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Choir Appreciation Sunday





North Haven, Connecticut An Open & Affirming Congregation

NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, June 2, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 4
The Sacrament of Communion
Choir Appreciation Sunday

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Petite Prelude by Nicolas Gigault

*OPENING HYMN: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" V315

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: You were not made for a day set aside,

but the day of rest was made for you.

PEOPLE: We choose to gather on this our holy day to worship, to pray, to share with one another.

Leader: Jesus asked, "Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to

harm, to save life or to kill?"

ALL: We choose compassion and justice and healing.

On our day of rest we choose life.**

*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison

Now I say to you in conclusion, life is hard,

at times as hard as crucible steel.

It has its bleak and difficult moments.

Like the ever-flowing waters of the river,

life has its moments of drought and its moments of flood.

Like the ever-changing cycle of the seasons,

life has the soothing warmth of its summers and the piercing chill of its winters.

But if you will hold on,

you will discover that God walks with you,

and that God is able to lift you from the fatigue of despair

to the buoyancy of hope

and transform dark and desolate valleys

into sunlit paths of inner peace.## Amen.

Eulogy for the martyred children – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 1963

*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 CONFESSION:~unison

O Thou, whose very name is Love, we mean to do well, but our intentions are soon discarded. We try to be faithful, but we are diverted by so many things. We do not wish to harm anyone, but, without thinking, we sometimes hurt those we love the most. We sympathize with those who suffer more often than we act with them. We refuse to accept the help of others because we are unwilling to admit our needs. We, too, can say with the man who came to you, "Lord Jesus, I am not worthy that you should enter my house; only say the word and I shall be healed!"** Amen.

~ silence ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Page 244 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' "So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** "We Have This Ministry"

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

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For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us but life in you.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: Peace I Leave with You

Music: based on a canon by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart arr. Donald Moore

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Debra Mason, flute

American Sign Language by members of the Children's Choir

Led by Stephen Simonson

Peace, peace I leave with you.

Peace unto you. Peace unto you.

Peace, peace, peace I leave with you.

This is my gift, this is my gift, this is my gift I give unto you.

This is my gift, this is my gift, this is my gift I give unto you.

My peace I give to you.

MEDITATION: "Be Where You Are"

Peace, peace, peace to you.

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Taste and See

By James E. Moore (1951-2022)

Sung by the Chancel Choir

*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.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation: "All Who Hunger"

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Invitation and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

*CLOSING HYMN: "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

V578

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Text: Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828-1904)

Music: William G. Tomer (1833-1896)

Sung by the Chancel Choir

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: No. 2 Musette

by Leon Boellmann

- *Those who are able, please stand.
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Deacon is Jim Bennett. **Scripture Reader** is Doris Ferner. **Greeters** are Merrilee Gladkosky and Beth Anderson. **Communion Servers** are Dot Pierce and Joan Bennett.

^{*}Prayer of Dedication

Special thanks today to the Chancel Choir, the Children's Choir, Deb Mason, Jeff, Heather, and all who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by God's people on earth. Thanks also to the congregation, staff, families, and volunteers of the North Haven Congregational Church. Glory to God!

Fellowship Hour is hosted by Sue and John Tibor.

Today's flowers are given by Joyce & Ted Manzo to celebrate their 57th Wedding Anniversary on June 10th and the 29th Birthday of Jeremy, the best nephew ever, on June 7th.

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: A preacher's little boy inquired, "Daddy, every Sunday when you first come out to preach, you sit on the platform and bow your head. What are you doing?"

The father explained, "I'm asking the Lord to give me a good sermon." The little boy asked, "Why doesn't he?" Church Chuckles

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Jeanne Reardon 06/02, Susan Compton 06/03, David Nottingham 06/04, Joan Melillo 06/06.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Mark & Martha Butterworth 06/06, Gary & AnnMarie Czajkowski 06/09.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Military Whist card party on June 7th in Carroll Hall.

Doors open at 5:15 p.m., game begins at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments, 50/50 Raffle, and prizes for wining and loosing tables. Tickets are \$12 prepaid/ or with a reservation – pay at the door. Walk-ins welcome! Please see Dot Pierce, Nancy Mahoney, Cheryl Bogert, or Carol Mitchell at coffee hour. Or text 203-668-0608. Join us for a fun evening!

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	6/2	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Choir Appreciation
Sunday	0/2).50 a.m.	(In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	6/3	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
Wionday	0/3	1:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY
		1:00 p.m.	Retired Federal Employees (CH)
Tuesday	6/4	9:30 a.m.	Al-Anon (K)
	0, 1	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	6/5	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
		10:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
		12:00 p.m.	ORGAN INSURANCE CLAIM (H)
		5:15	COMMUNICATIONS MT (Zoom)
		7:00	Lions Club (CH)
Thursday	6/6	1:00 p.m.	STAFF MEETING (H)
		2:30	Food Council (L)
		4:30	Music Together: Ukulele 1 (DBL)
		6:00	Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K)
		6:30	Mothers of Twins (CH)
		7:00	CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	6/7	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
		10:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
		10:30	Music Together (DBL)
		5:45 p.m.	MILITARY WHIST (CH)
Saturday	6/8	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
		10:30	Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	6/9	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Heritage Sunday
			(In-Person/Live Stream)
		10:45	FAITH FORMATION MT (K)

*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





Hymn of Preparation: "All Who Hunger" V460



