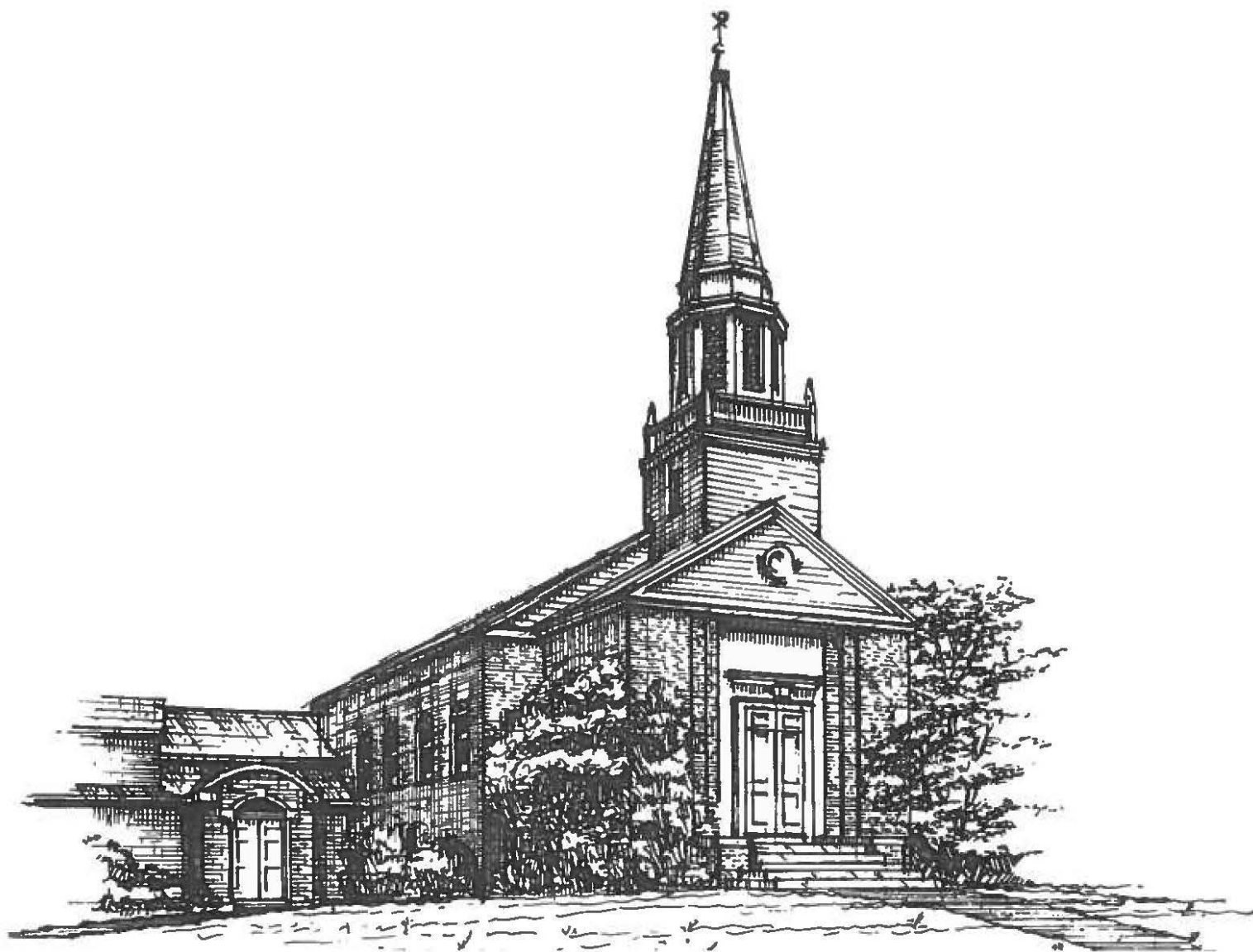


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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, September 17, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 19

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Orgelstuck*

Justin Heinrich Knecht

***OPENING HYMN:** "The Day of Resurrection"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: May God's peace rest on our busy lives so that we are quieted into prayer.

PEOPLE: May God's love flow through our worship words so that we are awake to opportunities for service.

Leader: May God's grace embrace every need

PEOPLE: and may the restless Gospel set our hearts on fire.

ALL: Amen and amen.**

Maren C. Tirabassi

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

Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations.

Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect.

Then let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows.

Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken.

Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly.

So that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, gender or skin color.

And let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all people as our neighbors. Let the earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers to surround us with beauty. And let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven.## Amen.

From A Prayer for the World by Rabbi Harold Kushner

***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*

We worship you, O God, and thank you that you receive us when we turn to you. We turn to you now, trusting the promise of Jesus Christ to be with us whenever two or three gather in his name. Come to us, and fill us with your Spirit of unity and truth, that we may serve you in the world; for we pray in Jesus' name.** Amen. *Ruth C. Duck*

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: Genesis 50:15-21

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Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

* **HYMN:** "At the Name of Jesus"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 18:21-35

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Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold,

together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

ANTHEM: *Fill My Cup*

Text & Music: Isaiah Jones, Jr.

"Fill my cup; let it overflow; fill my cup; let it overflow; fill my cup; let it overflow; let it overflow with love."

Sung by Chancel Choir

SERMON: "Forgive As Freely As...."

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:** "Dear God Who Loves All Humankind" V 608

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Organ Piece*

Adolph Hesse

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Jim Bennett. **Scripture Reader** is Jim Bennett.

Today's flowers are given by Dot Pierce, In loving memory of Greg who went home to be with the Lord, 4 years ago this week.

It feels like 4 ever that you've been gone! I miss you everyday and will always love you!

Greg and I would have been married for 56 years on September 23rd

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

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: Denise Adinolfi 09/17, Carol Lacobelli 09/21, Greg Brenner 09/22, Patience Benassi 09/23, Jennifer Coulston 09/23, Linda Simonson 09/23, Brooklyn Mastracchio 09/23, Lexie Cooper 09/23.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: John & Rhonda Masnato 09/21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fair Craft workshops

Help with sewing and handcrafted projects is needed. Fair Workshops will be in the Koinonia Room in September. Materials and instructions for projects for the fair will be available. We hope you will join us!

Save the date: Military Whist Card Game

The Women's Fellowship's Military Whist Card Game will be on Friday, September 22. Tickets are available now (\$12.00 per person) and 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. There will be a 50/50 raffle! Our Fundraisers help support Church projects and local organizations. 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!!

Holy Land Presentation: NH Library on Wednesday 9/27

If you missed the recent presentation of the Holy Land visit by John Tibor and Mary Johnston, here's another opportunity. John and Mary are offering the Holy Land Presentation at the North Haven Memorial Library on Wednesday, September 27 at 2:30 pm. This presentation has been slightly refined from the earlier one and is scheduled for approximately one hour. Registration should be made on the Library Website, under Programs/Events register on Programs-Adult.

Comedy Night fundraiser: Saturday, October 21st,

the doors to Carroll Hall will open at 6:00 pm; the show will start at 7:30 pm; pizzas, subs, snacks, and soft drinks will be available to all attendees, as well as the opportunity to purchase tickets for both a baskets raffle and a 50/50 drawing; and tickets, priced at just \$25.00, can be purchased by contacting the undersigned (Jim Bennett) at either 203-909-1079 or at pdgjim98@gmail.com. Our goal is to sell all 100 tickets, so please let Jim know how many YOU will take.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	9/17	9:30 a.m. 10:45 2:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Newcomers Discussion (L) OASIS: Apple Picking (Blue Hills)
Monday	9/18	9:30 a.m. 10:30 6:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	9/19	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:30 1:00 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (CH) BUILDING & GROUNDS (Library) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) Danish Sisterhood (K) United Girls Choir (CH) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	9/20	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 5:00 p.m. 6:00	WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Condo Assoc. Meeting (CH) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K)
Thursday	9/21	9:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 6:00 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD COUNCIL Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	9/22	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 4:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) WF MILITARY WHIST (CH)
Saturday	9/23	9:30 a.m. 10:30 6:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) OASIS Overnight (SGC)
Sunday	9/24	9:30 a.m. 11:15	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Food Delivery (Catholic Church)

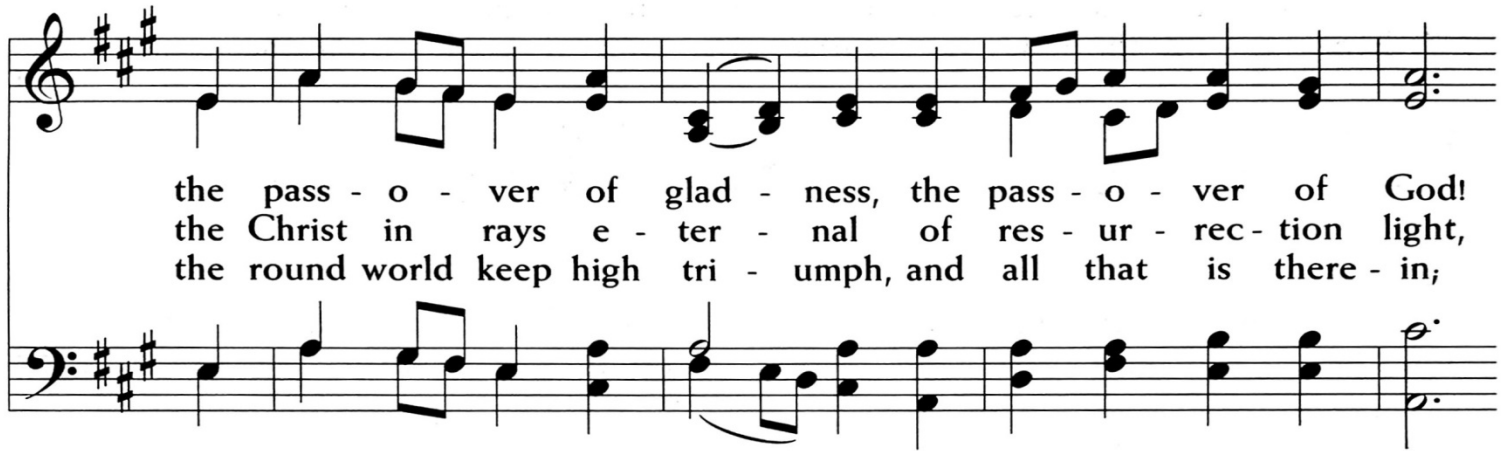
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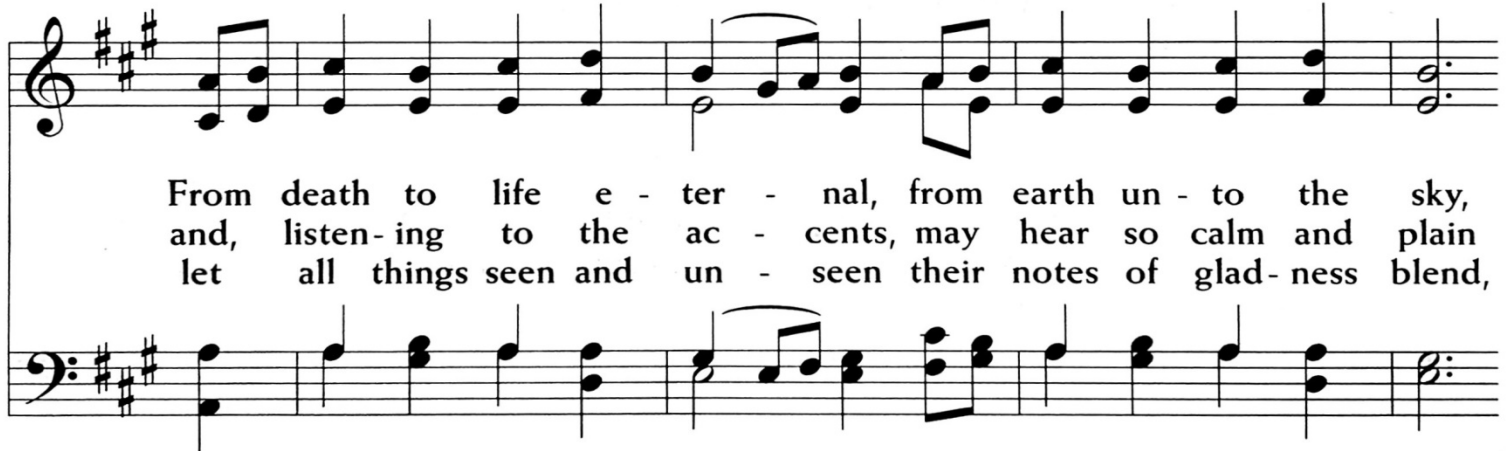
*OPENING HYMN: "The Day of Resurrection"



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be free of e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God!
the Christ in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in,



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, listen - ing to the ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain
let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
Christ's own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ in - deed is ris - en, our Joy that has no end.

Unison

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 ♦ 3 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 ♦ but with awe and won - der, and with ba - ted breath;
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

'tis our God's great plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it, spot - less to the last,
 ♦ he is God the Sav - iour, he is Christ the Lord,
 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
 ♦ ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Dear God Who Loves All Humankind" V 608

1 Dear God, who loves all hu - man - kind, for -
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
 ♦ 3 O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness till
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy

give our fool - ish ways; re - clothe us in our
 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
 ♦ calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let

right - ful mind; in pur - er lives thy
 of the Lord, let us, like them, with -
 ♦ share with thee the si - lence of e -
 strain and stress, and let our or - dered
 flesh re - tire: speak through the earth - quake,

ser - vice find, in deep - er re - verence, praise.
 out - a word rise up, and fol - low thee.
 ♦ ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.
 wind and fire, O still small voice of calm!

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.