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Pink Sunday

North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, October 15, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 23

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Season of Generosity

Pink Sunday

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Praeludium*

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***OPENING HYMN:** “Jesus Shall Reign”

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God of abundant grace called Jonah long ago.

PEOPLE: God of abundant grace calls us today.

Leader: God called Jonah to share the good news of God’s grace.

PEOPLE: God is calling us to share the good news of God’s grace.

Leader: Come

PEOPLE: Despite our fears,

Leader: Come

PEOPLE: Despite our desires to run away,

Leader: Come

PEOPLE: Despite our worries that we are not enough,

Leader: Come

ALL: Let us worship the one who calls us.**

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

O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth;

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust;

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let your peace fill our hearts, our homes, our world, our universe.

Amen. V692

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***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 ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION AND GROWTH:~unison

Gracious God, you have created a world of abundance – an abundance of love and of grace. And yet, like Jonah, we run away. Rather than answering your call, we are preoccupied with ourselves. Instead of extravagantly sharing your abundance, we have lived life as if your treasures are scarce. Help us to answer your call to practice generosity, and to take the abundance of treasures you have given to us into our communities to transform lives.** Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

ALL: Thanks be to God

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 BAPTISM OF JAMESON MICKOLYZCK

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HYMN OF BLESSING: “May God Who Creates You”

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Gabriella DeLuca

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jonah - selections Page 848

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, “Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it, for their wickedness has come up before me.” But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the sailors were afraid, and each cried to his god.

Then they cried out to the LORD, “Please, O LORD, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.” So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.

But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*** HYMN: “There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy”**

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 4:1-9 Page 1183

Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on a path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root it withered away. Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.” And he said, “If you have ears to hear, then hear!”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Tune: FAITHFULNESS - Marion G. Runyan

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator, there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou has been thou forever wilt be.

[Refrain:]

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand
hath provided -- great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars
in their courses above; join with all nature in manifold witness to thy
great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to
cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow --
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide. [Refrain]

Thomas Chisholm, author of “Great is Thy Faithfulness” led a pretty ordinary life. He did not write this hymn during a period of intense grief or after encountering God in a profound way. Instead, he found truth in the words he encountered in Lamentations 3:22-23: “Because of the LORD’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Jeremiah, on the other hand, was in tumultuous circumstances when writing Lamentations. The people to whom he prophesied did not listen, and he was ostracized and completely alone because of what God called him to do. He also lamented the consequences of their faithlessness. God allowed them to be conquered by the Babylonians, resulting in their entire world being laid to waste. But in the midst of that utter devastation, Jeremiah still offers them hope on the horizon: they are not completely destroyed because of the LORD’s compassion and faithfulness, and in the morning, after this “dark night of the soul,” things will be better. So whether we are at a place in our lives where everything is pretty ordinary, or whether we are in a period of grief: no matter what our circumstances, God never changes and is faithful to us, sustaining us in his compassion and faithfulness each and every day. - Hymnary.org

SERMON: “Trusting God’s Abundance”

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: “Now Thank We All Our God”

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: No. 4 *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend*

Johann Gottfried Walther

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Nancy Mahoney.

Pink Bake Sale during Fellowship Hour hosted by Women’s Fellowship in Carroll. Proceeds will support After the Storm, which is an organization with the mission “to assist cancer survivors heal physically, emotionally, and spiritually from the aftermath of their diagnosis and treatment and help restore balance to their lives.” Funds are provided to help survivors with the cost of integrative treatments that insurance may not cover. All donations will go to After the Storm.

Today’s flowers are given by Women’s Fellowship in honor of Pink Sunday. We remember and honor all those who have battled cancer.

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: Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert, Meg Adams, Paul Menillo, David Gould, and Sarah.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Barbara Marks 10/16, Gary Czajkowski 10/16, Kerry Stewart 10/17, Kim Natoli 10/18, Nancy Mahoney 10/19, Elizabeth Anderson 10/20, Kevin Studley 10/21, Cynthia Miller 10/22.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Lynne & Rob Nielsen 10/22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holiday Food Drive Donations will be matched by Rotary

Monetary donations made to the Food Drive from now until November 13th will be partially matched by the North Haven Rotary. For every \$1 given, the Rotary will donate \$0.25. If you plan on giving to the Food Drive, please make your donation go further and give before November 13th. Thank you for your support.

Women's Fellowship New England Fair: November 4 It's almost that time again! We have been planning, having workshops, and creating items. There are lots of ways you can help—before, during, and after the Fair. Watch for emails, sign-up sheets, and information in the Sunday Bulletins. It takes many hands to make a successful Fair. All are encouraged to participate in some way. Join us on Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You will find a wide variety of items available, including handcrafted items, baked delicacies, the Cookie Walk, treasures in Grandma's Attic, a Christmas Room, RADA Knives, and bargains in the Nearly New Room. Come do some early Christmas shopping. You may find just what you've been looking for! See you at the Fair.

Footsteps in the Sand

Could you use a spiritual boost? Footsteps in the Sand is a Christian Renewal Weekend crafted to do just that. These Weekends are designed to help you draw closer to Jesus and feel inspired and empowered to come back to our church with renewed energy and enthusiasm to serve our Lord. Women's Retreat: November 17th – 19th

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	10/15	9:30 a.m. 10:45 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) NEWCOMERS DISCUSSION (L) OASIS: Silent Disco (SGC)
Monday	10/16	9:30 a.m. 10:30 6:30 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	10/17	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 1:00 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (CH) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) Danish Sisterhood (K) United Girls Choir (CH) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	10/18	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 6:00 p.m.	WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K)
Thursday	10/19	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (DBL) Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	10/20	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	10/21	9:30 a.m. 10:30 6:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) COMEDY NIGHT (CH)
Sunday	10/22	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) OASIS: Brooksvale Park

*Small print indicates non-Church function

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**THE SACRAMENT
OF
CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**

October 15, 2023

Jameson Joseph Mickolyzck



**THE NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

**United Church of Christ
28 Church Street
North Haven, Connecticut 06473**

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The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Minister

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is a moment in the Christian community when we recognize the grace of God living in each newborn creation.

INTRODUCTION

Minister: People were bringing little children to Jesus that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them:

PEOPLE: “LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, DO NOT STOP THEM; FOR IT IS TO SUCH AS THESE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS. TRULY, I TELL YOU, WHOEVER DOES NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE A LITTLE CHILD WILL NEVER ENTER IT.”

Minister: And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

PEOPLE: JESUS SAID; “UNLESS WE ARE BORN ANEW, WE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD; UNLESS WE ARE BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, WE CANNOT ENTER GOD'S NEW ORDER”.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

***QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION**

(The Congregation will please stand)

Deacon: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Jameson Joseph Mickolyzck, about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

PEOPLE: WE PROMISE OUR LOVE, SUPPORT, AND CARE TO JAMESON JOSEPH MICKOLYZCK, AND TO WILLIAM AND ASHLEY MICKOLYZCK AS THEY RAISE THEIR CHILD IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH.

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BAPTISM

NAMING OF THE CHILD AND THE BAPTISM

PRAYER OF PRAISE FOR THE BAPTIZED

BENEDICTION: (Unison) ... JAMESON JOSEPH MICKOLYZCK, MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU. MAY THE LORD'S FACE SHINE UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU. MAY THE LORD'S COUNTENANCE BE LIFTED UP UPON YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

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We celebrate the baptism of:

Jameson Joseph Mickolyzck

Born: June 21, 2023

Parents:

William and Ashley Mickolyzck

Sponsors:

Alexandrea Argentino and Mark Fusco

*OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign"

Descant

4 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 3 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; and pris - oners
 4 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

hon - ours to our King, an - gels de - scend with

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ours to our King, an - gels de - scend with

songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

May God who cre - ates you give you light;

may God who sus - tains you make you wise;

may God who pro - tects you give you joy,

may God who sur - rounds you give you peace.

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:

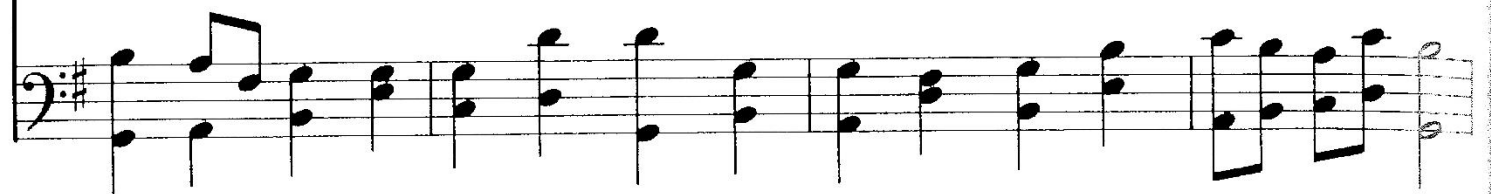
- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.



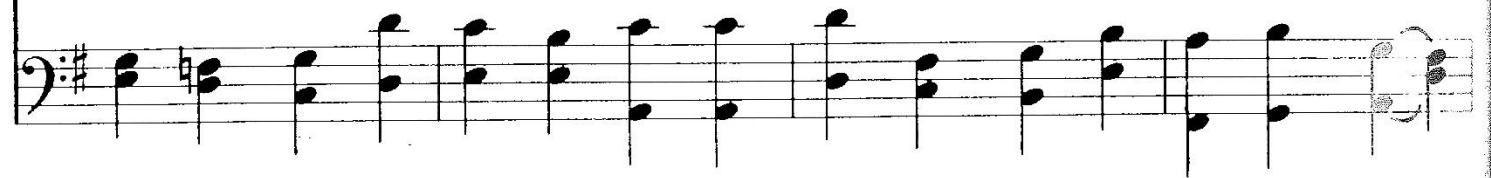
1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas - ure of man's mind;



There's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind,



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more sim - ple, We should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.
And our lives would be all sun-shine In the sweet-ness of our Lord. A-men.



E \flat A \flat E \flat Fm B \flat E \flat B \flat 7 E \flat

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 \flat A \flat E \flat A \flat G A \flat B \flat E \flat

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 \flat F7 B \flat E \flat B \flat E \flat B \flat C \flat D G \flat

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;

G \flat C Fm C Fm E \flat A \flat E \flat B \flat E \flat

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.

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.

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Men's Fellowship at North Haven Congregational Church

Reluctantly presents

JOKES MY IRISH



FATHER TOLD ME

Come join in the fun, as comedian Dave Kane brings you a laugh filled presentation of jokes, one liners and stories that celebrate the warmth and resilience of the Irish sense of Humor.

Location

North Haven Congregational church
28 Church St. North Haven CT

DOORS OPEN: 6:00 PM

SHOW TIME: 7:30PM

\$25

Includes pizza, subs, snacks and soft drinks

For tickets, please contact
Jim Bennett at 203-909-1079
Or pdgjim98@gmail.com



What Jonah Learned about Abundance

by **Lee Hull Moses**

At first glance, Jonah seems an odd choice for a reflection on stewardship. There is no offering of gifts here, no passing the plate, no mention of money at all. Missing is the imagery of the overflowing baskets of first fruits in Deuteronomy 26, or the quiet generosity of the widow in Luke 21. Jonah, as we'll see, isn't even a particularly generous person; quite the opposite, in fact. And yet, this little story of a reluctant prophet has much to offer as we discover the joy of sharing God's abundant grace.

Jonah learns over the course of his story that God's justice is not a zero-sum game; more for other people doesn't mean less for me. There is plenty of God's grace to go around, enough for all the Ninevites and Jonah too. "Should I not be concerned about Nineveh?" God asks (4:11), as Jonah sulks, but the obvious truth is that God has been concerned about Jonah all along. Even when Jonah is running away from God, God provides what he needs: safety in the storm, a rescue from the depths of

the sea. The abundance of God's grace is that there is enough; no one needs to be left out.

We live today in a culture that is bent on scarcity; we have believed the narrative that there is not enough to go around, and so we should hang on tight to what we have. We're convinced that if *you* get something good, that means there will be less available for *me*. Perhaps the greatest gift the church can give the world right now is to bear witness to God's abundance. The story of Jonah – along with the rest of the Biblical witness – convinces us that there is enough – enough of God's care, enough of God's grace, enough of God's love.

Questions to Consider:

1. In what ways does our congregation operate within a mindset of scarcity?
2. In what ways do you practice abundance?
3. What could our congregation do if we really took seriously the abundance of God's grace? How would lives be transformed?
4. What might happen if we oriented our whole lives and our whole ministry toward the abundance of God's grace?



Because of **You** our church changes lives.



Let's defeat
**breast
cancer**
together

