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

**Sunday, July 14, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 10  
Summer Sunday School**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Interlude No. 3*

Starling Goodwin

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" V 559

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We are centered in the presence of God,

**PEOPLE: Caught in the web of grace,**

Leader: Spun in a dance of joy,

**PEOPLE: Welcomed into the house of blessing,**

Leader: Woven into the fabric of trust,

**PEOPLE: Lifted up as a child of the Most High,**

Leader: Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,

**ALL: And moved by a chorus or praise.\*\***

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

Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;  
let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden  
praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known  
or yet untold;

let waters fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised  
for creed or race;

let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth  
your healing love.## Amen.

*Jeffery W. Rowthorn*

**\*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*

Merciful God, Just God, Faithful God, God of blessing and God of our most difficult times, we come to you for a moment of quiet in our self-made busyness. We come to you for energy in our weariness. We come to you for challenge when we are willing to settle for our own small plans and dreams. We long for the peace of your presence, even as we are afraid of the urgency of your call. Enter, Spirit of God, into each our lives and enliven us; enter, Spirit of God, into our community and enable us to love and serve you and all your children.\*\*\* 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.

## **THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 P. 277

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God, and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing, and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatted calf. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the Lord and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it, and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

**\* HYMN:** “Blessed Assurance” V 337

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Ephesians 1:3-14 Page 1344

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

**SERMON:** “A Living Testimony”

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

## GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

\***CLOSING HYMN:** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” V 266

## \*THE BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE:

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Deacon** is Jim Bennett. **Scripture Reader** is Sandy Carter. **Greeters** are Sandy Carter and Beth Anderson. **Fellowship Hour** will be immediately following worship hosted by Carol Mitchell and Doris Ferner.

**Today's flowers** are given by Sandy Carter, In memory of my Beloved Grandson Jack Viele who entered heaven on July 18th, twenty five years ago. You are with me always.

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

**Quote of the day:** *On their way to church service, a Sunday school teacher asked her pupils, “And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?” One bright little girl replied, “Because people are sleeping.”*  
Church Chuckles

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for our upcoming on-line fundraising auction.

The items will be photographed and cataloged on July 22 and 23.

An e-mail went out to those who are donating items to bring the items to the chapel after worship today.

See Patience or contact the office to coordinate bringing in items, if you were unable to bring them today and need to bring them in the next few days.

Thank you again for all the donations.

### **Summer Sunday School**

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Mary Ellen Collett 07/14, Kristine Powers 07/15, Thomas Jennings 07/15, Jennifer Goldfuss 07/20, Megan Kundrath 07/20, Rich Baldino 07/20, Masako Miller 07/22, George Silk 07/24, Heather Mastracchio 07/24, Vivian Shipley-Harris 07/26, James Shea 07/27.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Kim & Rob Natoli 07/18, Elaine & Sonny Burr 07/18, Rich & Jody Gallagher 07/22.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7/14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7/15</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b> 6:00	<b>FOOD PANTRY</b> CT Record Club (K)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7/16</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 7:00	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> Music Together (DBL) <b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS (H)</b> PLP (L) Music Under the Stars (Green)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7/17</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 5:15 p.m. 7:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY PASTORAL RELATIONS (ZOOM) DISCERNMENT TEAM (ZOOM)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7/18</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7/19</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7/20</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> 9:30	<b>MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH)</b> Music Together (DBL)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7/21</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream)</b>

\*Small print indicates non-Church function  
**Bold print starts new day.**





\*OPENING HYMN: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

V 559

D A D G D A7 D

1 Come, O Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;  
 2 Here I pause in my so - journ - ing, giv - ing thanks for hav - ing come,  
 3 O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!

D A D G D A7 D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing call for songs of end - less praise.  
 come to trust, at ev - ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe - ly home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to you.

D G D G D G D G D F#m G A7 D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God,  
 Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan - der from the love I've known:

D A D G D A7 D

Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.  
 came to res - cue me from dan - ger, pre - cious pres - ence, pre - cious blood.  
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

\* HYMN: "Blessed Assurance" V 337

D G D A

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! Vi-sions of rap-ture now  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-iour am

E A D G D

glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,  
 burst on my sight; an-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove  
 hap-py and blessed, watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,

D G A D G

born of the Spir-it, washed in Christ's blood.  
 ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry, this is my  
 filled with God's good-ness, lost in Christ's love.

D G D A E A A7 D

song, prais-ing my Sav-iour all the day long; this is my sto-ry,

G D G Em A D

this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-iour all the day long.

**\*CLOSING HYMN: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” V 266**

F C7 Dm Bb F

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares,  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me,  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

C7 F C7 F C7 F

that saved \*a wretch like me! I once was lost,  
 and grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did  
 I have al - read - y come; 'tis grace that brought  
 this word my hope se - cures; God will my shield  
 bright shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days

Bb F Dm F C7 F

but now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 that grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.  
 me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 and por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 to sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## **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