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

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 18**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Preludio*

C. Adolfo Bossi

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

**CHORAL INTROIT:** *You Are Salt for the Earth, O People*

Text: Matt: 5:13-15

Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt

Tune: Marty Haugen. 1986

Voice

Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of jus-tice, bring forth the Ci-ty of God

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

**PEOPLE: This is the place where prophets cry out for peace and justice and righteousness.**

Leader: This is the place where God reaches down into the corners of our lives ...

**PEOPLE: to offer us the mystery of holy love.**

Leader: This is no ordinary gathering.

**PEOPLE: This is no ordinary place:**

**ALL: This is the house of God.\*\***

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

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.## Amen.

*St. Francis of Assisi - 13th Century*

**\*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 INVOCATION:~unison**

Gracious God, we ask your blessing presence among us. We gather today after we have been scattered to many places, and we begin a new church year full of excitement even if wistful for summer relaxation. Bless this church family – bless singers and pray-ers and workers and teachers and servers of so many kinds that all worship and ministry might be to your greater glory and that our giftr of the Spirit might build up the body of Christ.\*\*\* Amen.

*Maren C. Tirabassi*

**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**

Karlee Etter

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Exodus 12:1-14

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The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation

of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. “This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

\* **HYMN:** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” **V651**

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Romans 13:8-14 Page 1304

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**SONG OF WELCOME: *Draw the Circle Wide*** Words - Gordon Light

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Music by Mark A. Miller

*Draw the circle,  
draw the circle wide.  
Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.  
No one stands alone,  
we'll stand side by side.  
Draw the circle,  
draw the circle wide.*

*Draw the circle wide,  
draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song:  
no one stands alone.  
Standing side by side,  
draw the circle,  
draw the circle wide.*

**SERMON:** “Stand By for Departure”

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:** “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” **V560**

\***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Voluntary* [in D Major]

Samuel Jackson

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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## **WORLD PRAYERS** –[www.worldprayers.org](http://www.worldprayers.org) - retrieved 11/06/15

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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, Meg Adams, Paul Menillo, and David Gould.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** AnnMarie Czajkowski 9/10, Ryan Petrucci 09/11, Aaron Weiss 09/12, Flo Coulston 09/15, Kim Coughlin 09/16, Denise Adinolfi 09/17.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Save the Dates:**

The Women's Fellowship is hosting a Military Whist Card Game on **Friday, September 22**. This is a fun fund raiser. Seating is limited and tickets, 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 open at 5:15 p.m. and the game begins at 6:00 p.m.  
It's fun and easy to play! Come join us!! Bring a friend!!!

### **December seems a long way off.**

Now is the time to think about the **Miracle of Christmas at Sight & Sound Theater** trip, **December 6 & 7**, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship. The cut-off date for reservations with the \$100.00 deposit is September 15<sup>th</sup>. For information contact Dot Pierce (203-634-6695). Check the flyer for detailed information.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9/10</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:45 10:45 4:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)</b> Rally Day: All church Picnic Confirmation Meeting (Library) OASIS: Kick Off Party (SGC)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>9/11</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 6:30 p.m.	<b>Musical Together (DBL)</b> Musical Together (DBL) New Haven Camera Club (CH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>9/12</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 12:00 p.m. 12:30 6:00 7:00	<b>Al-Anon (CH)</b> BUILDING & GROUNDS (Library) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9/13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 5:15 7:00 7:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Musical Together (DBL) PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom) Alanon District Family (CH) MLB (Library)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>9/14</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> 10:30 7:00 p.m. 7:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> ENDOWMENT MEETING (H) CHANCEL CHOIR Garden Club (CH)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9/15</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Musical Together (DBL)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9/16</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>  10:30	<b>MENS FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (CH)</b> Music Together (DBL)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9/17</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 2:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)</b> OASIS Apple Picking (Blue Hills Orchard)

\*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: "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:

\* HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

V651

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 1 Gui - de - moi, Ber - ger fi - dè - le, en ce mon - de  
 2 Christ, tu es la sour - ce vi - ve des bi - ens les

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y,  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 pè - le - rin, prends à toi mon coeur re - bel - le,  
 plus pré - cieux fais que pour toi seul je vi - ve,

hold me with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer,  
 gui - de - moi, sois mon sou - tien, pain de vi - e,  
 gui - de - moi du haut des cieus; viens, pro - tè - ge,

bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no more,  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
 pain de vi - e, de ta grâ - ce nour - ris - moi,  
 viens pro - tè - ge, sois mon roc, mon bou - cli - er,

feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield.  
 de ta grâ - ce nour - ris - moi.  
 sois mon roc, mon bou - cli - er.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
 bid my anxious fears subside;  
 death of death, and hell's destruction,  
 land me safe on Canaan's side:  
 songs of praises, songs of praises  
 I will ever give to thee  
 I will ever give to thee.

3 Du Jourdain je suis les rives;  
 quand j'ai peur, rassure-moi.  
 À Sion, qu'enfin j'arrive,  
 affermis ma faible foi;  
 tes louanges, tes louanges,  
 à jamais je chanterai,  
 à jamais je chanterai.

\*CLOSING HYMN: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

V560

D G D Em E A A Bm7 A7

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move with some clear,  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee, in clos - er,  
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

D Bm7 E7 A A7 Em A7 D

paths of ser - vice free; teach me thy se - cret,  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

G D A D A7 Bm A7 D Em A D

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sure and strong, in trust that tri - umphs ov - er wrong,  
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.