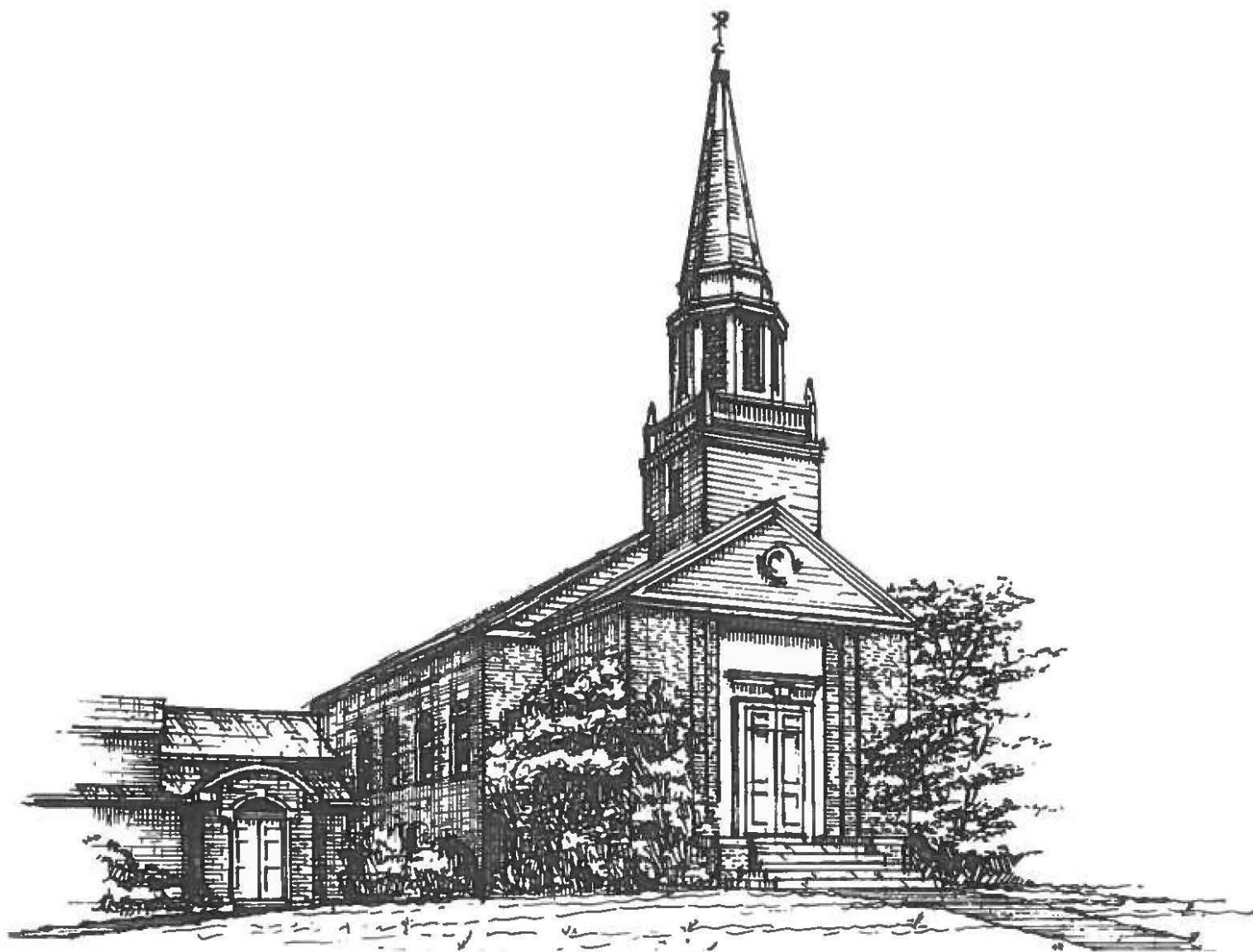


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## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*trespasses*)

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.

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN**

### **THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Isaiah 25:1-9

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O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

\* **HYMN:** "God Is My Shepherd"

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### **THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Matthew 22:1-14 Page 1170

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'

But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *Shine On Me*

Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Rollo Dilworth

Sung by the Chancel Choir

**SERMON:** “Faith amid Destruction”

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:** “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

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\***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Motet, *Dulcis Amica Dei* Anonymous (16<sup>th</sup> century)

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Deacon** is Nancy Mahoney. **Scripture Reader** is Heather Mastracchio.

**Greeters** are Cynthia Boerma Campos and Beth Anderson.

**Today's flowers** are given by Carla and Mike Hill, to celebrate and be grateful for Mike's new job beginning this month as well as to thank the Congregation for their thoughts, prayers, and support in the passing of Mike's parents this past summer.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the last day Donations will be matched by Rotary**

Monetary donations made today to the Food Drive 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 **TODAY**. Thank you for your support.

**Stop & Shop Benefit for Food Pantry**

The Leadership Team at Stop & Shop, 79 Washington Avenue has designated the Food Pantry benefit from the Bloomin' 4 Good Program. The Pantry will receive \$1 from every specially marked \$10.99 Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet sold during the month of November 2023.

**Harvest Table Offering: Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting fruit and vegetables for our annual Harvest Table Offering. Please bring fruits and vegetables that will decorate the Communion Table and remind us all of how blessed we are as a congregation. This food will be donated to local soup kitchens to be used in feeding those less fortunate.

**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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)</b> OASIS Video Game Night (SGC)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 6:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Music Together (DBL) New Haven Camera Club (CH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 12:00 p.m. 12:00 3:30 6:00 7:30	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> PLP (L) BUILDING & GROUNDS United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, SANCT) Bible Study (Zoom) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/15</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 5:15 p.m.	<b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b> <b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Music Together (DBL) PASTORAL RELATIONS Zoom
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/16</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> 6:00 p.m. 7:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/17</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Music Together (DBL)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/18</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30	<b>HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/19</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.**

**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:** Audrey Tilley 11/12, Theodore Manzo 11/13, Hannah Nottingham 11/17, Ann Dubar 11/18, Michelle McBride 11/18, Nancy Gutowski 11/19.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** George & Flo Coulston 11/14, Jim & Joan Bennett 11/14.

## **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 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.

1 God is my shep - herd, I'll not want, I  
 2 Re - stored to life each morn - ing new, I  
 ♦ 3 When I must pass through shad - owed vale, where  
 4 No en - e - my can o - ver - come, no  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my days will

feed in pas - tures green. God grants me rest and  
 rise up from the dust to fol - low God whose  
 ♦ loss and death a - wait, I will not fear for  
 power on earth de - feat the ones a - noint - ed  
 sure - ly fol - low me; and where God reigns in

bids me drink from wa - ters calm and clean. Through  
 pres - ence gives me con - fi - dence and trust. I  
 ♦ God is there, my shep - herd strong and great, whose  
 by God's grace and fed with man - na sweet. My  
 heaven and earth, my dwell - ing place will be. My

dai - ly tasks, I'm blessed and led by one I have not seen.  
 praise the name of God to - day; in God I put my trust.  
 ♦ rod and staff will com - fort me and all my fears a - bate.  
 cup is filled and o - ver - flows as I my Sav - iour greet.  
 shep - herd bless - es, cares, and leads through all e - ter - ni - ty.

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

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1 Sav - iour, a - gain to your dear name we raise  
 2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us your peace through - out the com - ing night;  
 4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,

G Em A D

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;  
 turn all our dark - ness to your per - fect light;  
 com - fort in sor - row, cour - age in our strife;

G Am D D7 G

we give you thanks be - fore our wor - ship cease,  
 guard now the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 then, through our sleep, our hope and strength re - new,  
 then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

Em Am D D7 G

then, in the si - lence hear your word of peace.  
 that in this house have called up - on your name.  
 for dark and light are both a - like to you.  
 call us, at last, to your e - ter - nal peace.