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Happy Father's Day

North Haven, Connecticut
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NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, June 16, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 6
Father's Day

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Preludium*

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*OPENING HYMN: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

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*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. Smallest of seeds, yet greatest of trees; home for the birds of the air."

PEOPLE: Let our faith bloom and grow in this time of worship; let this place be a shelter and a home for all who are weary.

Leader: The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, kneaded into flour, that it might rise and feed many.

PEOPLE: Let the community gathered here increase in faith and devotion, so that we might nourish the world with the good news of God.

Leader: The kingdom of heaven is like hidden treasure, buried in a field until it is discovered in joy.

PEOPLE: Let this time of worship be an uncovering of God's mysteries. God is here! Christ is revealed! The Spirit lives among us!

ALL: Let us worship God!**

*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~*unison*

God of Peace, be with those who guide the destinies of the world, so that an end may come to boasting and arrogance.

Give them the courage to speak the truth and the humility to listen.

Help us to put the good of others above our own ambition,

so that we may be freed from the burden of fear, the weight of suspicion, and may come to trust each other and live in peace.##

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*

Gracious God, we give you thanks for June with its roses and its rains, for all that is green and growing, for weddings and their anniversaries, for school children counting the hours until vacation, and for reunion times of remembering younger days. We give thanks for these brief rejoicers in our lives. We also celebrate those assurances that are beyond the changing of the seasons – the promise of forgiveness and healing, the resurrection and eternal life, the scriptures of Israel’s history and the Gospel story of love made flesh in Christ Jesus. For all that blesses us, as a congregation and as individuals, we praise you, O gracious God.*** Amen. *Maren C. Tirabassi*

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: 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 Pg 256

Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I

have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** “For the Fruit of All Creation”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 4:26-34 Page 1184

He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *This Little Light of Mine* Trad. Spiritual

Sung by All

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine!
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine!
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

SERMON: "The Parable of the Growing Church" Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY: *Bless This House O Lord We Pray*

Words: Helen Taylor

Music: May Brahe (1884-1956)

Sung by the All

Bless this house O Lord we pray;
Make it safe by night and day;
Bless these walls so firm and stout,
Keeping want and trouble out:
Bless the roof and chimneys tall,
Let thy peace lie over all;
Bless this door, that it may prove
Ever open to joy and love.

Bless these windows shining bright,
Letting in God's heav'nly light;
Bless the hearth a'blazing there,
With smoke ascending like a prayer;
Bless the folk who dwell within,
Keep them pure and free from sin;
Bless us all that we may be
Fit O Lord to dwell with thee;
Bless us all that one day we
May dwell O Lord with thee.

*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:** “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Offertoire*

Charles Alexis Chauvet

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Peter Hall. **Scripture Reader** is Sandy Carter. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson. **Fellowship Hour** will be in Carroll Hall immediately following service this morning.

Today's flowers are given by May Ellen & Ed Collett in celebration of the 96th birthday of Dorothy Cahill, Mary Ellen's mother, and Father's 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: *Our pastor is a real comedian. He calls the Ten Commandments “God's Ten Signs You May Not Be Going to Heaven.”*
Church Chuckles

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Aaron Dean 06/17, Hannah Dean 06/17, Makenzie Conley 06/23.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Michael & Michelle McBride 6/17.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“ Night Out” at Gouveia Winery in Wallingford

Women’s Fellowship’s final event of the season will be “ Night Out” at Gouveia Winery in Wallingford on June 18th at 5:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer or a snack to share. Email Cheryl Bogert at ca.bogert48@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

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.”

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	6/16	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Heritage Sunday (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	6/17	1:00 p.m. 6:00	FOOD PANTRY CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	6/18	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 7:00	Al-Anon (K) PLP (L) Bible Study (Zoom) Music Under the Stars (Green)
Wednesday	6/19	10:00 a.m.	WINDOW DEADLINE FOOD PANTRY
Thursday	6/20		
Friday	6/21	10:00 a.m. 11:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Grad Party Prep (CH)
Saturday	6/22	10:00 a.m. 11:00	Grad Party (Table Pick up) Graduation Party (CH)
Sunday	6/23	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Heritage Sunday (In-Person/Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

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.

*OPENING HYMN: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

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Descant

4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come
 C G C Am Em F C (G7 C) G

1 Re - joyce the Lord is King! Your ris - en Lord a - dore!
 2 Je - sus the Sav - iour reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 God's king - dom can - not fail; Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come

to glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home.
 C Am G D G C G D G

Re - joyce, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our sins, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 to glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home.

We soon shall hear the arch - an - gel's voice;
 C F Dm6 Am C G C F

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
 We soon shall hear the arch - an - gel's voice;

the trump of God shall sound, re - joyce!
 C F Dm6 (C F) C G G7 C

re - joyce; a - gain I say, re - joyce!
 re - joyce; a - gain I say, re - joyce!
 re - joyce; a - gain I say, re - joyce!
 the trump of God shall sound, re - joyce!

* 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.

*CLOSING HYMN: "In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

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Unison



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.



