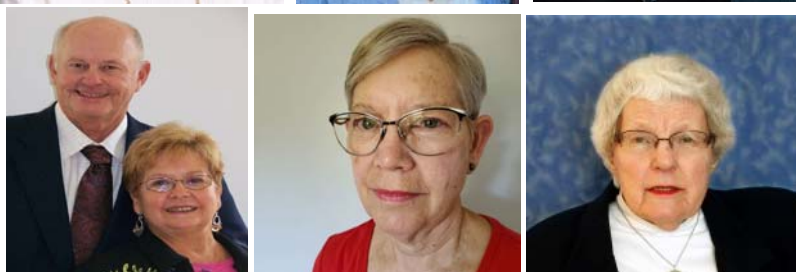
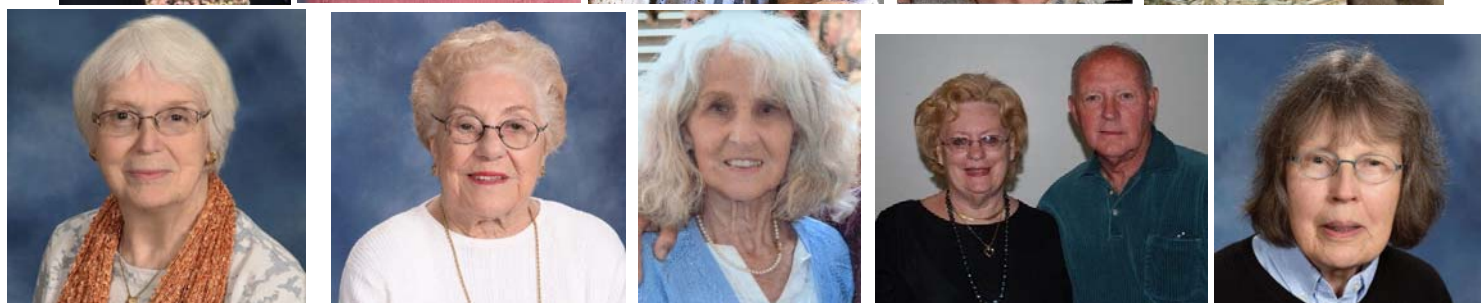
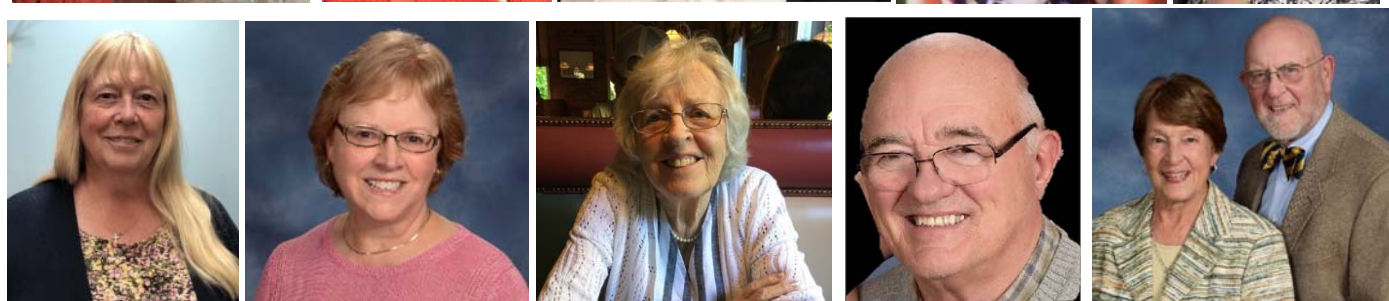


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North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, June 9, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**Third Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 5
Heritage Sunday**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: No. 1 Elegie

Cesar Franck

***OPENING HYMN:** "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" V216

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the power to become new people!

PEOPLE: The winds of the Spirit have give us breath and the fire of the Spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and each other.

Leader: Come here in faithfulness, and be ready for the surprises that God's spirit brings.

PEOPLE: We open our lives to the presence of God and trust God's promise to us that we can lie new lives of freedom and grace.

ALL: May God helps us to be true people of spirit, letting holy surprises fill our days!**

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

O God of many names, lover of all nations,
we pray for peace

in our hearts, in our homes, in our nations, in our world.

For the peace you willed, we pray.## Amen.

George Appleton V693

***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

Holy God, we come to worship this morning brought together by your Spirit. It is your Spirit who teaches us to pray and helps us be your faithful ones. We ask now for the presence of your Holy Spirit: come to us as wind and fire, as bubbling laughter, as healing touch, or as the still small voice of peace.*** 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.

CELEBRATING HERITAGE MEMBERS

Scott Morrow

Curtis Andrews, 1948	Carol Mitchell, 1973
Joyce Bellonio, 1946	Lorraine Morehouse, 1954
George Coulston, 1964	Bryant Munson, 1956
Flo Coulston, 1964	Stephen & Mabel Peterson, 1973
Ann Dubar, 1962	Jeanne Reardon, 1969
Nancie Estep, 1963	Lynn Reardon, 1971
Doris Ferner, 1965	Betsey Reid, 1971
Lillian Flodquist, 1965	Ellen Robert, 1957
Carl Flodquist, 1965	Jane Romans, 1961
Richard Gherlone, 1953	Gloria Santamauro, 1973
Joy Gillen, 1971	Ruth Scelzo, 1952
Merrilee Gladkosky, 1960	Robert Scheidecker, 1966
Nancy Gutowski, 1971	Barbara Scheidecker, 1966
Eleanor Harple, 1960	Ann Schneider, 1970
Bernard Hummel, 1954	James Shea, 1970
Elfie Hummel, 1965	Charlotte Shea, 1970
Roberta Juliano, 1971	Victoria Struk, 1969
Linda Lacobelli, 1956	Audrey Tilley, 1957
Kathleen Mickolyzck, 1970	

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15

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Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you.

Now then, listen to their voice; only, you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots, and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves and the best of your cattle and donkeys and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And on that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you on that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! We are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the Lord, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You” V286

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 3:20-35 Page 1182

Then he went home, and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s

house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came, and standing outside they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Lead Me, Lord*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Lead Me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only, that makest me
dwell in safety.

SERMON: “Faith Feelings”

Scott Morrow

OUR OPEN AND AFFIRMING STATEMENT

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:** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: No. 2 ‘Machs mit mir, Gott nach deiner Gut

Johann Gottfried Walther

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Jim Bennett. **Scripture Reader** is Susan Compton. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson. **Fellowship Hour** is will be held immediately following service to celebrate our Heritage Members.

Today's flowers are given by Peter Hall in honor of his mother, Hazel Hall.

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 little girl's prayer: "Dear God, please take care of Daddy and Mommy and my sister and my brother and me. And please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."*

Church Chuckles

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: David Estep 06/10, Colleen McBride 06/11, Thomas McBride 06/11, Bernard Hummel 06/12.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Gary & AnnMarie Czajkowski 06/09, Ted & Joyce Manzo 06/10, Stephen & Linda Simonson 06/10, Dan & Lynn Lafleur 06/11.

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 on-line 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.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund allows the Pastor to respond to requests from church members and others for small amounts of financial assistance with difficult circumstances. It is funded by contributions, and the balance available is low. Please consider making a contribution.

Mark your check or envelope with "Pastor's Discretionary Fund."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

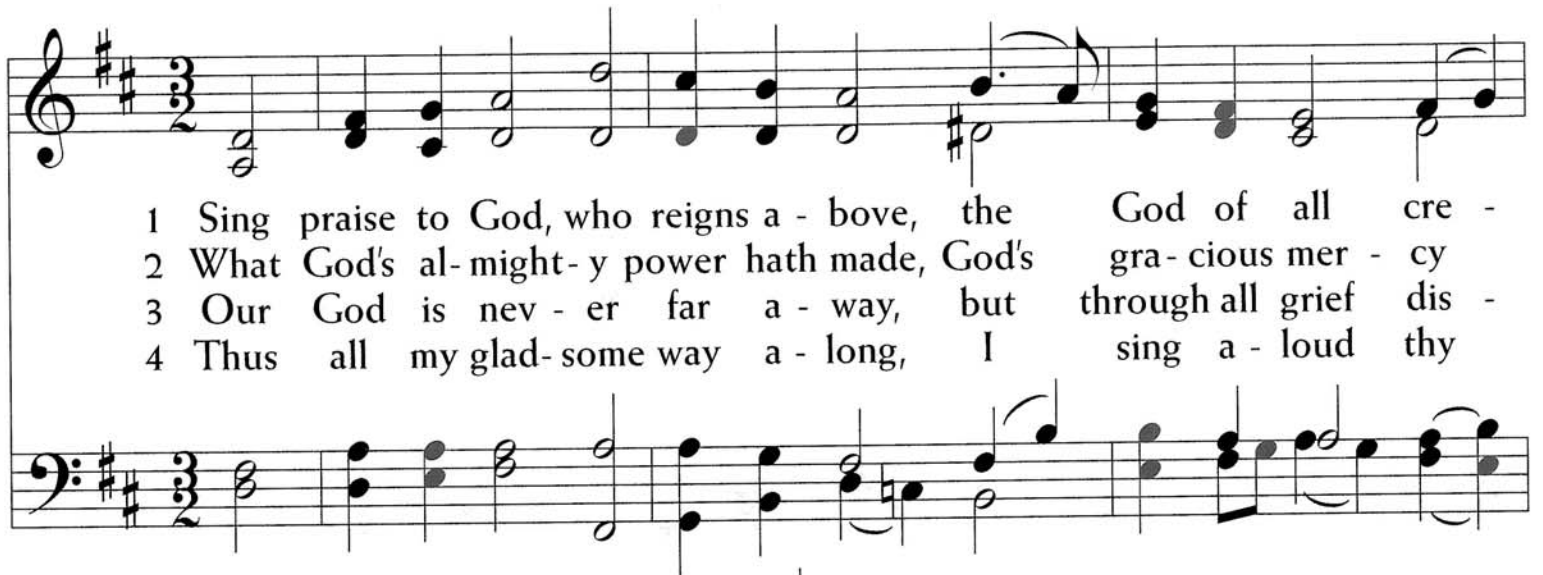
Sunday	6/9	9:30 a.m. 10:45	WORSHIP – Heritage Sunday (In-Person/Live Stream) FAITH FORMATION MT (K)
Monday	6/10	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY New Haven Camera Club (CH)
Tuesday	6/11	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 3:30 6:00 7:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (L) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) Bible Study (Zoom) Music Under the Stars (Green)
Wednesday	6/12	9:30 a.m. 10:00 6:00 p.m. 7:00 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K) Al-Anon District Family (CH) MLB (L)
Thursday	6/13	3:30pm	Church & Ministry Meeting (L)
Friday	6/14	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Al-Ateen (CH) Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	6/15	7:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30	MENS FELLOWSHIP Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	6/16	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Heritage Sunday (In-Person/Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

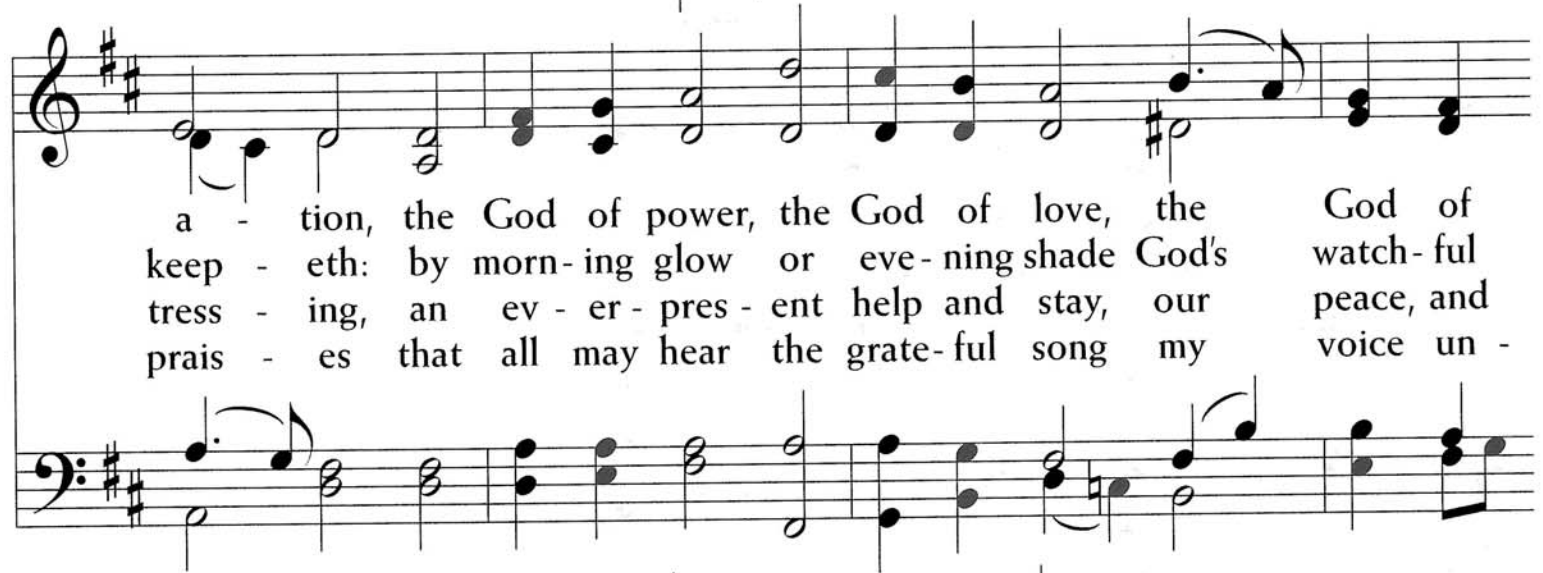
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Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Heather Meachen, Organist
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
Dave Nelson,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

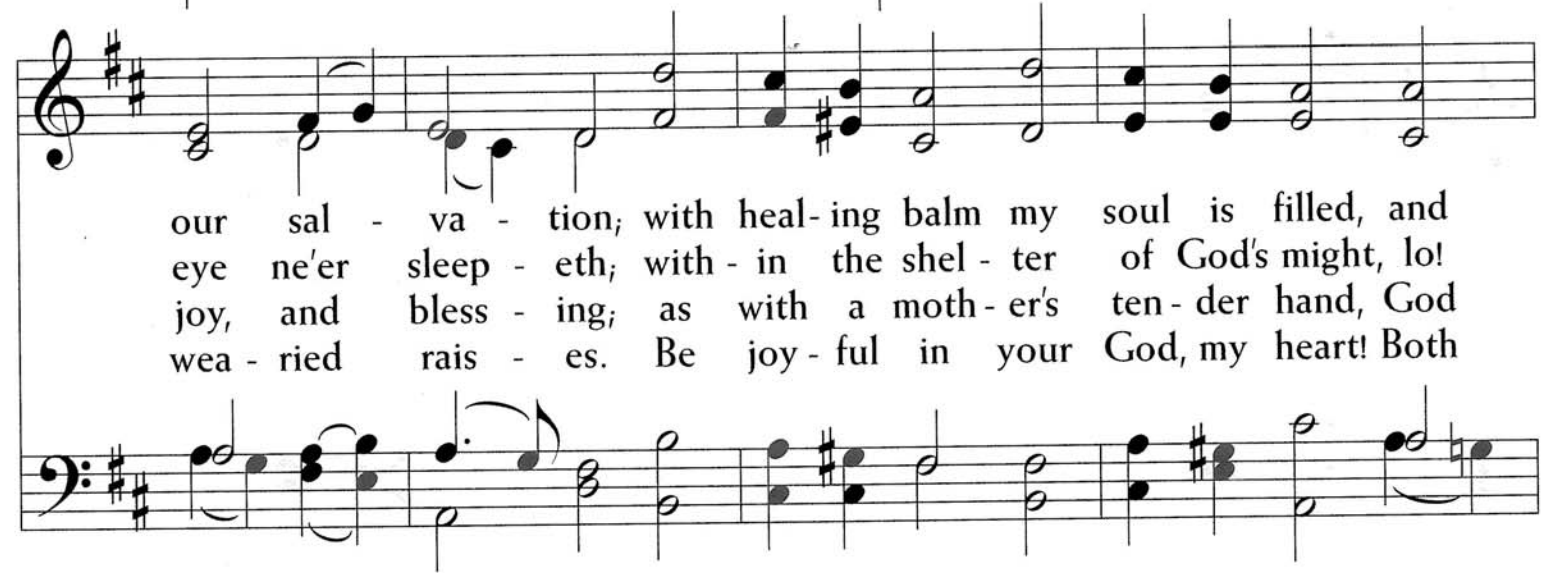
***OPENING HYMN: "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" V216**



1 Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2 What God's al - might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
3 Our God is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -
4 Thus all my glad - some way a - long, I sing a - loud thy



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep - eth: by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade God's watch - ful
tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay, our peace, and
prais - es that all may hear the grate - ful song my voice un -



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and
eye ne'er sleep - eth; with - in the shel - ter of God's might, lo!
joy, and bless - ing; as with a moth - er's ten - der hand, God
wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in your God, my heart! Both



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled:
all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
gent - ly leads the cho - sen band:
soul and bod - y take your part:

* HYMN: "If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"

V286



1 If you will trust in God to guide you, and hope in
 2 God will embrace your pain and weep-ing, your help-less
 3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un-swerv-ing; so do your



God through all your ways, God will give strength, what-ever be-
 an-ger and dis-tress. If you are in God's care and
 own part faith-ful-ly, and trust God's word; though un-de-



tide you, and bear you through the e-vil days. Who trusts in
 keep-ing, in sor-row will God love you less? For Christ, who
 serv-ing, you'll find God's prom-ise true to be. God nev-er



God's un-chang-ing love builds on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross, will bring you safe through ev-ery loss.
 will for-sake in need the soul that trusts in God in-deed.



*CLOSING HYMN: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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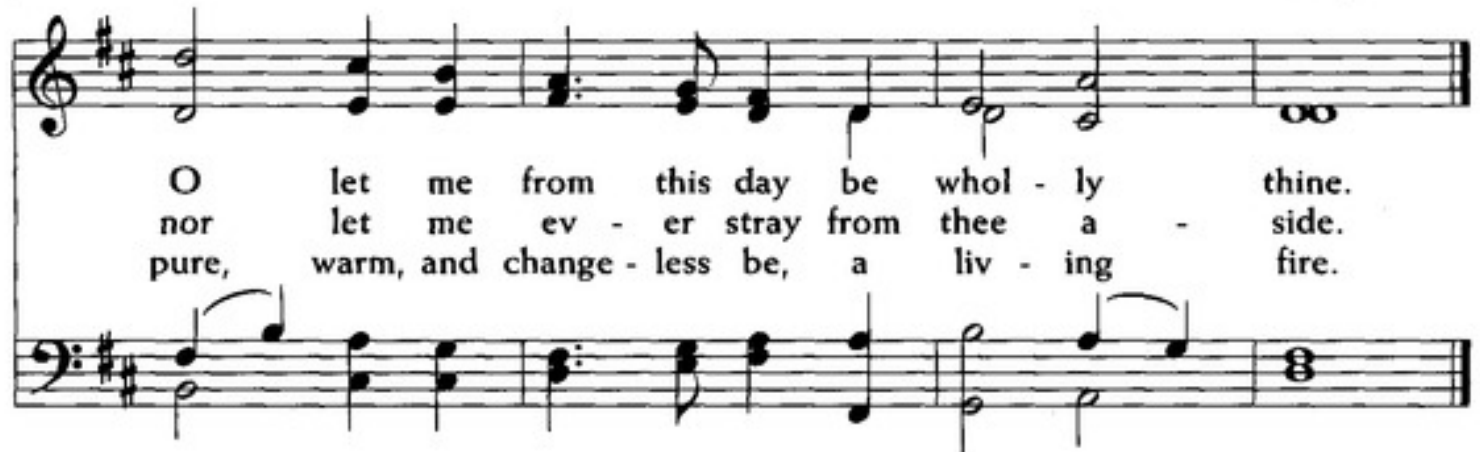
1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of
2 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a -
3 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my



Cal - va - ry, Sav - iour di - vine. Now hear me
round me spread, be thou my guide, bid dark - ness
faint - ing heart, my zeal in - spire. As thou hast



while I pray; take all my guilt a - way.
turn to day; wipe sor - row's tears a - way;
died for me, O may my love to thee



O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.

Open and Affirming Statement

North Haven Congregational Church

Public Confession

We, the members of the North Haven Congregational Church *bind ourselves together* as followers of Jesus Christ to share in the worship of God, the mission of Christ's Church, to make God's will dominant in our lives individually and collectively, and to witness to the life, teachings, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. *We confess* that the Church is the Body of Christ. It is one Body in Christ in which there is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, neither male nor female. Therefore, *we welcome* as members of North Haven Congregational Church women and men of all ages, tongues, races, abilities, circumstances, and sexual orientations who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and declare their commitment to the purposes and ministries of this congregation.

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.