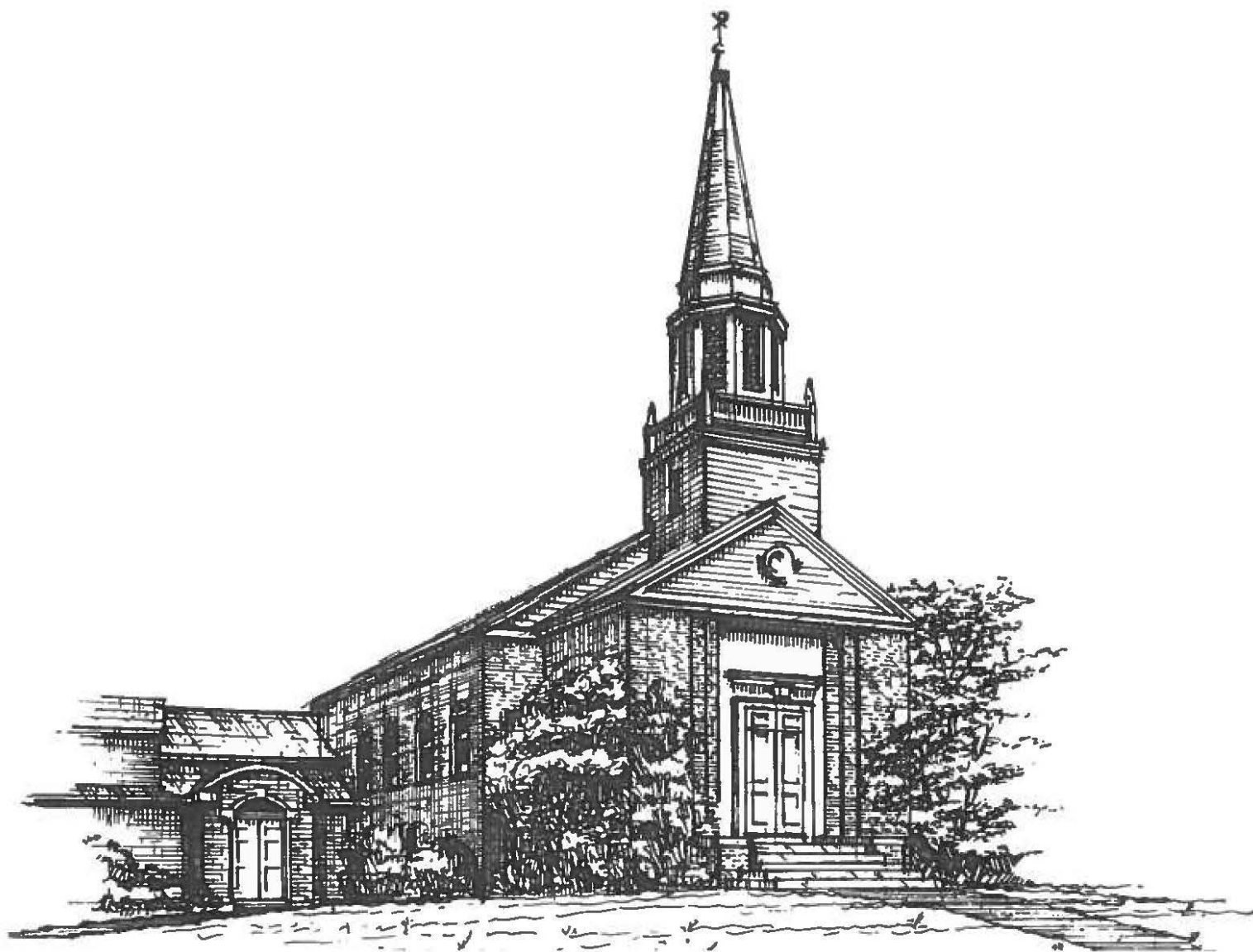


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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, August 6, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 13  
The Sacrament of Communion**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Let All Creation Bless the Lord* James Coe V 870

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Morning Has Broken" V409

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The Spirit of God calls to us,

**PEOPLE: With sighs too deep for words.**

Leader: The Spirit of God calls to us,

**PEOPLE: Claiming us,**

Leader: Summoning us to become more that we now are.

**ALL: Calling us by name: God's children.\*\*** *Mary Sue Gast*

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

Good and Gracious God,

Grant us courage to serve others; for in service there is true life.

Free us to pray for others; for You are present in every person.

Bring forth song and celebration

so that the spirit will be alive among us.

And let us never tire of the struggle for justice,

let us never tire of the work for peace.## Amen.

**\*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**

O God of love, God of power, we have heard your promises of abundant life and have been afraid to believe them. We have worshiped you with our lips but have reserved parts of ourselves for our own purposes and plans. We are bound by our need for absolute certainty and so we often miss your living presence in the surprises of life. Renew us by turning our trust to you again.\*\* Amen.

*Lois Koester Happe*

*~ silence ~*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Matthew 14:13-21 Page 1162

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

\* **HYMN:** “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Micah 6:6-8

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“With what shall I come before the Lord  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good,  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice and to love kindness  
and to walk humbly with your God?

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

**MEDITATION:** “Here for Divine Purpose”

Joseph Tobin

**PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Choral Response

**THE OFFERTORY:** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* Roger C. Wilson  
\*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: "Christ Be with Me" **V318**

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:** "Now Thank We All Our God" **V236**

## \***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Orgelstück in C Major* A. Kehrer

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**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.

**Church Staff:** All the Members, Ministers to the World  
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Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children  
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music  
Heather Meachen, Organist  
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager  
Todd Swarney, Sexton

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**

Brie Rose 08/06, Linda Rankin 08/08, Tim Peiffer 08/10, Michele Lynch 08/10, Daniel Kirk 08/11, Priscilla Bradford 08/12, Robert Scheidecker 08/12, Emma Nottingham 08/12, Cole Purcell 08/12, Jeanne Mecca 08/13, Michael Goldfuss 08/13

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:**

Michele & Richard Lynch 08/12

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The second Women's Fellowship Fair Workshop** will be in the Koinonia Room on Thursday, August 10th, starting at 6:30 pm. Materials and instructions are available. Bring a pair of scissors and your imagination!

**Thinking ahead to September...**

The Women's Fellowship will be hosting a Military Whist Card Game on Friday, September 22. This is a fun fund raiser. Seating will be limited and tickets are available now (\$12.00 per person) must be purchased in advance. Singles and couples welcome. Please call Carol Mitchell 203 668-0608 or email: [cdmitchell60@yahoo.com](mailto:cdmitchell60@yahoo.com). Light refreshments will be served and there will be a 50/50 raffle!

Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. and the game begins at 6:00 p.m.

It's fun and easy to play! Come join the fun! Bring a friend!!

Help with sewing and hand crafted projects needed.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE:**

FOR GOD SO LOVED  
THE WORLD

This holiday season, travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wisemen—along with their camels! There may be no room at the inn, but God has a lowly stable prepared as the angels announce the coming of the Messiah!

Experience MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS as it comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production from Sight & Sound Theatres.®

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OF CHRISTMAS

A 2-day bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, to see

*The Miracle of Christmas*,  
December 6-7, 2023.

This trip is open to EVERYONE—all church members and their families and friends!

Please see Carol Mitchell or Dot Pierce for a flyer and registration form. Deposit of \$100 is due at registration, and the balance is due no later than October 1.

Reservations are limited, so please sign up ASAP. Don't miss the opportunity to see this show. Sign up today!



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/6</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8/7</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8/8</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 12:00 p.m. 12:30	<b>Al-Anon (CH)</b> Music Together (DBL) <b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS (Library)</b> PLP (Parking Lot/Library)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8/9</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 a.m. 7:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN MLB (Library)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8/10</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8/11</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 a.m. 7:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Danish Brotherhood (K)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8/12</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Music Together (DBL)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)</b>

\*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.



\*OPENING HYMN: "Morning Has Broken"

V409

C Am Dm Em Fmaj7 C

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,  
 3 Ours is the sun - light! Ours is the morn - ing

Am Em Fmaj7 Em7 Gsus4 G

black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

Em Am Dm C Am Gsus4 G

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Em C Am Dm7 G Csus4 C

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!



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,

# Hymn of Preparation: "Christ Be with Me"

V318

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be -  
2 Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in  
hind me, Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to  
qui - et, Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that  
win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me.  
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

E♭ Ab E♭ Fm B♭ E♭ B♭7 E♭

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,  
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God for all that has been giv - en,

E♭ Ab E♭ Ab G Ab B♭ E♭

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spir - it blest who dwell in high - est heav - en,

B♭ F7 B♭ E♭ B♭ E♭ B♭ Cm D Gm

who from our moth - er's arms has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore;

Gm C Fm C Fm E♭ Ab E♭ B♭ E♭

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ill in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.