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

**Sunday, July 28, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 12  
Summer Sunday School**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Interlude No. 1*

Starling Goodwin

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Your creation gives thanks to you, O God.

**PEOPLE: And we, your faithful, bless you.**

Leader: We shall speak of the glory of your realm and tell of your power.

**PEOPLE: We shall let all people know your might deeds and glorious splendor. \*\***

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

**For peace**

Almighty God,  
all thoughts of truth and peace  
proceed from you.  
Kindle in the hearts of all people  
the true love of peace.  
Guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom  
those who take counsel  
for the nations of the earth;  
that in tranquility your kingdom  
may go forward,  
till the earth is filled  
with the knowledge of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.## 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*

Triune God, Shepherd of your people Israel, you provide for us far more than we expect or imagine possible. Calm our fears; speak peace to us; lead us beyond ourselves. Gather us with all the saints in the church to glorify you for your mighty deeds. We pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ.\*\* 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:** Ephesians 3:14-21 Page 1335

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

\* **HYMN:** "Be Still, My Soul"

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## **THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** John 6:1-21 Page 1241

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

**SERMON**

Robin Blundon

**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:** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

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## \*THE BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** Solfeggietto

by Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**We welcome** Robin Blundon as our guest preacher this morning. Robin has served congregations in Connecticut, most often as an intentional interim pastor.

**Deacon** is Peter Hall. **Scripture Reader** is Jim Bennett. **Greeters** are Doris Ferner and Beth Anderson. **Fellowship Hour** is hosted by Ed & Mary Ellen Collett. **Today's flowers** are given by Carla Hill to celebrate my mother, Cindy James's heavenly 84th birthday and my Aunt Marcia Carthaus' heavenly 87th birthday. We think of you, love you, and miss you everyday.

**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 think about you somethime, even when I'm not praying.*

*Henry, Age 4.*

Church Chuckles

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Food Pantry: Summer Request**

Please consider donating Juice boxes/Juice for our food clients. With the children home for the summer, these are much appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

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

Thank you for your many generous donations making this year's on-line fundraising auction a reality!! We have a wonderful variety of items that are sure to make this auction a big success. The auction items were catalogued and photographed this past week.

Here is the schedule:

Our fundraising auction site is currently in progress

August 5: The auction will go live

August 13: The auction will close (this is a new closing date)

August 16: The auction manager will prep the items for pick up (group items by buyers, as is typical, winning bidders often win multiple lots) to make the pick up window go smoothly.

August 18: The pick up time is Noon to 3pm for winning bidders.

Thank you again for all your donations for our church.

### **Summer Sunday School: Today**

This year Summer Sunday school is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month; 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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7/28</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7/29</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7/30</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 12:00 p.m. 7:00	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> Music Together (DBL) PLP (L) Music Under the Stars (Green)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7/31</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8/1</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Mothers of Twins (CH)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8/2</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8/3</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> 9:30	<b>MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH)</b> Music Together (DBL)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/4</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.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Kristin Lynch 07/29. Kathleen Harple 08/04.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Jim & Leslie Dockendorff 08/01, Rebecca & Alan Conley 08/04.

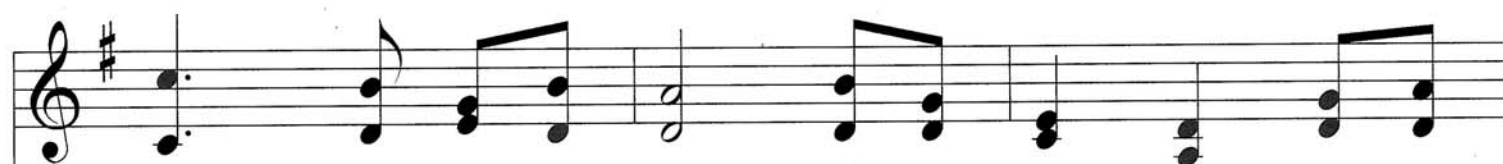


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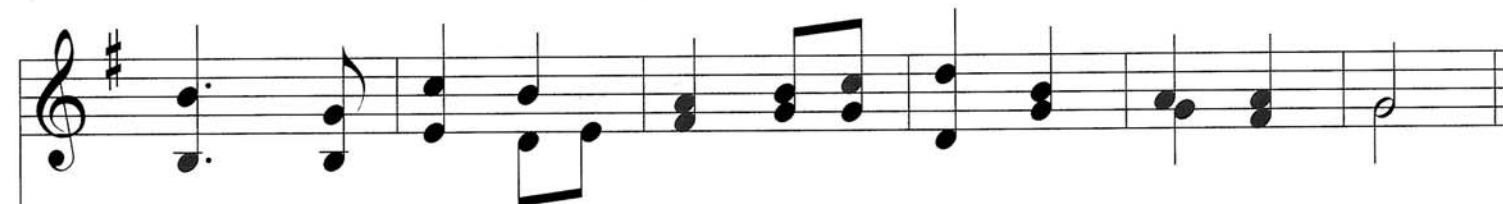
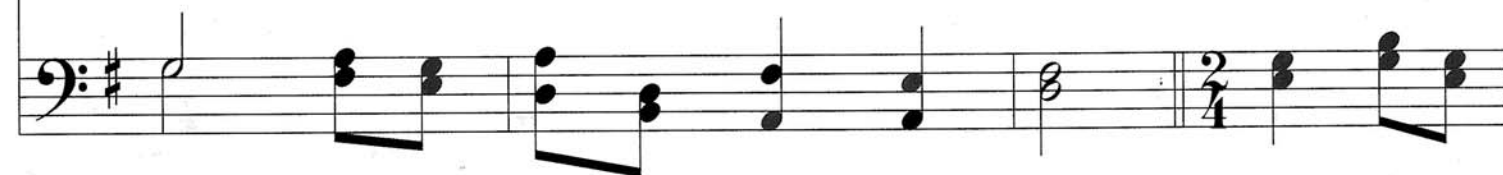
1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the  
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the  
3 For the joy of hu - man love, bro - ther,  
4 For each per - fect gift sub - lime to our



glo - ry of the skies, for the love which from our  
day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and  
sis - ter, par - ent, child, friends on earth, and friends a -  
race so free - ly given, gra - ces hu - man and di -



birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, God of  
bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
vine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,



all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.



\* HYMN: "Be Still, My Soul"

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F C7 F C F B $\flat$  C F

1 Be still, my soul, for God is on your side; bear pa-tient-  
 2 Be still, my soul, your God will un-der-take to guide the  
 3 Be still, my soul, the hour is hast-en-ing on when we shall

C7 F C F B $\flat$  F Dm

ly the cross of grief or pain. Trust in your God, your  
 fu-ture sure-ly as the past. Your hope, your con-fi-  
 be for-ev-er in God's peace; when dis-ap-point-ment,

Dm F C Gm D7 Gm F B $\flat$  A

sav-iour and your guide, who through all chang-es faith-ful will re-  
 dence let noth-ing shake; all now mys-te-rious shall be bright at  
 grief and fear are gone, love's joys re-stored, our striv-ings all shall

A F Dm F C

main. Be still, my soul, your best, your heav-enly  
 last. Be still, my soul, life's tem-pests still o-  
 cease. Be still, my soul, when change and tears are

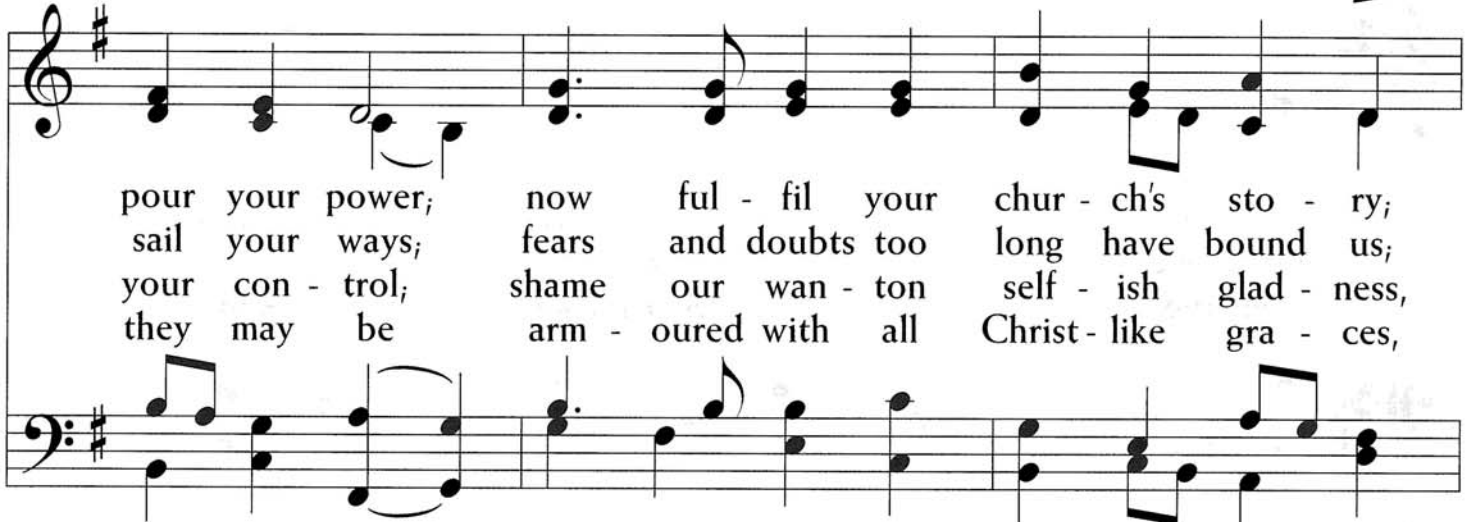
Gm D7 Gm F C7 F

friend through storm-y ways leads to a peace-ful end.  
 bey the voice that once the waves' wild fu-ry stayed.  
 past, all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.

\*CLOSING HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory" V686



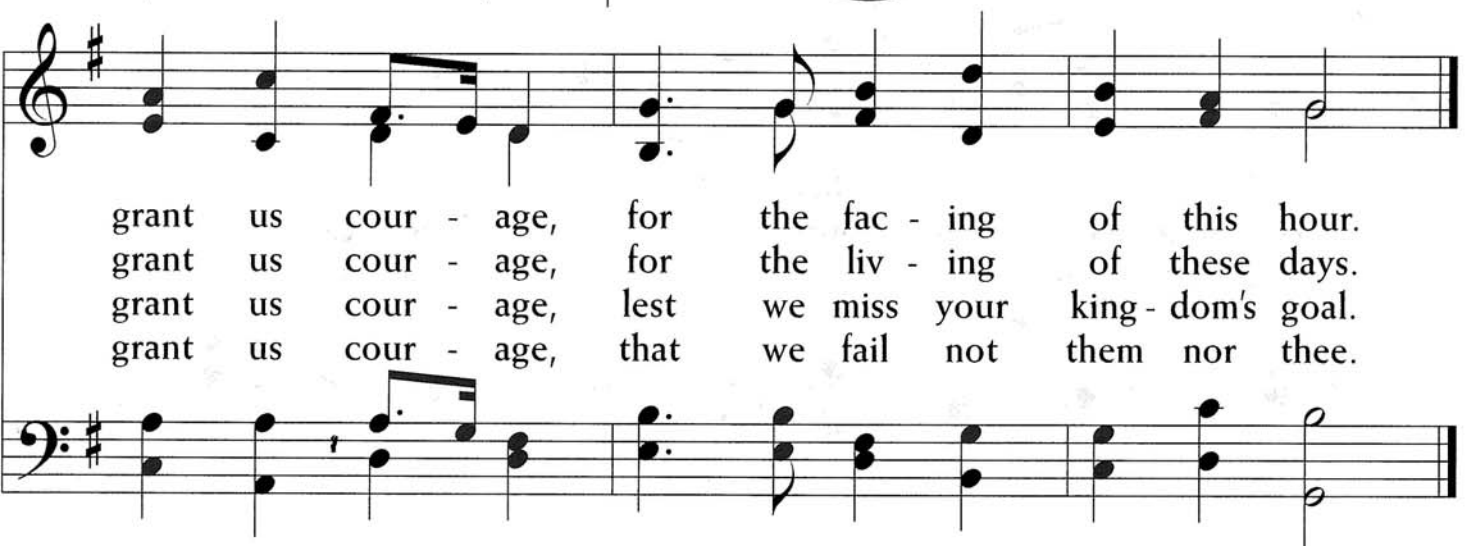
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -  
3 Cure your child - ren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to  
4 Set our feet on lof - ty pla - ces, gird our lives that



pour your power; now ful - fil your chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail your ways; fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton self - ish glad - ness,  
they may be arm - oured with all Christ - like gra - ces,



bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,  
free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,  
rich in goods and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,  
pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these days.  
grant us cour - age, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
grant us cour - age, that we fail not them nor thee.

## **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