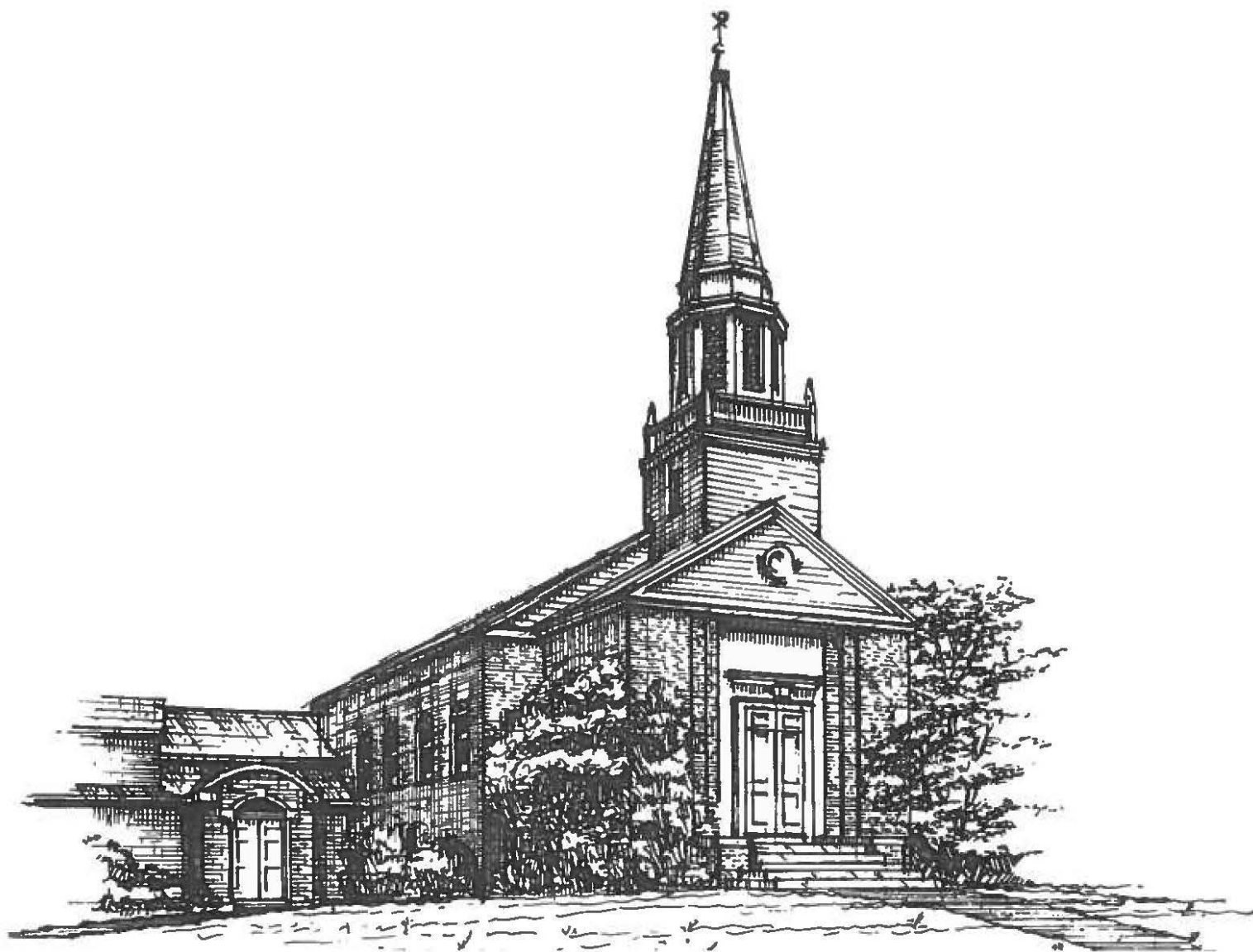


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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, July 9, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 9

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Suite Four, Fuga Prima

J.C.F.Fischer

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

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We have been called here to face into God's gracious way of living. We are to leave the past behind us and walk into these new days of our ministry.

PEOPLE: Sometimes we'd rather remember how things used to be. Sometimes we are afraid to be disciples.

Leader: But this is a new day, and Christ is sharing freedom with us. It is a day to put aside all fear, to leave doubting behind, and to take courage in God's loving call.

PEOPLE: We will look to the new day and we will strive for faithfulness, even at the cost of popularity,

ALL: and we will be disciples of Christ, renewing and healing the world around us.**

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

We ask, O God, for the grace to be our best selves.

We ask for the vision to be builders of the human community rather than its destroyers.

We ask for the humility as a people to understand the fears and hopes of other peoples.

Give us the strength it takes to listen rather than to judge, to trust rather than to fear, to try again and again to make peace even when peace eludes us.

This we ask through Jesus, the one without vengeance in his heart.##

Amen.

Sister Joan Chittister - Benedictine Sisters of Erie

***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 every shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~*unison*

God of the sojourners, we ask you presence with us on our journey through life. Help us to be faithful to your ways of love and grace. Keep us from helpless despair. Give us the power to make your love known, even in this world that seems so bent on war and hate. With your courage in our hearts, we will walk the Jerusalem road together. Amen.** 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

Scott Morrow

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 7:15-25a Page 1299

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

SERMON: “As You Love Yourself”

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:** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Ut Queant Laxis

Girolamo Diruta

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Cathy Welch. **Today's flowers** are given by Kim & Rob Natoli in celebration of their 14th wedding anniversary on 7/18.

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.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

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|------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday | 7/9 | 9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. | WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream) AUCTION DROP OFF |
| Monday | 7/10 | 9:30 a.m. | Music Together (DBL) |
| Tuesday | 7/11 | 9:30 a.m. 9:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 7:30 | Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking Lot) Building & Grounds (H) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (K) |
| Wednesday | 7/12 | 9:30 a.m. 10:00 7:00 p.m. | Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY MLB (Library) |
| Thursday | 7/13 | | |
| Friday | 7/14 | 9:30 a.m. 10:00 7:00 p.m. | Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY Danish Brotherhood (K) |
| Saturday | 7/15 | 9:30 a.m. 10:30 | Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) |
| Sunday | 7/16 | 9:30 a.m. | WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream) |

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: **Susan Guckert 6/28 (belated)**, Jessica McKosky 07/09, Logan Stewart 07/10, Marlene Bellonio 07/11, Sue Beth Higgins 07/11, Michael McBride 07/12, Carmen DeLuca 07/12, Leslie Dockendorff 07/13, Mary Ellen Collett 07/14, Kristine Powers 07/15, Thomas Jennings 07/15.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Rich & Susan Baldino 07/09.

*OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign"

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!

Descant

4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,
 1 Spi - rit of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - cies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame,
 wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame,

the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed dove,
 stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies,
 I see your cross: there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed dove,

my heart an al - tar and your love the flame.
 and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek you and O let me find!
 my heart an al - tar and your love the flame.

Chords: Bb, F7, Bb, Eb, Bb, Cm7, F7, Bb, Gm, A, Dm, G7, F, Gm/C, C7, F, F, Eb, F7, Gm, F7, Eb, F7, Bb, F, Bb, Eb, Bb, F7, Bb

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a pri - vi - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Christ the Sav - iour is our ref - uge, take it to the Lord in prayer.

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?
Do our friends des - pise, for - sake us? Are we temp - ted to des - pair?

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Je - sus' strength will shield our weak - ness, and we'll find new cour - age there.