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

Sunday, July 7, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 9
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***OPENING HYMN:** "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" NCH 252

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Praise be to God, who reigns above the heavens.

PEOPLE: Praise be to God, who dwells within our hearts.

Leader: Let the majesty of creation worship in reverence.

PEOPLE: Let each man, woman, and child pray in faith.

ALL: Praise be to God.**

Maren C. Tirabassi

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

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." (Psalms 33:12, ESV)

Eternal God, stir our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism as we celebrate the Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of Your holy name and the good of our Nation and of all humankind.

Amen.##

*Congressional Prayer offered by Chaplain, Reverend Edward G. Latch
on Wednesday, July 3, 1974.*

***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*

Gracious God, we thank you that we can rest in you, secure amid the conflict and confusion of life. We thank you that you provide for our needs and that you have trusted us to one another's care. Free us to receive with humility and to give with joy. Open our hands to share what we have without fear of tomorrow. Anoint your people as peacemakers and justice makers, that one day humanity may choose bread over weapons and fairness over greed. Amen.**

Ruth C. Duck

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ezekiel 2:1-5 Page 759

He said to me: "O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you." And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, "Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" V 560

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 6:1-13 Page 1185

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear

sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

MEDITATION: “Rays of Christ”

Scott Morrow

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation: “As We Gather at Your Table”

V 457

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:** “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” P 440

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

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In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon,
Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, and
Sarah.

Quote of the day: *Dear God, I hope to go to heaven someday, but later
rather than sooner.* Church Chuckles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*

Sunday	7/7	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	7/8	1:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY
Tuesday	7/9	9:30 a.m. 9:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 7:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) PLP (L) Music Under the Stars (Green)
Wednesday	7/10	9:30 a.m. 10:00 6:00 p.m. 7:00 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY Lions Club - Training (CH) MLB (L) Lions Club – Monthly Meeting (K)
Thursday	7/11	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
Friday	7/12	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	7/13	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	7/14	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Kayla DeLuca 07/07, Jessica McKosky 07/09, Logan Stewart 07/10, Marlene Bellonio 07/11, Sue Beth Higgins 07/11, Michael McBride 07/12, Carmen DeLuca 07/12, Leslie Dockendorff 07/13, Mary Ellen Collett 07/14.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Bette & Bob DeMayo 07/07, Tom & Wendy Glynn 07/07, Damon & Gressa Quinn 07/07, Rich & Susan Baldino 07/09.

***OPENING HYMN: "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" NCH 252**

1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten - der care;
 1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,
 2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;

in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.
 Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
 Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;
 E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;

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* HYMN: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

V 560

D G D Em E A A Bm7 A7

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move with some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee, in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

D Bm7 E7 A A7 Em A7 D

paths of ser - vice free; teach me thy se - cret,
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

G D A D A7 Bm A7 D Em A D

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sure and strong, in trust that tri - umphs ov - er wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Hymn of Preparation: "As We Gather at Your Table"

V 457

F Gm7 F Dm Bb C

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we list - en
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra -
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to

Bb F Gm7 F Dm

to your word, help us know, O God, your pres - ence;
 ment of life; send us forth to love and serve you,
 share that feast where tri - umph - ant Love will wel - come

Dm Bb C7 Bb F C

let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred
 bring - ing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great com -
 those who had been last and least. There no more will en - vy

Dm Am F Bb C Dm

sto - ry till we claim it as our own; teach us through this
 pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave; may we still be -
 blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy, as we join with

Dm7 Gm7 Bb F Gm7 Am Gm Gm7 F

ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
 3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years

For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
 Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
 Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
 Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
 Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - ery gain di - vine.
 And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea. A - men.

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