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

**Sunday, August 18, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 15**

**Family Sunday**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Variations on *Rhosymedre* Henry Coleman  
“My Song is Love Unknown” (P169)

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” **V651**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We come, like Abraham, Sarah, and John, people with hope.

**PEOPLE: We come, like Job, Thomas, and the Samaritan woman, people with questions.**

Leader: We come, like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary, people with self-doubts.

**PEOPLE: We come, like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen, people with courage.**

Leader: We come, like David, Mary Magdalene, and Paul, people with brokenness in our lives.

**ALL: We come, like Rebekah and Samuel, like Hosea and Esther, like Nathaniel and Martha, like John Mark and Priscilla, people with a part to play in the story of faith.\*\***

*Maren C. Tirabassi*

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

O God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth;

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust;

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let your peace fill our hearts, our homes, our world, our universe.##

Amen.

*Satish Kumar*

V692

**\*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*

Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit of all holiness, be in our midst with your baptism of power and your communion of love. We wait upon you in stillness and patience because you turn strength into weakness and weakness into strength. In the moments of victory and joy you lift us up on wings of flight. In the days of routine and duty you enable us to run a sure course without weariness or collapse. In the hours of pain and fear, in the times of trial, in the nights of grief and death, you help us walk, hand-held and step-steadied, so that we do not faint. You are our God and we are your people.\*\* Amen.

*Maren C. Tirabassi*

## **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 111

Pg 554

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

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

\* **HYMN:** “Now Thank We All Our God”

**V236**

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Ephesians 5:15-20 Pg 1337

Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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

**SERMON:** “Fear, Wisdom, and Gratitude”

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:** “Be Thou My Vision”

**V642**

\***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Old Hundredth*

arr. Marilyn Arison

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Deacon** is Peter Hall. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson. **Scripture Reader** is Ted Manzo. **Fellowship Hour** will be immediately following service hosted by Peter Hall.

**Today's flowers** are given by Tom & Wendy Glynn in loving memory of Tom's mother, Helga Glynn. She is missed everyday but especially today on her 85th birthday.

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

**Quote of the day:**

*“Why did Moses have to go back up the mountain a second time?” asked the Sunday school teacher. “To ask God for a map,” Brad replied. 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.

**Summer Sunday School:**

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

**On-line Fundraising Auction: Pick up items today**

Thank you once again for all your donations for the 5th annual on-line fundraising auction. This year's auction raised more funds than the first four auctions, raising over \$3,000 for our church's current budget. If you are a winning bidder, the door to the chapel will open at noon for pick up of items.

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

## **Movie Night on the Green**

Pond Hill Baptist Church will sponsor a movie night on the Green on Friday, Aug. 23 at 7pm (rain date Aug 24). The movie is “Wonka” and the show will begin at dusk. Available FREE: popcorn, water to drink, raffle tickets for a prize basket, temporary tattoos, and family fun games. Bring your lawn chair, bug repellent, and flashlight, and enjoy a great family fun event! To RSVP go to <https://www.facebook.com/events/427892930066682> and press the Go button!

## **Save The Date: Friday, Sept 20!!**

The Women’s Fellowship Military Whist Card Game will be on Friday, September 20. Tickets are available for purchase at Coffee Hour (\$12 per person). Singles, couples, and teams of four are welcome. Please call Carol Mitchell (203) 668-0608 or email [cdmitchell60@yahoo.com](mailto:cdmitchell60@yahoo.com).

Light refreshments will be served. There will be a variety of gift card raffles and a 50/50 raffle!

Our Fundraisers help support church projects and local organizations. Doors will open at 5:15 p.m. and the game begins at 6:00 p.m. It’s fun and easy to play! Come join the fun! Bring a friend!

## **Dates and times to be announced soon!!**

Craft workshops for the Women’s Fellowship Fair on November 2 will be held starting at the end of August and continuing through September and October. Dates and times to be announced soon.

Planning for the Fair has begun. Any ideas or suggestions are welcome. Sign up to help at Fellowship Hour or contact Carol Mitchell (203) 668-0608. Thanks!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/18</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 12:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP –</b> <b>(In-Person/Live Stream)</b> AUCTION PICK-UP (CH)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8/19</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b> 6:00	<b>FOOD PANTRY</b> CT Record Club (K)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8/20</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>8/21</b>	10:00	<b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b> FOOD PANTRY
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8/22</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8/23</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> 7:00	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b> Movie Night “Wonka” (Green)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8/24</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8/25</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:45	<b>WORSHIP –</b> <b>(In-Person/Live Stream)</b> Faith Formation MT

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Adam Schweickert 08/21, Alexis Dubail 08/24,.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Jeanne & Billy Mecca 08/18, Nancy & Ken Mahoney 08/18, John & Sue Tibor 08/19, Walter & Phyllis Kaercher 08/20, Scott Morrow & Carol Amico 08/22.

## **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



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 1 Gui - de - moi, Ber - ger fi - dè - le, en ce mon - de  
 2 Christ, tu es la sour - ce vi - ve des bi - ens les

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y,  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 pè - le - rin, prends à toi mon coeur re - bel - le,  
 plus pré - cieux fais que pour toi seul je vi - ve,

hold me with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer,  
 gui - de - moi, sois mon sou - tien, pain de vi - e,  
 gui - de - moi du haut des cieux; viens, pro - tè - ge,

bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no more,  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and shield,  
 pain de vi - e, de ta grâ - ce nour - ris - moi,  
 viens pro - tè - ge, sois mon roc, mon bou - cli - er,

feed me till I want strength no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield.  
 de ta grâ - ce nour - ris - moi.  
 sois mon roc, mon bou - cli - er.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
 bid my anxious fears subside;  
 death of death, and hell's destruction,  
 land me safe on Canaan's side:  
 songs of praises, songs of praises  
 I will ever give to thee  
 I will ever give to thee.

3 Du Jourdain je suis les rives;  
 quand j'ai peur, rassure-moi.  
 À Sion, qu'enfin j'arrive,  
 affermis ma faible foi;  
 tes louanges, tes louanges,  
 à jamais je chanterai,  
 à jamais je chanterai.

E $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  Fm B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,  
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God for all that has been giv - en,

E $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  G A $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$

who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spir - it blest who dwell in high - est heav - en,

B $\flat$  F7 B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  C $\flat$  D Gm

who from our moth - er's arms has blessed us on our way  
 and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore;

Gm C Fm C Fm E $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ill in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision"

Unison

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O joy of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, my calm in all strife;  
 ♦ 3 Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for the fight;  
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,  
 5 Great God of heav - en, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
 I ev - er with thee, and thou in my life;  
 ♦ be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou lov - ing par - ent, thy child may I be,  
 ♦ thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 ♦ raise thou me heaven - ward, O power of my power.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vis - ion, O rul - er of all.