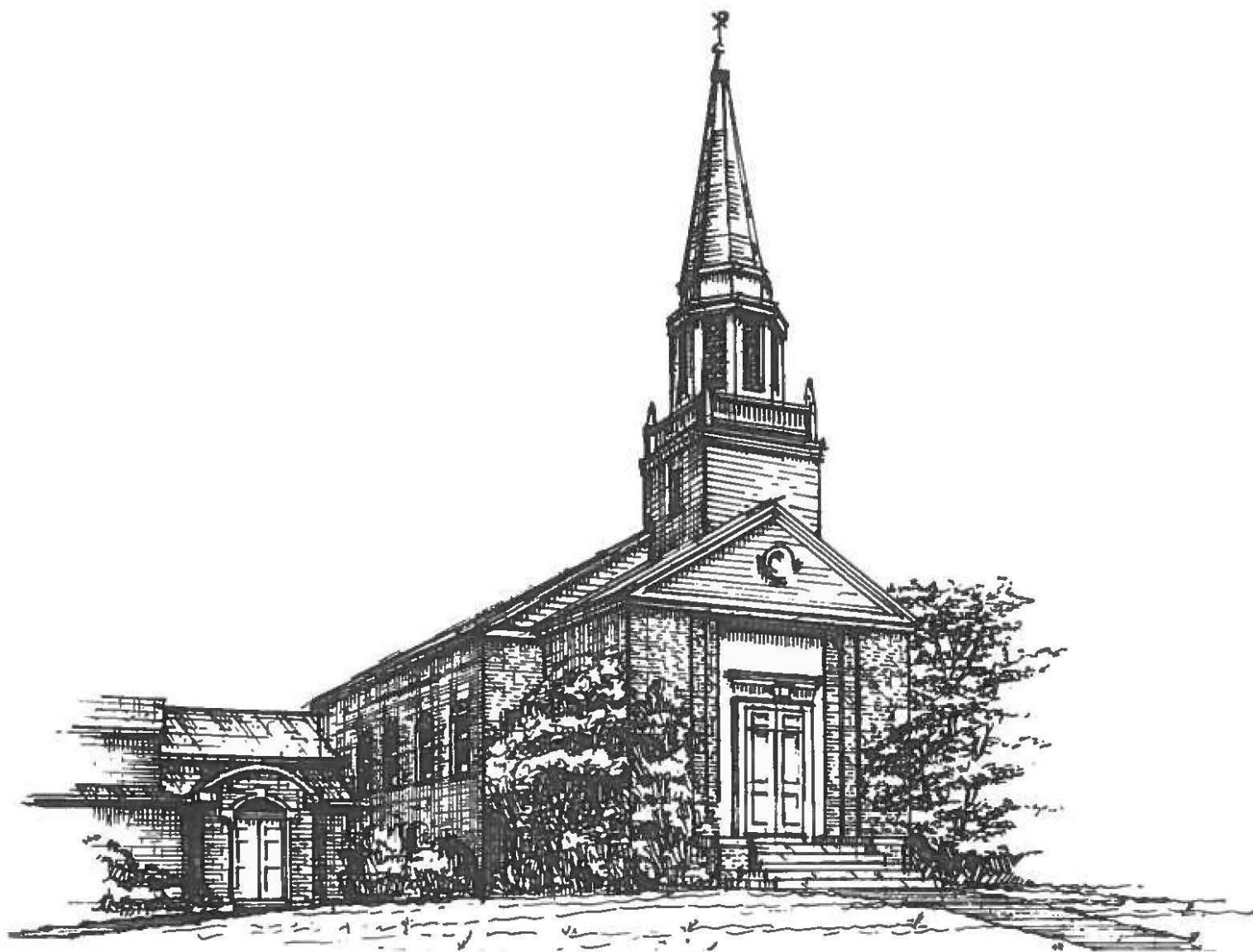


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North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, August 20, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 15

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Adagio K 356*

W. A. Mozart

***OPENING HYMN:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” **V333**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We gather together to worship God.

PEOPLE: Who comes to us when we least expect it.

Leader: Who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives.

PEOPLE: And invites us to join Him in the adventure of faith.

ALL: Now let’s listen and all worship God together!

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

“Lord, you establish peace for us; all that we have accomplished, you have done for us.” “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” “For God is not a God of disorder, but of peace – as in the congregations of the Lord’s people. 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 and loving God, we give you thanks for our trials and tribulations. We give you thanks for all of the obstacles that we have to learn to overcome. We give you thanks for all the storms that we have to weather in order to feel the warm and refreshing rays of the sun on our faces. Thank you for the promise of forgiveness and healing, the resurrection and eternal life, the Gospel stories that turn our flesh into you, Christ Jesus. For all that blesses us, as a congregation and as individuals, we praise you, O 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: Ezekiel 1:1, 27-28 (NIV) P. 758

In my thirtieth year, in the fourth month on the fifth day, while I was among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him. Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him.

This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD.

When I saw it, I fell facedown, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** "O Lord My God"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)

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Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified.

"It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately

said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's

you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come,"

he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and

came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and,

beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus

reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said,

"why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind

died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying,

"Truly you are the Son of God."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Eye of the Storm*
Guitar and Vocals by Tim Peiffer

Ryan Stevenson

Chorus:

In the eye of the storm, You remain in control
And in the middle of the war, You guard my soul
You alone are the anchor, When my sails are torn
Your love surrounds me, In the eye of the storm

Verse 1:

When the solid ground is falling out from underneath my feet
Between the black skies, and my red eyes, I can barely see
When I realize I've been sold out by my friends and my family
I can feel the rain reminding me

Verse 2:

Mmm, when my hopes and dreams are far from me
And I'm runnin' out of faith
I see the future I picture slowly fade away
And when the tears of pain and heartache
Are pouring down my face
I find my peace in Jesus' name

Verse 3:

When they let me go and I just don't know how I'm gonna make ends meet
I did my best now i'm scared to death that we might lose everything
And when a sickness takes my child away and there's nothing I can do
My only hope is to trust you
I trust You, Lord

[Chorus]

SERMON: "Facing Your Storms"

John Esposito

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY: *World Peace*

Miller/Jackson

*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:** "Give to the Winds Thy Fears"

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Prelude in F BWV 556*

J. S. Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

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We welcome Pastor John Esposito as our preacher and worship leader this morning. We also welcome Gail DeBoer as substitute organist this morning.

Deacons are Nancy Mahoney and Tim Peiffer. **Scripture Reader** is Doris Ferner. **Greeter** is Dot Pierce.

Today's flowers are given by Cynthia Boerma Campos. These flowers are dedicated as an early birthday gift of Appreciation to Cathy Welch ahead of her birthday next Sunday, her thoughtfulness through the years, her mother to mother guidance, her gift of speaking Spanish, and her and Ken's warm welcome to North Haven Congregational Church many years ago.

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, Paul Menillo, and David Gould.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Adam Schweickert 08/21, Alexis Dubail 08/24, Ella Tolisano 8/27.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Jeanne & Billy Mecca 08/18, Nancy & Ken Mahoney 08/18, John & Sue Tibor 08/19, Walter & Phyllis Kaercher 08/20, Scott Morrow & Carol Amico 08/22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our church will be sponsoring the school backpack projects again this year. Our Covenant to Care social worker will supply names and ages of children which will be available in church on Sunday. If you are unable to get to the church you may email Kathy Harple at harpleka@gmail.com and a name will be provided. Below is a list of supplies for each backpack. If you are unable to provide everything needed for a backpack, the Covenant to Care fund will buy anything else needed. If you wish to give money you may send a check to the church with Covenant to Care written on the memo line. Please have backpack or money to the church by Monday August 28, 2023. The children and families we serve are extremely grateful for our gifts.

Thank you

Elementary School Inventory

Age appropriate book
Small pack of tissues
Colored pencils
Drawing pad
Erasers
Glue sticks
Journal
Markers (nonpermanent)
Notebooks and paper (loose leaf)
Pencils, sharpener
Ruler
Blunt scissors
Binder
Tape
Key chain toy

Middle/High School Inventory

Age appropriate book
Colored pencils, pens
Colorful spiral notebooks
Drawing pad
Erasers
Glue sticks
Journal
Markers (nonpermanent)
Red pen
#2 Pencils, sharpener
Ruler
File folders, colorful
Binder
Tape
Geometric stencils
Compass
Three hole loose leaf paper

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. 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:

Miracle at Christmas

December 6-7, 2023



Day 1: Our travels take us to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. This morning we **depart at 8:00 a.m. from North Haven Congregational Church at 28 Church Street, North Haven, CT.** We stop for lunch at the lovely **Lititz Springs Inn and Spa** before taking an Amish tour with a local guide. Our guide will share with us the life of the Amish and give us understanding of the Amish culture. After, we check-in to our accommodations for the evening, **The Cork Factory Hotel.** This 19th Century building once housed the historic Armstrong Cork and Kerr Glass Companies. There is time to freshen up before we sit back and enjoy **dinner.** (L,D)

Day 2: This morning, a **full breakfast** is included before travelling into the heart of Lancaster County to take our reserved seats at **Sight & Sound Theatre** for their production of **"Miracle at Christmas."** 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. After, we travel to **Kitchen Kettle Village,** known to be a quick stop where we stock up on jams and jellies and other local crafts. Here, we have time here for lunch, on our own. This afternoon, we travel home with great memories of a more stylish side of Lancaster County PA. (B)

\$409 pp Double | \$369 pp Triple | \$469 Single

FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

Dot Pierce | 203-634-6695

Checks Payable: Tours of Distinction

2-Day 'Miracle at Christmas' Includes:

- Roundtrip Motor-coach
- 1-Night, The Historic Cork Factory Hotel
- 3 Meals: 1 Breakfast | 1 Lunches | 1 Dinner
- Reserved Tickets for **'Miracle at Christmas'** at Sight & Sound Theatre
- Kitchen Kettle Village
- Roundtrip Baggage Handling
- Tours of Distinction Tour Director
- Gratuities for the Tour Director and Bus Driver



CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	8/20	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	8/21	6:00 p.m.	CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	8/22	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:45	Al-Anon (CH) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) Meeting (CH)
Wednesday	8/23	10:00 a.m.	WINDOW DEADLINE FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Thursday	8/24		
Friday	8/25	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	8/26		
Sunday	8/27	9:30 a.m. 10:45	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) FAITH FORMATION MT (K)

*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.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven to
 2 Come, al - might - ty to de - li - ver; let us all thy
 3 Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 grace re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com -
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 ly re - stored in thee, changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and
 glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we

us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

* HYMN: "O Lord My God"

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B \flat Eb

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

B \flat F7 B \flat

con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,
 I hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

E \flat

I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion

B \flat F7 B \flat

thy power through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-iour God, to thee, How great thou art!

This system contains the first two lines of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (Bb and Eb). The lyrics are: "Then sings my soul, my Sav-iour God, to thee, How great thou art!". Chord symbols Bb, Eb, Bb, and F are placed above the treble staff.

How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - iour God, to

This system contains the next two lines of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats. The lyrics are: "How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - iour God, to". Chord symbols Bb and Eb are placed above the treble staff.

thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

This system contains the final two lines of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats. The lyrics are: "thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!". Chord symbols Bb, Eb, F7, and Bb are placed above the treble staff.

***CLOSING HYMN: "Give to the Winds Thy Fears" insert**

1. Give to the winds thy fears; Hope and be un - dis - mayed;
2. Through waves, and clouds, and storms, He gen - tly clears thy way;
3. Leave to his sov - ereign sway To choose and to com - mand;
4. Far, far a - bove thy thought His coun - sel shall ap - pear,

God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
Wait thou his time; so shall this night Soon end in joy - ous day.
So shalt thou, won - dering, own his way How wise, how strong his hand!
When ful - ly he the work hath wrought That caused thy need - less fear.