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

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 28**

**Thanksgiving Sunday  
Harvest Table Offering**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Treuer Gott, Ich Muss Dir Klagen*

J Pachelbel

**CHORAL INTROIT:** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me,*

Text: Trad. Liturgical text

Adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008

Sung by the Children's Choir

Music: Paul M. Vasile, 2008

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

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As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Sing Your Praise to God Eternal"

V244

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Today we offer thanksgiving for those other things.

**PEOPLE:** For troubles that shape and sharpen our patience, for doubts that let faith moments shine, for confusions that keep our lives from being rigid.

Leader: For sufferings that help us share another's grief, for fears that mark real terror in the world, for pains that open our eyes to joy.

**PEOPLE:** For sorrows that join our hands to hope and for loneliness that leads to the heart of God.

Leader: For all these gifts through which we become more human, we give thanks.

**ALL:** May our thanks embrace the daily small ingratitude of our lives.\*\*

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

We thank you for setting us in communities:  
for families who nurture our becoming,  
for friends who love us by choice,  
for strangers who welcome us into their midst,  
for children who lighten our moments with delight.

We thank you for this day:  
for life, and one more day to love,  
for opportunity, and one more day to work for justice and peace,  
for neighbors, and one more person to love and by whom be loved,  
for your grace and one more experience of your presence,  
for your promise: to be with us, to be our God.

For these, and all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God,  
through Jesus Christ we pray. <sup>##</sup> Amen. *Vienna Cobb Anderson*

**\*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 ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison**

Creator God, we come to celebrate the beauty and bounty of your  
good earth: glorious blue skies and blazing fall colors; fields ripe for  
harvest; gardens overflowing with goodness. Grant us thankful  
hearts, we pray. May our prayers and our lives overflow with  
gratitude. We offer this worship to your glory, now and always.\*\*\*  
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.

**HARVEST TABLE OFFERING**

**HYMN:** "Praise to God, Immortal Praise" v 1-3

V521

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Page 164

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with  
flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in  
valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees  
and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, a land where you

may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

“Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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

\* **HYMN:** “Come, You Thankful People, Come”

V516

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Luke 17:11-19 Page 1225

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *Thank You, Lord*

Words and music by Mary Ellen Kerrick

Sung by the Chancel Choir Carol Mitchell, soloist

**SERMON:** “Feeling, Saying, Giving”

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:** “For the Fruit of All Creation”

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\***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Eterne Rex Altissime*

John Redford

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Deacons** are Jim Bennett & Kathy Harple. **Scripture Reader** is Jim Bennett. **Greeters** are Cheryl Bogert and Beth Anderson.

**Today’s flowers** are given by Jim and Joan Bennett in celebration of Jim and Joan’s 31st wedding anniversary (on the 14th) and also in honor of Joan’s upcoming birthday (on the 26th).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Nancy Gutowski 11/19, Bruno Juliano 11/21, Peter Struk 11/21, Meg Adams 11/21, Scott Morrow 11/26, Joan Bennett 11/26.

**In Our Prayers This Week are:** Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, family of Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert, Meg Adams, David Gould, and Sarah.

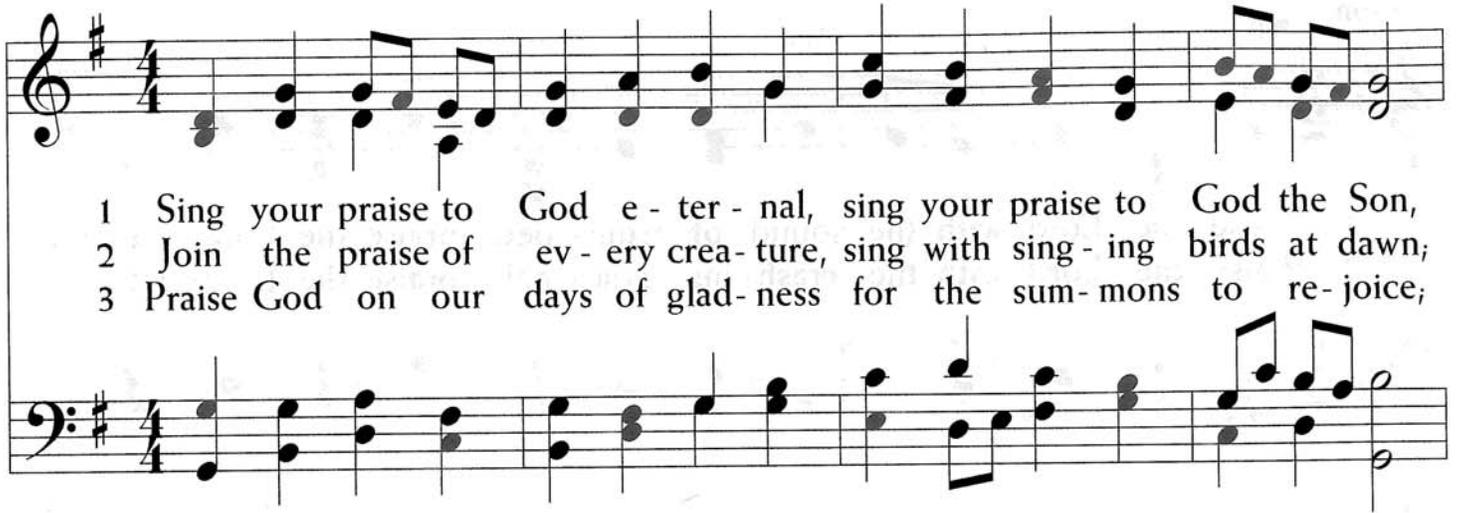
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/19</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:45 4:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)</b> Faith Formation MT (K) OASIS Alt Thanksgiving (SGC)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/20</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CT Record Club (K)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/21</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 12:00 p.m. 12:00 6:00	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> PLP (L) <b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b> Bible Study (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/22</b>		<b>WINDOW MAILING</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/23</b>		<b>THANKSGIVING (Office Closed)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/24</b>		<b>THANKSGIVING (Office Closed)</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/25</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 5:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Music Together (DBL) Private Party (CH)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/26</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)</b>

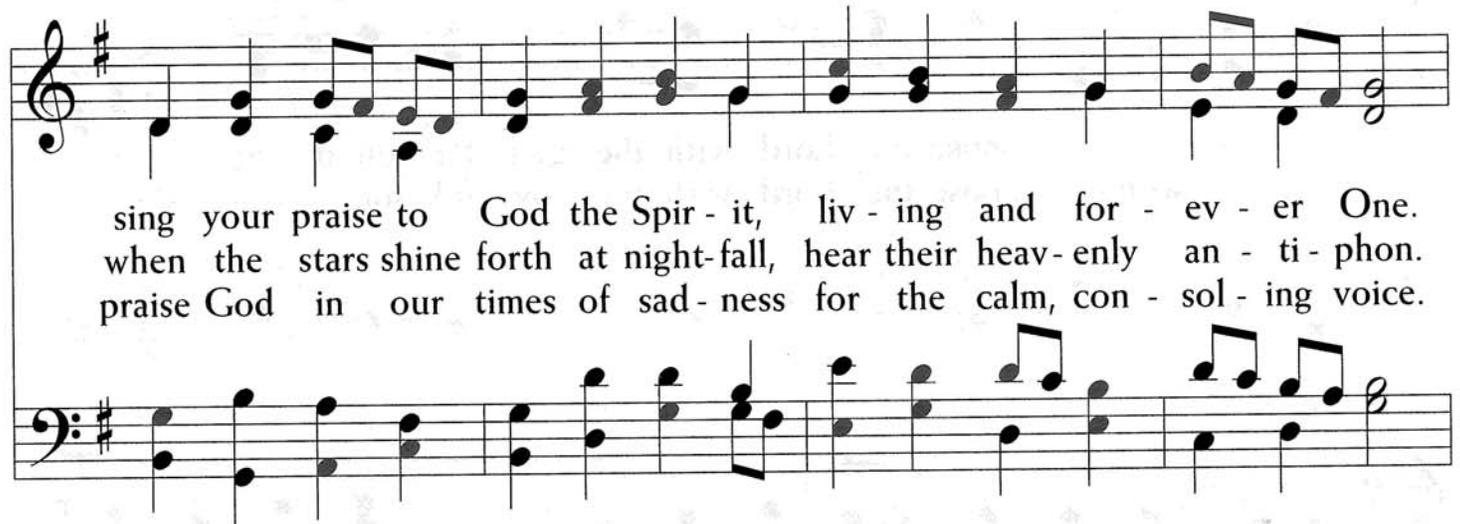
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**Bold print starts new day.**

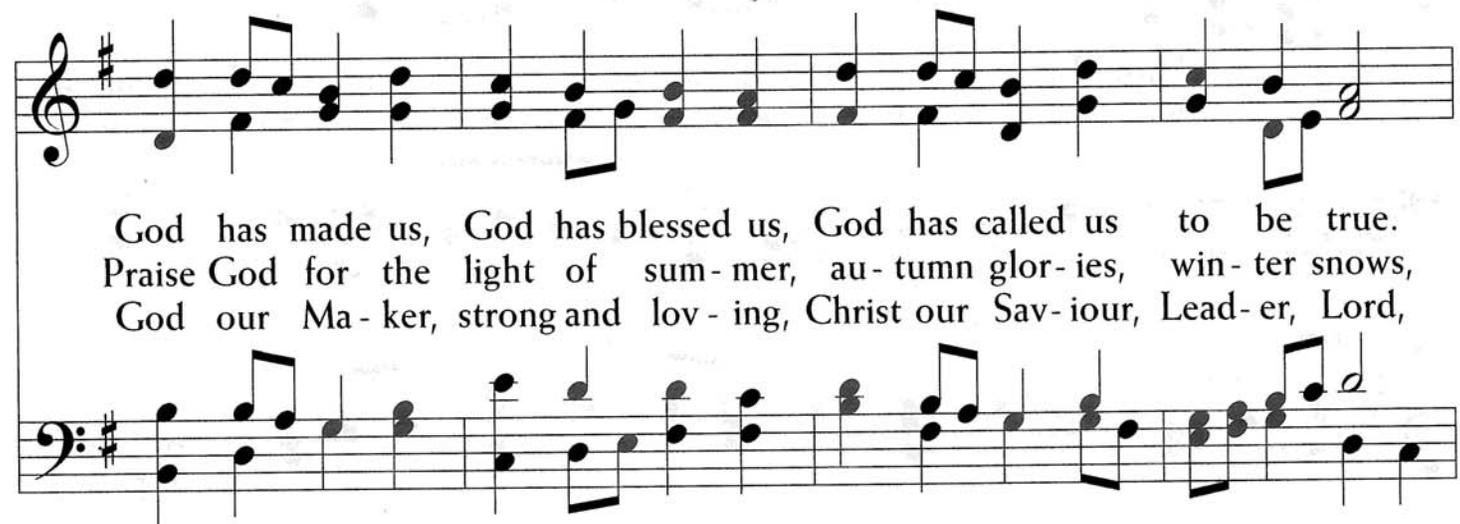
**Church Staff:** All the Members, Ministers to the World  
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor  
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children  
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music  
Heather Meachen, Organist  
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager  
Todd Swarney, Sexton



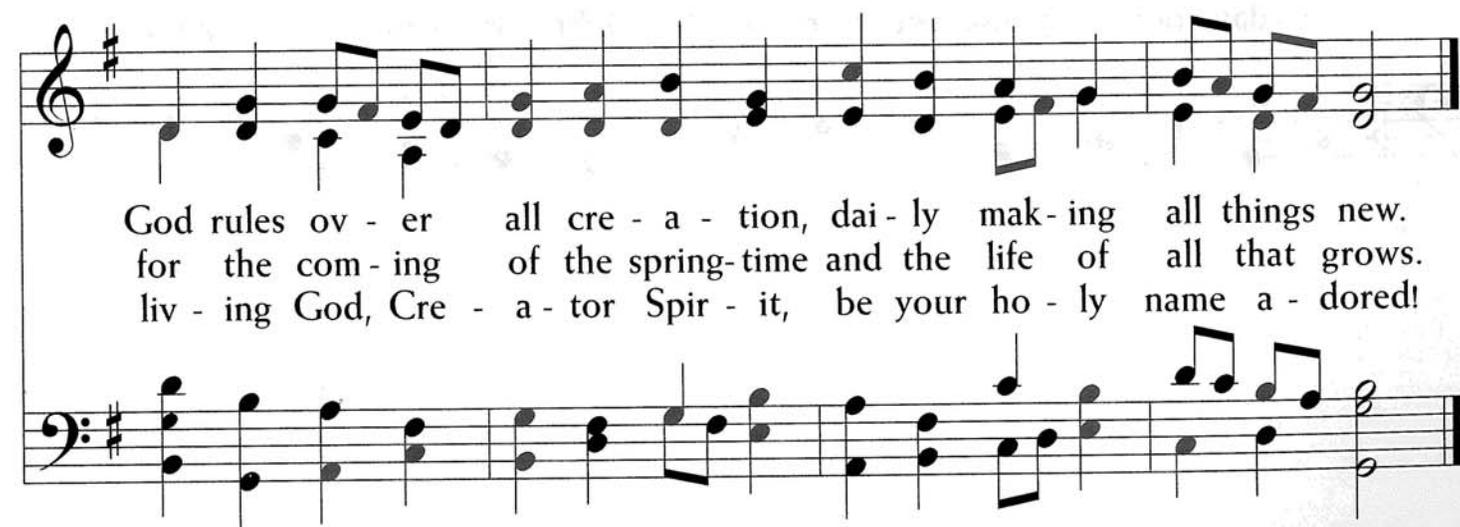
1 Sing your praise to God e - ter - nal, sing your praise to God the Son,  
2 Join the praise of ev - ery crea - ture, sing with sing - ing birds at dawn;  
3 Praise God on our days of glad - ness for the sum - mons to re - joice;



sing your praise to God the Spir - it, liv - ing and for - ev - er One.  
when the stars shine forth at night - fall, hear their heav - enly an - ti - phon.  
praise God in our times of sad - ness for the calm, con - sol - ing voice.



God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true.  
Praise God for the light of sum - mer, au - tumn glor - ies, win - ter snows,  
God our Ma - ker, strong and lov - ing, Christ our Sav - iour, Lead - er, Lord,



God rules ov - er all cre - a - tion, dai - ly mak - ing all things new.  
for the com - ing of the spring - time and the life of all that grows.  
liv - ing God, Cre - a - tor Spir - it, be your ho - ly name a - dored!

F Gm C F B $\flat$  Dm C F

1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;  
 2 for the bless - ings of the fields, for the stores the gar - den yields,  
 3 all that spring with boun - teous hand scat - ters o'er the smil - ing land,

F C B $\flat$  Am Gm B $\flat$  A F B $\flat$  Am Dm Gm C F

boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let your praise our tongues em - ploy:  
 flocks that whit - en all the plain, yel - low sheaves of ripen - ed grain:  
 all that lib - eral au - tumn pours from its rich o'er - flow - ing stores.

**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.

F C F Dm C F C F Dm Gm A

1 Come, you thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest-home!  
 2 All the world is God's own field, har-vests for God's praise to yield;  
 3 For our God, one day, shall come, and shall take this har-vest home;  
 4 E-ven so, God, quick-ly come to your fi-nal har-vest-home!

Dm Gm C F G C Dm C G C

All is safe-ly gath-ered in, safe be-fore the storms be-gin;  
 wheat and weeds to- geth-er sown, here for joy or sor-row grown;  
 from the field shall in that day all of-fen-ces purge a-way;  
 Ga-ther all your peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin;

C C7 F C7 F F7 Bb F7 Bb

God, our mak-er, does pro-vide for our needs to be sup-plied:  
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap-pear:  
 giv-ing an-gels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast;  
 there for ev-er pu-ri-fied, in your pres-ence to a-bide:

D Gm C F Bb F Dm F C7 F

come to God's own tem-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest-home!  
 Har-vest-giv-er, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit-ful ears to store in the gar-ner ev-er-more.  
 come, with all your an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest-home.

\*CLOSING HYMN: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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G C (G) Am D (G) C D7 G

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bour, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

G C (G) Am D (G) C D7 G

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bour, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

C (G) C G (C) Dm C Em Am (G Am) Em Am9

For the plough - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

G D G C (G) Am D (G) C D7 G

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.



## **SPECIAL CONCERT: Friday Night, December 8: The United Girls' Choir**

Please come support the musical arts here at church!

This concert of beautiful choral music is highly anticipated. The United Choir School is a fabulous organization that has been holding practices and rehearsals at our church this year during the week. It is an auditioned group that supports and fosters young people's natural talent. The quality of their voices and harmonies is unique and astonishing!

This concert will happen on a Friday night during the season of Advent so it is the perfect time to get in the spirit. Tickets are \$15 but kids under 12 years old are free admission! (There are some very talented families at church who should hear this group!) Students over age 12, the ticket cost is \$10 per ticket. We hope to have an abundance of audience at this concert! See you there and invite your friends!

N.B. Donations/Free will offerings toward these concerts are also very much appreciated, as are ticket sponsorships. We received such a donation and a beautiful card from Carla Hill last month (for the Mark Platt concert) and we are so grateful for her thoughtfulness and support of the Pierpont Concerts, even from afar. These are important fundraisers for the church, especially this year, as our Moderator Nancy Mahoney pointed out in last month's Window. This is a great opportunity for fellowship, music, and goodwill.