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

**Sunday, June 30, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 8**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Larghetto alla breve* in D Major

L. Pearsall  
arr. C. Rossini

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

Insert

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.**

Leader: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

**ALL: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.\*\***

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

Oh God of all that is...

Let us lift up light where there is darkness

Let us bear hope where there is despair

Let us build community where there is isolation

Let us model abundance where there is scarcity

Let us be love where there is fear

Let us live in Peace!## 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**

God of the sojourners, we ask your presence with us on our journey through life. Help us to be faithful to your ways of love and grace. Keep us from helpless despair. Give us the power to make your love known, even in this world that seems so bent on war and hate. With courage in our hearts, we will walk the Jerusalem road together.\*\*  
Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and  
come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.  
Amen.      Alternative Version from the New Zealand Prayer Book

## 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.**

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Matthew 11:25-30 Page 1158

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

**SERMON:** “Excuse me, you want me to do what???” Kerry Stewart

**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:** “Be Not Afraid”

Insert

\***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Allegretto* in E Minor

J. Grubor  
Arr. C. Rossini

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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Welcome today our guest preacher Kerry Stewart. She has been a member of NHCC for over 20 years. She is currently a seminary student at United Theological Seminary, Twin Cities, in Minneapolis Minnesota, pursuing a Masters of Arts in Ministry. She is a

graduate of the Southern New England UCC Conference program Faith Formation Leadership Certificate Program in Children and Youth Ministry. Kerry is currently serving the First Congregational Church, Branford CT as the Faith Formation Coordinator. She lives in Hamden, CT with her husband, Eben and her two teenagers Logan and Eliza. When not studying, working or spending time with her family, Kerry can be found reading, knitting and enjoying adventures.

**Deacon** is Cathy Welch. **Scripture Reader** is Ted Manzo. **Greeters** are Susan Compton and Beth Anderson. **Fellowship Hour** will be in Carroll Hall immediately following worship.

**Today's flowers** are given by Carol Amico, remembering her brother, Robert Anthony Amico, with love and gratitude.

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Susan Guckert 06/27 (belated), William Olmstead 06/28, Suzanne Light 06/29, Robert Tait 07/04, Susan Tibor 07/04, Karen Linsky 07/06, Karen Silk 07/06, Onalee Collins 07/06, Kayla DeLuca 07/07.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Jeff & Jackie Jennings 06/27, Denise & Gerard Adinolfi 07/03, Bob & Barbara Scheidecker 07/05, Adam & Julie Schweickert 07/05, Bette & Bob DeMayo 07/07, Tom & Wendy Glynn 07/07, Damon & Gressa Quinn 07/07.

**Quote of the day:** *I almost always root for the underdog, and sometimes I get the feeling that God does too.*

— from Faith Unraveled, by Rachel Held Evans

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Alternative Version of the Lord's Prayer**

The version of the Lord's Prayer in today's service comes from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, published by the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia originally published in 1989.

### **On-Line fundraising auction**

Thank you to those who are donating items for the 5th annual on-line fundraising auction. Please bring your items to the chapel after worship on Sunday July 21 until 11:45 a.m. Please include a note with pertinent information about the item that could be used in the on-line description for the auction.

#### **The auction schedule is as follows:**

Monday July 22 and day following, auction managers will photograph and catalog the items.

The following week(s) the auction website is being set up for our auction.

August 5, on-line auction goes live.

August 12, auction closes

August 17 or 18 - TBA - specific pick up times/day will be determined prior to August 5 for the winning bidders. The pick up times will be set up and announced and bidders will need to agree to the pick up times in order to bid on items.

If you know of any friends or relatives who may be downsizing, see if there's anything they may like to donate to the church. More items are needed such as musical instruments, books published around or before 1900, teak items, small occasional table, legos, geodes, antiques, MCM mid-century modern items, sterling silver, new unused items, anything unusual.

Thank you to the following for their donations:

SueBeth Higgins, Dottie Pierce, The Struks, Joyce & Ted Manzo, Benassi's, Peterson's, Lynn Reardon, Carla Hill, Cheryl Bogert, Carol Amico, Sue & John Tibor, Priscilla Bradford, Heather Meachen, Martha Butterworth, and Women Fellowship.

### **Summer Sunday School**

This year Summer Sunday school is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month; July 14 & 28, and August 11 & 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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6/30</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:45	<b>WORSHIP –</b> <b>(In-Person/Live Stream)</b> Discernment Team (L)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7/1</b>	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00	<b>SUMMER HOURS START (8-12)</b> AA (K) FOOD PANTRY Retired Federal Employees (CH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7/2</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 12:00 p.m. 7:00	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> PLP (L) Music Under the Stars (Green)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7/3</b>	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY Lions Club (CH)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7/4</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7/5</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7/6</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7/7</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP –</b> <b>(In-Person/Live Stream)</b>

\*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.



# Every Time I Feel the Spirit

2 Sam. 22:9; Ps. 18:8

African-American spiritual

*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.

\* HYMN: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

V509

Unison

G Am G C/G G D/F#

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo- ple cry.  
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo- ple's pain,  
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

G Em Am7 C Am (F/G) D D/C

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them; they turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

G Am/G G C/G G D/F#

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em7 Am7 Am/C Am G/B Am7/C Dsus-D

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

D/F# G Gsus G G/B Am7 G C/E D7 G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

heard you call-ing in the night. I will

G Am G Am/C C Dsus D/F# D7

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

G Gsus G Am/G G C D7 G

hold your peo - ple in my heart.

G C/G G Am7 C/D D G C/G D.C. G

*Fine*

# \*CLOSING HYMN: "Be Not Afraid"

Insert

## Verse 1



1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of



1. thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the



1. way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-



1. stand. You shall see the face of God and live.

## Refrain



Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come fol-low



me, and I will give you rest.

## Verse 2



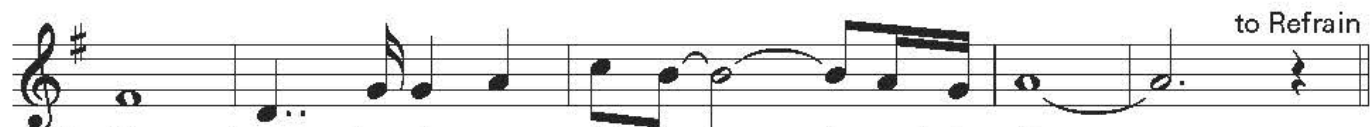
2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not



2. drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be



2. harmed. If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell and death is at your



2. side, know that I am with you through it all.

## Verse 3



3. Bless-ed are your poor, for the king-dom shall be theirs. Blest are you that



3. weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wick-ed tongues in-sult and



3. hate you all be-cause of me, bless-ed, bless-ed are you!