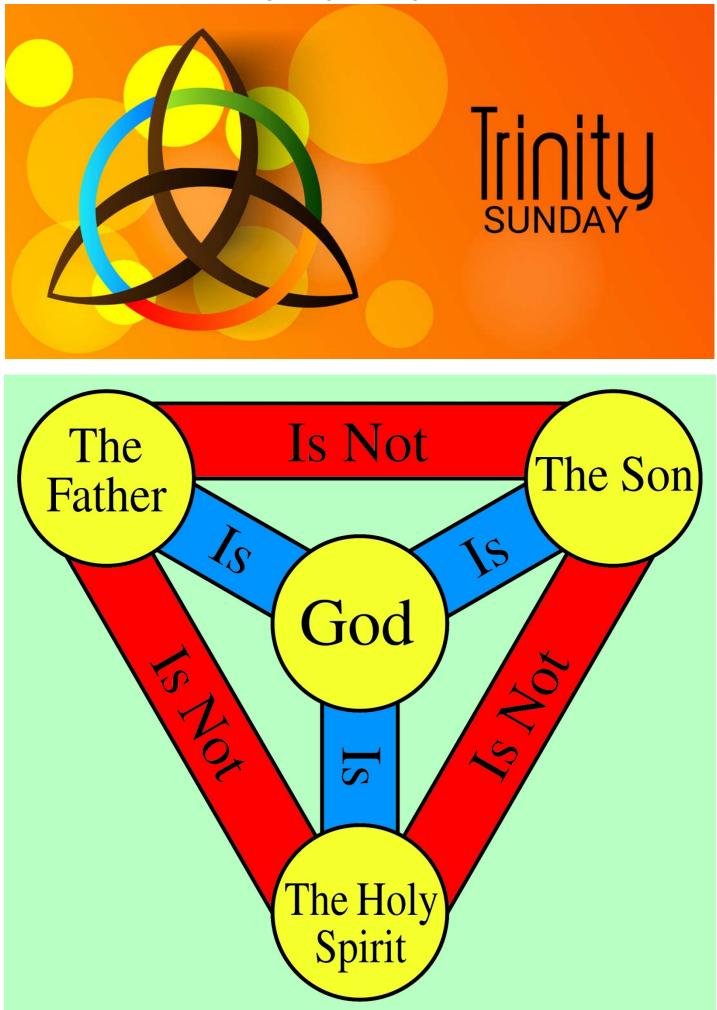
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NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, May 26, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday First after Pentecost

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: No. 1 Verset

Louis Marchand

***OPENING HYMN:** "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" V894

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Let us worship the eternal Father, the source of Love and Life, who creates us.

PEOPLE: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives among us.

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.

ALL: To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ!** Ruth C. Duck

*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison

Creator God and Mother, give us a heart and mind for peace.

Jesus, brother and teacher, help us to make whole that which is now broken.

Holy Spirit, burn in our hearts that we might set the world on fire with Your love.^{##} Amen

***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 INVOCATION:~*unison*

God, you are the source of our life. Gather us now together, we pray. Form us into a holy community of your own people. Mold us by the breath of your holy spirit. Reveal in this corporate body the face of your anointed Christ.** Amen. *Caren L. Caldwell*

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: Isaiah 6:1-8 Page 625 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said,

> "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* HYMN: "Spirit of the Living God"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 3:1-17 Page 1238 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

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"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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GIFT OF MUSIC: In Christ Alone

Words & Music: Stuart Townend & Keith Getty Sung by the Chancel Choir

Barbara Massey, solo

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save: Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied – For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live. There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain: Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me, For I am His and He is mine – Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand: Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

SERMON: "One God, or Three?"

John Tibor

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONSPASTORAL PRAYERChoral 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:** "We Know That Christ Is Raised" V448 ***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: C Minor Maestoso

G. Vogt arr. Carlo Rossini

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Peter Hall. **Scripture Reader** is Susan Compton. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson.

Fellowship Hour is hosted by Beth Anderson & Sandy Carter.

Today's flowers are given by Cathy Welch to the glory of God and in honor of son Brian Welch on his birthday. With so many happy memories and warm wishes for many happy returns of the day.

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: *My wife and I invited several people to dinner. At the table, she turned to our eight-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," she replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," my wife encouraged. Our daughter bowed her head and said, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"* Church Chuckles

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Martha Butterworth 05/31, Jeanne Reardon 6/02.

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!

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.

On-Line fundraising auction.

Information about plans for holding a 5th annual on-line fundraising auction were in the last two Windows. We raised about \$2,000 for the church in each of the four previous year's auctions.

We have had about six families make a commitment to donate specific items this year. We will need more items that would do well in an online auction to make this a reality. If you have been thinking about donating an item, now is the time. See Priscilla B, Patience B, Martin B. or Martha B. We need to reserve a date for the on-line auction and need a full complement of items in order to do so. Thank you.

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.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*			
Sunday	5/26	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP –
			(In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	5/27		MEMORIAL DAY
			(OFFICE CLOSED)
		9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
		9:30	AA (K)
Tuesday	5/28	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon (K)
		9:30	Music Together (DBL)
		10:30	Music Together (DBL)
		12:00 p.m.	PLP (L)
		3:30	United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S)
		6:00	Bible Study (Zoom)
		7:00	Music Under the Stars (Green)
Wednesday	5/29		WINDOW MAILING
		9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
		10:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
		6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K)
		6:00	NHHS Band Concert (Green)
Thursday	5/30	4:30 p.m.	Music Together: Ukulele 1 (DBL)
		7:00	CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	5/31	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
		10:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
		10:30	Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	6/1	7:30 a.m.	MENS FELLOWSHIP BRKFST
		9:30	Music Together (DBL)
		10:30	Music Together (DBL)
		5:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Graduation (CH)
Sunday	6/2	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Choir Appreciation
			(In-Person/Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function Bold print starts new day.

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