Linsky 07/06, Karen Silk 07/06, Onalee Collins 07/06, Kayla DeLuca 07/07, Ellen Robert 07/08, Jessica McKosky 07/09.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Denise & Gerard Adinolfi 07/03, Bob & Barbara Scheidecker 07/05, Adam & Julie Schweickert 07/05, Bette & Bob DeMayo 07/07, Tom & Wendy Glynn 07/07, Damon & Gressa Quinn 07/07, Rich & Susan Baldino 07/09.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	7/2	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream)
Monday	7/3		SUMMER OFFICE HOURS START 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday	7/4	9:30 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED Al-Anon (K)
Wednesday	7/5	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY Lions Club (CH)
Thursday	7/6	6:30 p.m.	Mothers of Twins (CH)
Friday	7/7	9:30 a.m. 10:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY
Saturday	7/8	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	7/9	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream) AUCTION DROP OFF

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

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.

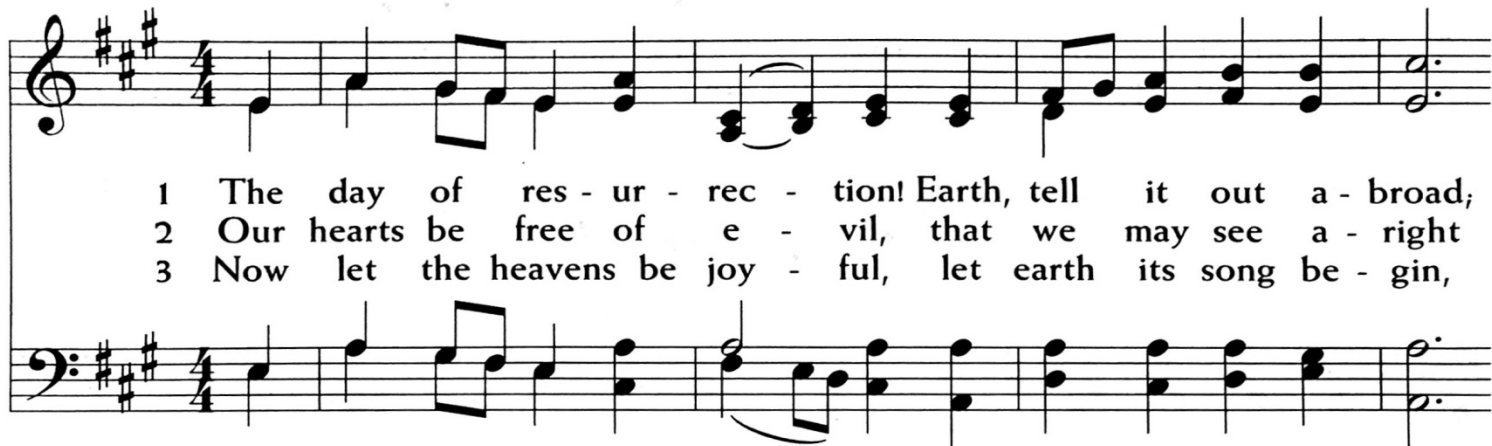
Announcements

NHCC Online Fundraising Auction


The 4th annual On-Line Fundraising Auction to help support our church and the fundraising line item on our 2023 budget will take place in July. Nine generous NHCC members have donated a variety of items, including a digital keyboard, cedar-lined hope chest, sterling silver items, flutes, an outboard motor, antiques, and more! Thank you to our donors: Joan Bennett, SueBeth Higgins, Kim Coughlin, Joyce Manzo, Anne Schneider, Sue Tibor, Doris Ferner, Sue Compton and Sarah Munson!S We could use more items, the more unique the better, such as: rugs, a fancy mirror, or Beatles albums, for example. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact a member of the B Team. **Please bring your items to the chapel after worship on Sunday July 9.** The items will be photographed and catalogued on July 10 - 12. The auction will go live on-line on July 24th and close on July 31st. Pick up will be scheduled for Saturday, August 5th (exact time to be scheduled)

The B Team, Patience B, Martin B, Martha B, Priscilla B

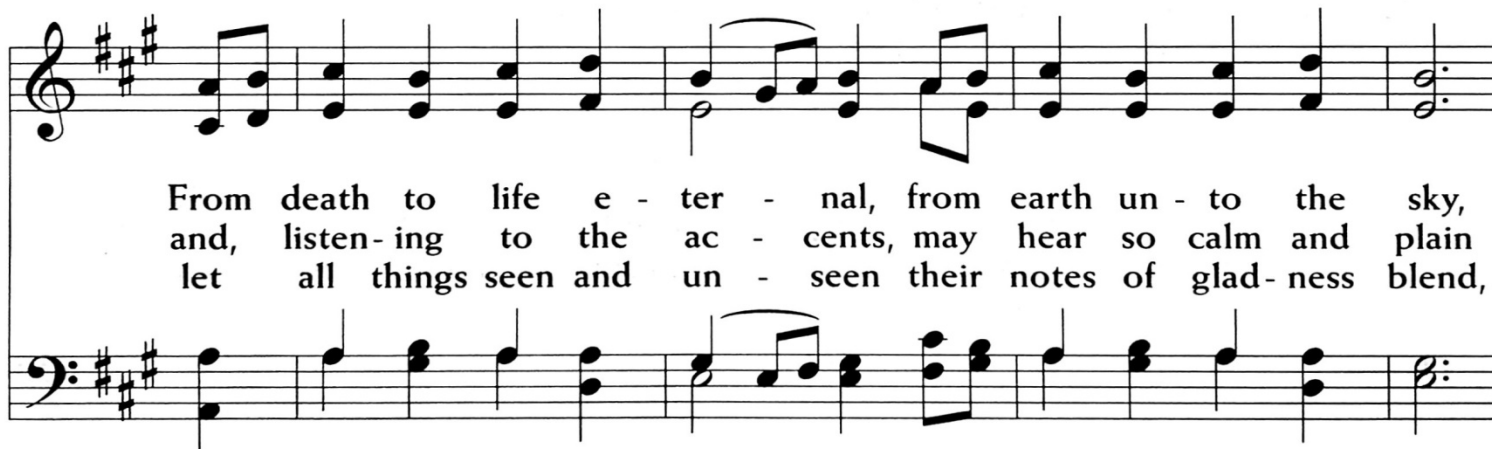
*OPENING HYMN: "The Day of Resurrection" V164



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be free of e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God!
the Christ in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in,



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, listen - ing to the ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
Christ's own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ in - deed is ris - en, our Joy that has no end.

F (Fdim F) C Dm Gm C

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ev - er near;
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you,

F G7 C (F C) G7 C

re - main for ev - er near me, my Sav - iour and my friend:
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear;
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

C7 F (D7) Gm (D7 Gm)

I shall not fear the jour - ney if you are by my side,
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to hast - en or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

Unison Bb C Harmony F Bb F C7 F

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er and shield my soul from sin.
 now speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Sav - iour and my friend.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "As We Gather at Your Table" V457

F Gm7 F Dm Bb C

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we list - en
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra -
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to

Bb F Gm7 F Dm

to your word, help us know, O God, your pres - ence;
 ment of life; send us forth to love and serve you,
 share that feast where tri - umph - ant Love will wel - come

Dm Bb C7 Bb F C

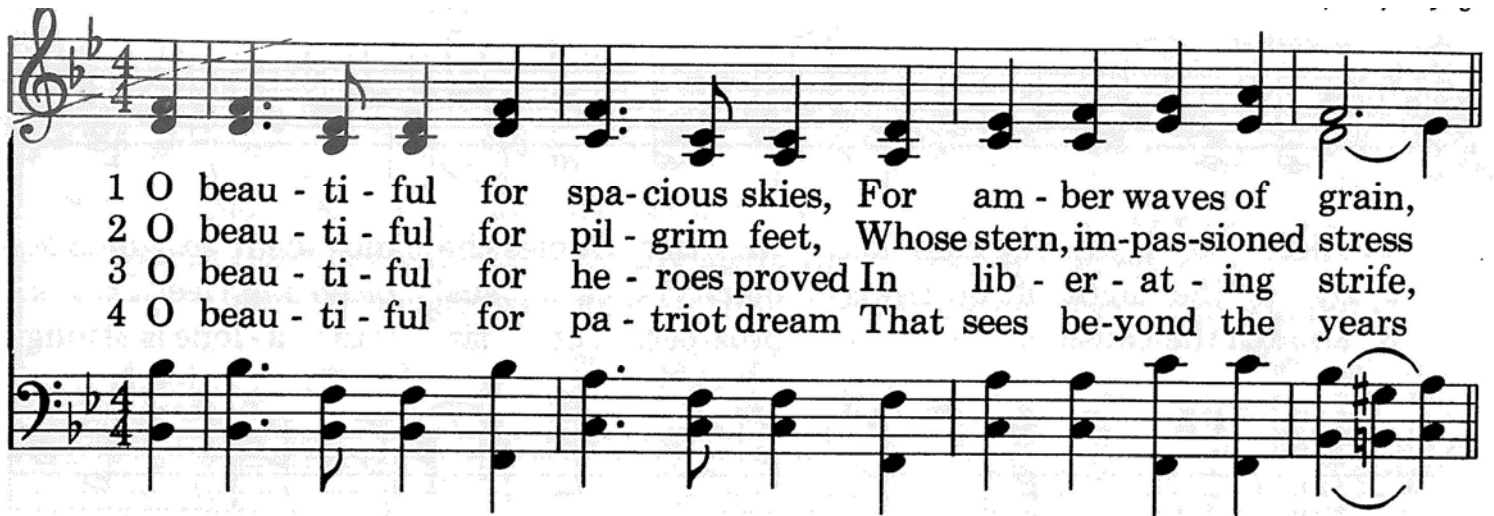
let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred
 bring - ing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great com -
 those who had been last and least. There no more will en - vy

Dm Am F Bb C Dm

sto - ry till we claim it as our own; teach us through this
 pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave; may we still be -
 blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy, as we join with

Dm7 Gm7 Bb F Gm7 Am Gm Gm7 F

ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.



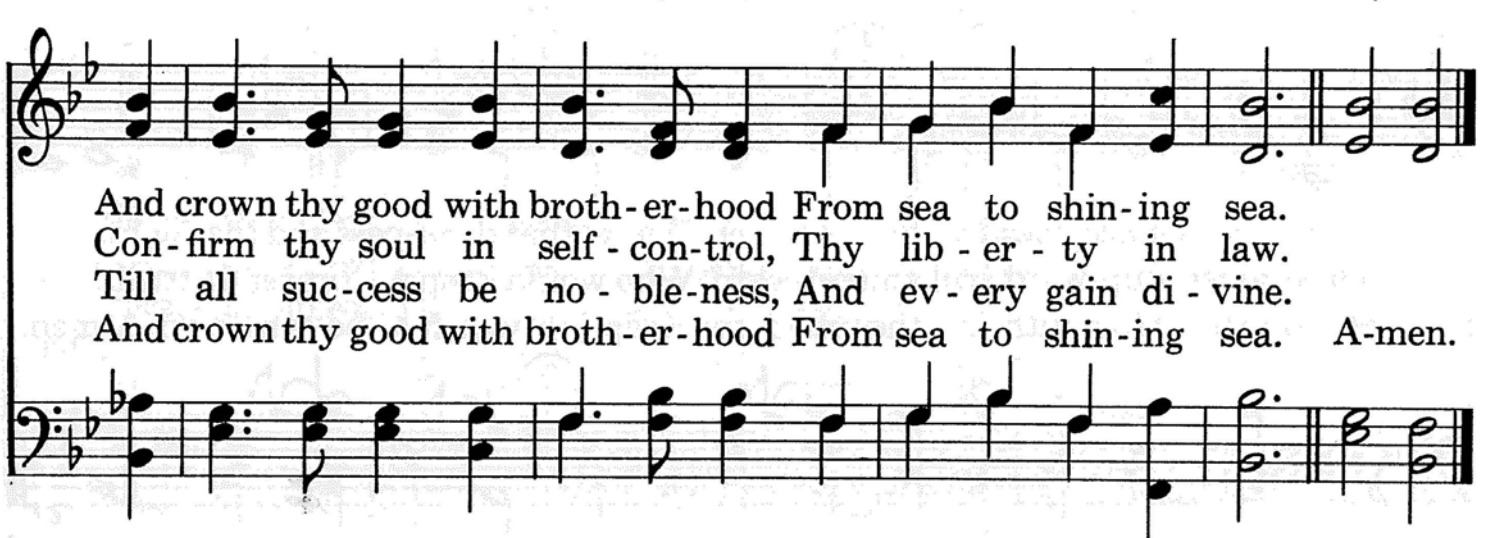
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
 3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years



For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
 Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
 Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,



And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
 Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
 Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine.
 And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea. A - men.



Summer Office Hours: The church office will be open from 8:00am to 12:00pm beginning Monday, July 3 through Friday, August 25.

