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Pentecost

North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, May 19, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**Pentecost Sunday
The Sacrament of Baptism**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Adoramus Te*

T. McPheeters

***OPENING HYMN:** “Come Down, O Love Divine”

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Do not give easy or unthinking response to this day’s call to worship. For today we ask God’s Spirit to fill us, that we may prophesy, and dream dreams, and see visions. The call to worship today is a summons to be touched by holy fire.

PEOPLE: Even now the flames may dance above our heads,

Leader: Igniting our prayerful reflections and thoughts on peacemaking and justice making, so that they blaze into commitment.

PEOPLE: Even now the flames may be burning into our hearts,

Leader: Animating us, leaving us no rest as individuals until God’s justice and peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.

ALL: Prophets, visionaries, dreamers! Let us all worship with courage and with hope.**

Mary Sue Gast

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

Come Holy Spirit, dance in our souls.

Come as the fire of love and burn in our hearts.

Come, O Breath of God, blow through our lives.

Come, O come, Dove of peace

and beat your strong wings

above all that we do in Jesus’ name.## Amen

***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*

Send forth your Spirit, O God, and renew the face of the earth. Dwell among us, even though your presence will startle and unsettle us. Grant us your peace, we pray, as justice and love pour down upon the yearning earth.** Amen.

Mary Sue Gast

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 MORGAN GOSSELIN MOHLER

***HYMN:** “May God Who Creates You”

V 454

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14

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The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.’”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.’”

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

* **HYMN:** “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 2:1-21 Page 1262

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in this Place*

Text & Music by Doris Akers

Sung by the Chancel Choir

SERMON: “How to Spell ‘Chuchh’”

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:** “Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow” V196

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

M. L. Lightfoot

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Jim Bennett. **Scripture Reader** is Carol Amico. **Greeters** are Merrilee Gladkosky and Beth Anderson.

Special thanks to **Angela Lomaglio**, our guest pianist today.

Fellowship Hour will be in Carroll Hall immediately following service, please join us.

Today's flowers are given by Sandy Carter in memory of my beloved parents Richard & Carmel DeCola, my beloved grandson Jack Viele and my beloved niece Cindy Henniger. Thinking of you always.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Wendy Civitello 5/5, Shirley Ryan 05/19, Jody Gallagher 5/22, Dorothy Pierce 05/22, George Gladkosky 05/22.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Heather & Michael Tolisano 05/24, Kathi & Robert Mickolyzck 05/25.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Ellie Harple, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, David Gould, and Sarah.

Quote of the day: *The football-loving minister caught the coin he flipped and said to the congregation, "You've won the toss and elected to receive the Holy Spirit!"*

Church Chuckles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention 2024 Graduates!!

If you are graduating (or have graduated) from vocational school, high school, college or graduate school, please let the church office know! We'd like to share your accomplishment with the church in the newsletter. Let us know about your graduation and your plans for this summer and the fall.

BeginningA New Job, New School, New Adventure??

If you are starting a new job, or heading off to college, or beginning your military service, or any other new adventure this summer or this fall, let us know. We'd like to let the church know about it in the newsletter. Call and give us the information and we'll put it in for you. Be sure to let us know how we can keep in touch!

**THE SACRAMENT
OF
CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**

May 19, 2024

Morgan Gosselin Mohler



**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 SPONSOR

***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 Morgan Gosselin Mohler, about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

PEOPLE: WE PROMISE OUR LOVE, SUPPORT, AND CARE TO MORGAN GOSSELIN MOHLER AND TO MICHAEL MOHLER AND KRISTINE POWERS 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) ... MORGAN GOSSELIN MOHLER, 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:

Morgan Gosselin Mohler

Born: November 22, 2023

Parents:

Michael Mohler and Kristine Powers

Sponsors:

Danielle Zalewski and Steven Mohler

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

Summer Sunday School

This year Summer Sunday school is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month during July and August.

July 14 & 28

August 11 and 25

Priscilla Noriega has graciously agreed to coordinate the program. If you would like to learn more about the program or volunteer to help, please contact Karlee.

Mission Team Spotlight

This week the Mission Team Spotlight is all the volunteers!

Over the past three months, you've heard from a representative each week from one of a dozen different Mission Teams. As coordinated by the Communications Team, we've heard different missions teams talk about their volunteer work. We thank them all for their work. Even a long time NHCC member has said they have learned something new! And there are still more mission teams doing important work in the church. If your group would like to share information about your mission team in a future Sunday morning announcement, please contact Patience Benassi.

Mission Team Spotlight Recap

May 12 – Worship Team (Deacons, Camera Operators, Greeters, Scripture Readers) Joan Bennett

May 5 – Mens Fellowship – Jim Bennett

April 28 – Faith Formation – Karlee Etter

April 21 – Womens Fellowship – Dot Pierce

April 14 – Floral – Sue Tibor

April 7 – Memorial Gifts – Barbara Massey

March 24 – Covenant to Care – Kathy Harple

March 17 – Weekly Food Pantry – John Tibor

March 3/10 – Music – Jeff Hutchins

February 25 – Communications – Patience Benassi

February 18 – Building & Grounds – Martin Benassi

February 11 – Abraham's Tent – Priscilla Bradford

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	5/19	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	5/20	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 6:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN CT Record Club (K) New Haven Camera Club (CH)
Tuesday	5/21	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (L) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	5/22	9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:00 p.m.	WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Danish Sisterhood (K)
Thursday	5/23	4:30 p.m. 5:00 7:00	Music Together: Ukulele 1 (DBL) Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	5/24	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN No Haven Memorial Day Parade Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	5/25	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	5/26	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function
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
Dave Nelson, Sexton

*OPENING HYMN: "Come Down, O Love Divine"

V367

Descant

3 The yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long

1 Come down, O love di - vine, seek now this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong with which the soul will long

shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

and vis - it it with your own ar - dour glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

for none can guess its grace, till love cre - ates the place

O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till love cre - ates the place

where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes its dwell - ing.

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, my on - ward path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes its dwell - ing.

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.

* HYMN: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

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Refrain



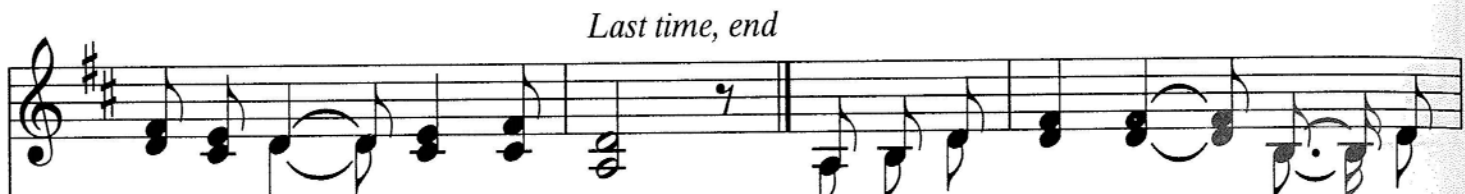
Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will




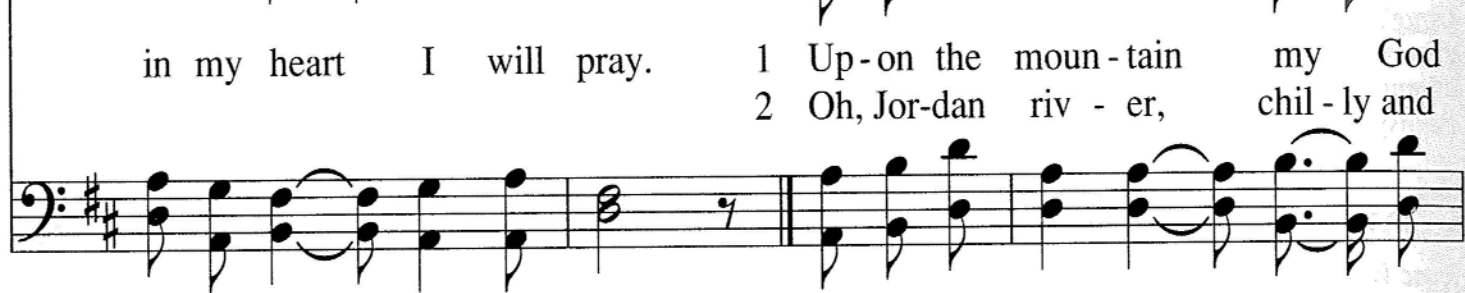
pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing




Last time, end



in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and



spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly



to Refrain



round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.



*CLOSING HYMN: “Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow” V196

Em B7 Em B



1 Wind who makes all winds that blow, gusts that bend the sap - lings low,
2 Fire who fuels all fires that burn, suns a - round which plan - ets turn,
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, move with - in our mor - tal frame.

Em B7 Em B G F#dim Em B7 Em



gales that heave the sea in waves, stir - rings in the mind's deep caves,
bea - cons mark - ing reefs and shoals, shin - ing truth to guide our souls,
Make our hearts an al - tar pyre, kin - dle them with your own fire.

C (G C D) G D G Em (B Em D) G F# Bm



aim your breath with stead - y power on your church this day, this hour.
come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!
Breathe and blow up - on that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways,

C G Em C B Em B Em



Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir - it God of Pen - te - cost.
Light and Pow - er, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.
speak that tongue which ev - ery land by your grace shall un - der - stand.

