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

Sunday, August 11, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**12th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 14
Summer Sunday School**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***OPENING HYMN: "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy" P 101**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: In faith, Abraham and Sarah set out for a new land.

PEOPLE: In faith, we seek to follow God as we travel through life.

Leader: In faith, the church seeks to discern the future to which God calls us in our age.

PEOPLE: In faith, we gather now to worship, seeking new life in Christ.

ALL: God of present, past, and future, guide us now into your new age of promise.** *Ruth C. Duck*

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

Good and gracious God, we pray for a world free of nuclear weapons. We pray for world leaders to come to the realization that more weapons and war do not bring peace.

We pray that the deadly power of nuclear weapons never again be unleashed on people and Your creation. May such weapons of mass and indiscriminate annihilations be forever banned and eliminated from the face of the earth.

Let us remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki as beacons as we commit ourselves to find ways to live together in peace, that we may not be just peace lovers, but peacemakers.

In the words of Isaiah:

It shall come to pass that the peoples shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

And so, we pray for the time when

"Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."^{##} Amen, so be it. *shared by Pax Christi*

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

Holy God, we thank you that you receive us not according to our failing goodness, but according to your overflowing grace. You receive us as we are. You show us what we can be, through Jesus Christ, who came to share our common lot and reconcile us to yourself. Sweep over us with your Spirit, and change us by your love that we may sing with joy before you, and live to your glory in the world.** Amen.

Ruth C. Duck

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: Psalm 34:1-8

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I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*** HYMN: "O Christian, Love"****V594****THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ephesians 4:25-5:2 Pg 1336**

So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your

mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON: “No Room for the Devil”

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: “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”**

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Nancy Mahoney. **Greeters** are Carol Mitchell and Beth Anderson. **Scripture Reader** is Carol Amico. **Fellowship Hour** will be immediately following service.

Today's flowers are given by Carla Hill. These flowers are given in loving memory of my in-laws, Barbara and Paul Hill, whose first year with our loving God and Lord has come. We miss you, think of you each day, and love you. Thank you for sending Mike and I each day a sign from above that you are both at peace.

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 went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay? Neil, Age 8 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

The on-line fundraising auction is currently live and closes tomorrow. Thank you everyone for your donations and bids. Most of the bidding activity will be tomorrow. Pick up for winning bidders is next Sunday only between noon and 3:00 p.m.

Thank you,

The B Team, Priscilla B., Martha B., Patience B., Martin B.

Summer Sunday School:

Summer Sunday school is in full swing. The last class will be August 25. Hope to see you then.

Save The Date: Friday, Sept 20!!

MILITARY WHIST CARD PARTY

Food, raffles, and lots of fun

\$12.00 per person, bring a friend

Details to follow!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	8/11	9:30 a.m.	ONLINE AUCTION – LIVE WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	8/12	1:00 p.m.	ONLINE AUCTION – LIVE Closes at 7:25pm FOOD PANTRY
Tuesday	8/13	9:30 a.m. 9:30 12:00 p.m. 7:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (L) Music Under the Stars (Green)
Wednesday	8/14	10:00 a.m. 10:00 5:15 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY COMMUNICATIONS ZOOM Al-Anon District Family (K)
Thursday	8/15	3:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY COUNCIL (CH)
Friday	8/16	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	8/17	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	8/18	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream) AUCTION PICK-UP (CH)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Daniel Kirk 08/11, Priscilla Bradford 08/12, Robert Scheidecker 08/12, Emma Nottingham 08/12, Cole Purcell 08/12, Jeanne Mecca 08/13, Michael Goldfuss 08/13, Mary Ellen Adams 08/15, Eleanor Harple 08/17, Phyllis Kaercher 08/17.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Michele & Richard Lynch 08/12, Jeanne & Billy Mecca 08/18, Nancy & Ken Mahoney 08/18.

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

*OPENING HYMN: "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy" P 101



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas - ure of man's mind;



There's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more sim-ple, We should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
And our lives would be all sun-shine In the sweet-ness of our Lord. A-men.



1 O Chris-tian, love your sis-ter and your bro-ther!
 2 Fol-low with rev-erent steps the great ex-am-ple:
 3 Then shall all shack-les fall; the storm-y clan-gour

Where pit-y dwells, the peace of God is there;
 Je-sus whose ho-ly work was do-ing good;
 of wild war-mu-sic o'er the earth shall cease;

to wor-ship right-ly is to love each oth-er,
 so shall the wide earth seem a hal-lowed tem-ple,
 love shall tread out the bale-ful fire of an-ger,

each smile a hymn, each kind-ly deed a prayer.
 each lov-ing life a psalm of grat-i-tude.
 and in its ash-es plant the tree of peace.

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched,
my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.