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

Sunday, July 16, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 10

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Praeludium

Johann Pachelbel

***OPENING HYMN:** “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” V216

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Praise be to God, who reigns above the heavens.

PEOPLE: Praise be to God, who dwells within our hearts.

Leader: Let the majesty of creation worship in reverence.

PEOPLE: Let each man, woman, and child pray in faith.

ALL: Praise be to God.**

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison** David Adam, Vicar

Circle me, Lord.	Circle me, Lord.
Keep protection near	Keep light near
And danger afar.	And darkness afar.
Circle me, Lord	Circle me, Lord.
Keep hope within.	Keep peace within.
Keep doubt without.	Keep evil out.## 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 every shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Gracious God, we thank you that we can rest in you, secure amid the conflict and confusion of life. We thank you that you provide for our needs and that you have trusted us to one another's care. Free us to receive with humility and to give with joy; Open our hands to share what we have without fear of tomorrow . Anoint your people as peacemakers and justice makers, that one day humanity may choose bread over weapons and fairness over greed. 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 25:19-34 Page 21

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other;
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 28:10-22 Page 24

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and

said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON: “Lost and Found”

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:** “Be Thou My Vision

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Wo Gott Zu Haus Nit Gibt Sein Gunst

"Unless the Lord Builds the House"

Hugo Distler

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Jim Bennett.

Today's flowers are given by Sandy Carter, In Memory of my Beloved Grandson Jack Viele on the 24th anniversary of his passing. May he be with Jesus and His Angels. Grandma Sandy

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	7/16	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream)
Monday	7/17	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	7/18	9:30 a.m. 9:30 12:00 p.m. 1:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking Lot) Danish Sisterhood (K)
Wednesday	7/19	9:30 a.m. 10:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY
Thursday	7/20	7:00 p.m.	STOP THE BLEED (CH)
Friday	7/21	9:30 a.m. 10:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY
Saturday	7/22	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	7/23	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream)

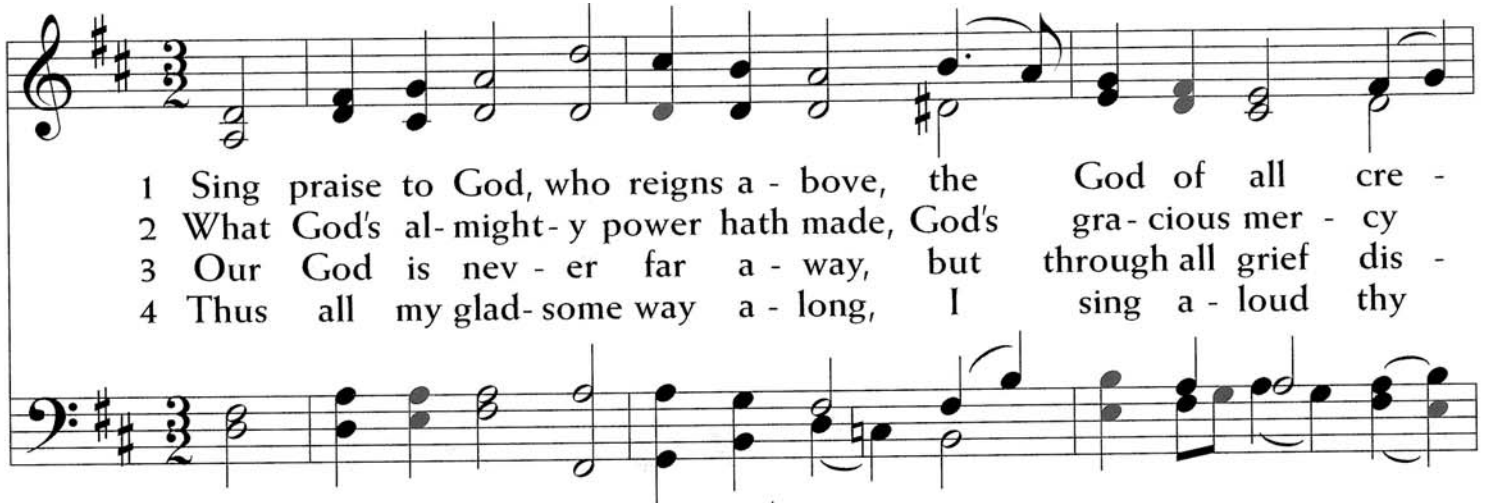
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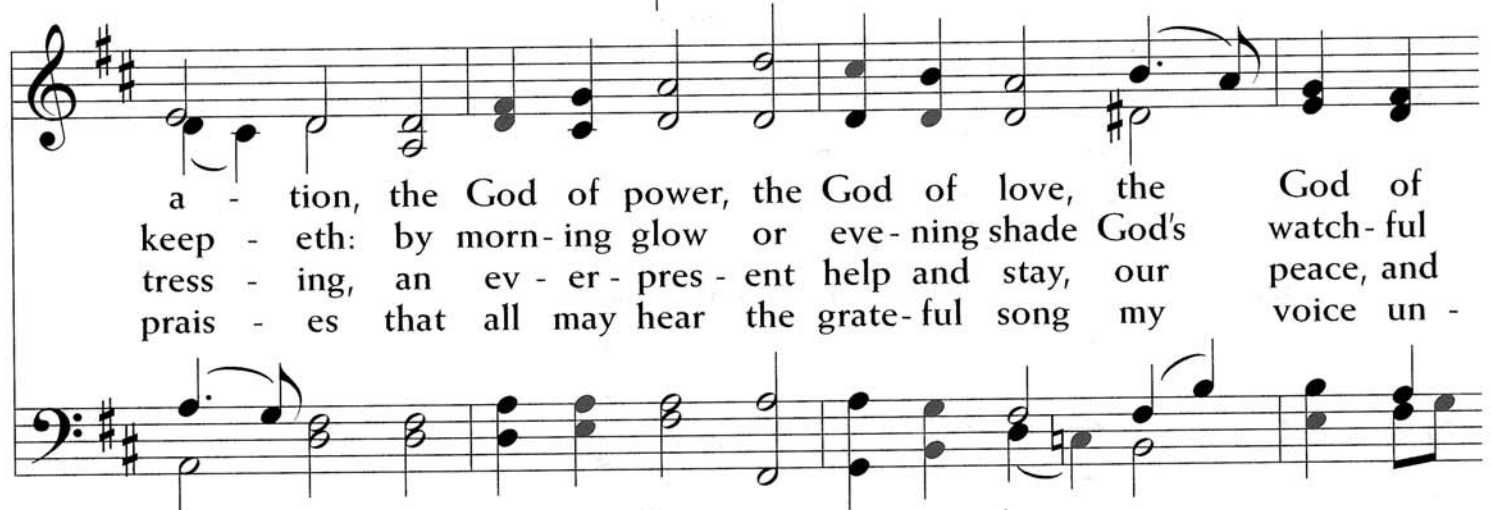
HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Jennifer Goldfuss 07/20, Megan Kundrath 07/20, Rich Baldino 07/20, Masako Miller 07/22.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Kim & Rob Natoli 07/18, Elaine & Sonny Burr 07/18, Rich & Jody Gallagher 07/22, Stephen & September Baraquin 07/23.

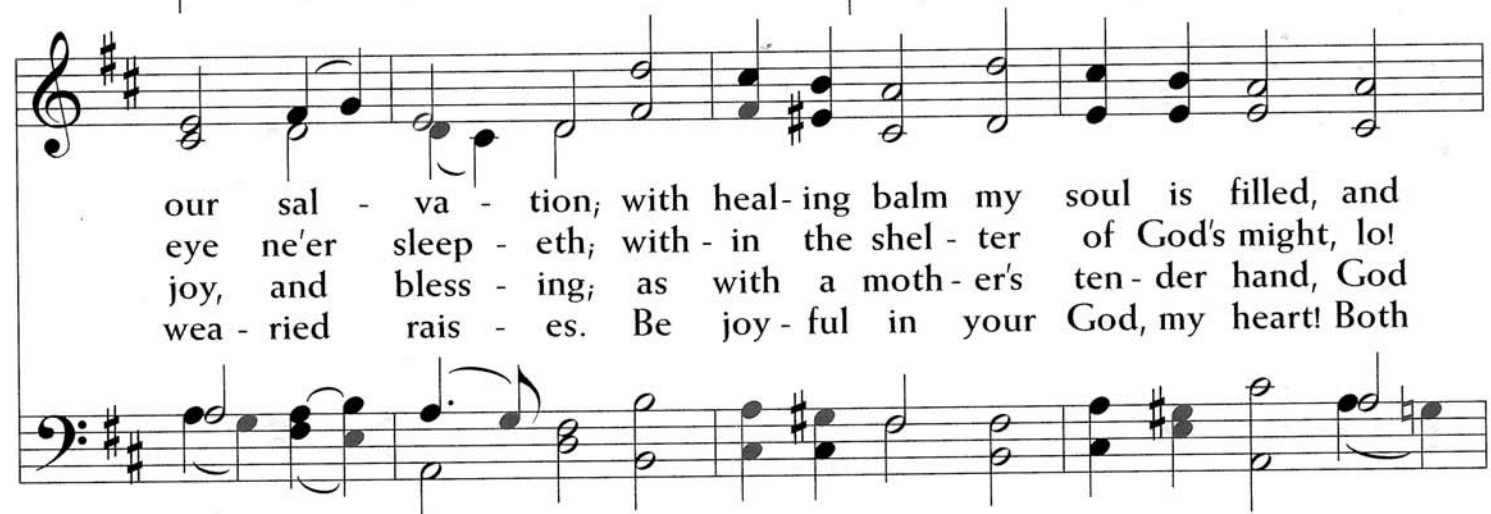
***OPENING HYMN: "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" V216**



1 Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al-might-y power hath made, God's gra-cious mer - cy
3 Our God is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -
4 Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud thy



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth: by morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch-ful
tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay, our peace, and
prais - es that all may hear the grate-ful song my voice un -



our sal - va - tion; with heal-ing balm my soul is filled, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth; with - in the shel - ter of God's might, lo!
joy, and bless - ing; as with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God
wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in your God, my heart! Both



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled:
all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
gent - ly leads the cho - sen band:
soul and bod - y take your part:

1 We are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der, We are climb-ing Ja-cob's
 2 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er, Ev - ery round goes high - er,
 3 Broth-er, do you love my Je - sus? Broth-er, do you love my

lad - der, We are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der, Sol-diers of the cross.
 high - er, Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er, Sol-diers of the cross.
 Je - sus? Broth-er, do you love my Je - sus? Sol-diers of the cross.

4 If you love him, why not serve him?
 If you love him, why not serve him?
 If you love him, why not serve him?
 Soldiers of the cross.

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.

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O joy of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, my calm in all strife;
 ♦ 3 Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for the fight;
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,
 5 Great God of heav - en, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me save that thou art,
 I ev - er with thee, and thou in my life;
 ♦ be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou lov - ing par - ent, thy child may I be,
 ♦ thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 ♦ raise thou me heav - en - ward, O power of my power.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vis - ion, O rul - er of all.

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