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

Sunday, September 1, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**15th Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 17
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: No. 2 Versus *Te per orbem terrarium:*

***OPENING HYMN:** "You Servants of God"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: A gift of a new day,

PEOPLE: Unlived, untried, ready to be opened.

Leader: A new day with surprising miracles;

PEOPLE: With love to be given,

Leader: Kindness to be shared,

PEOPLE: And peace to be enjoyed.

Leader: A gift of a new day,

PEOPLE: God's gift to us.

Leader: Let us receive it with joy.

ALL: And live it in expectation.**

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

Loving God, We pray for all who shoulder the tasks of human labor;
in the marketplace, factory, office and home.

We pray too, for all who long for just employment.

May our work be always for justice and peace in our communities and
in our world.### 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 CONFESSION:~unison

Christ Jesus, our teacher and our friend, we have not listened for your word amid the clamor of words all around us. We are more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do your will. We pray for ears to hear the cries of our neighbors and for hearts which resonate with your Spirit. Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope, and love.*** Amen.

~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: James 1:17-27 Page 1370

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** "When Love is Found"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

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The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away, for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

MEDITATION: “Lovingkindness”

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: “Now to Your Table Spread”

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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.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Sonata, Hoboken XVI:7

Joseph Haydn

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Nancy Mahoney. **Scripture Reader** is Susan Compton.

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:

Josh was trying to teach his puppy to walk alongside him by reading the Bible to him. When asked why, he said, "I'm using the healing power of prayer."

Church Chuckles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, RALLY DAY PICNIC

Come one, come all to reconnect and catch-up with one another, enjoy some quality family time, and enjoy the comradery.

The church and Faith Formation Team will provide tables and chairs, cold cuts, rolls, condiments, and beverages. The Faith Formation Team asks each family to contribute the salads, sides and dessert. The large church refrigerator will provide a cold environment to keep anything to be shared at a safe temperature until after worship.

Those whose last name begins with....

A-E please bring dessert/fruit.

F-Z please bring a salad/side dish.

Fire Drill Scheduled - September 8th

We will hold a fire drill at the conclusion of the worship service on September 8. All persons in the building will exit from the nearest door and assemble at the church sign in the front yard near Linsley Street. The elevator is not used during a fire drill. All persons using a walker or a wheelchair in the sanctuary will gather in narthex; those in the lower level will gather near the door going out by the Women's Fellowship stairs. Following the All Clear! – the Rally Day Picnic will begin!.

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.

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!

Archdiocese Of Hartford Human Trafficking Task Force

Human Trafficking is occurring in our state and across the globe and YOU can do something about it. Awareness is the first step!

Please join St. Elizabeth Of the Trinity Social Action Group on **Thursday, October 3 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in St. Barnabas Church** for a presentation given by the Archdiocese of Hartford Human Trafficking Task Force.

In this presentation you will learn:

- The different types of human trafficking and where it happens
- The warning signs for sex trafficking and labor trafficking
- National and local effort to combat this crime, including the role of the Catholic Church in the fight against human trafficking
- How to support victims and survivors
- How your faith community can get involved

Be The Help Until Help Arrives!

Emergencies happen anywhere and at anytime. Rescuers respond as soon as possible, but sometimes it's too late. Your help can save the life of a loved one or a friend. The church is offering a class called "Stop the Bleed and Hands Only CPR." The class is two hours long and is open to everyone age 11 and older and in good health. Please join us on Thursday, October 17th at 7:00pm. The cost is \$5 per person and pre-registration is required since the class size is limited. Please register by email with Ed Collett , ecollett54@gmail.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	9/1	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: In Person/Live Stream
Monday	9/2	9:30 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED (LABOR DAY) AA (K)
Tuesday	9/3	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 7:00	Al-Anon (K) PLP (L) Bible Study (Zoom) Music Under the Stars (Green)
Wednesday	9/4	10:00 5:15pm 7:00	FOOD PANTRY COMMUNICATIONS (Zoom) DEACONS (Zoom)
Thursday	9/5	2:30 p.m. 6:30 7:00	Food Council (L) Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	9/6	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Al-Anon Area (CH)
Saturday	9/7	7:30 a.m.	MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH)
Sunday	9/8	9:30 a.m. 10:45	WORSHIP: In Person/Live Stream RALLY DAY CONFIRMATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Martin Benassi 09/06, Linda Lacobelli 09/06, Melissa DeLuca 09/06, Colin Studley 09/06, John Masnato 09/08.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: David & Joanne Nottingham 09/01, Carl & Lillian Flodquist 09/05, David & Nancie Estep 09/06.

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: "You Servants of God"

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G (D G) C (D7) G D

1 You ser - vants of God, your Sav - iour pro - claim,
 2 God rules from on high, al - might - y to save,
 3 Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore and give as is right,

D G (D G) C G D7 G

and pub - lish a - broad that won - der - ful name;
 whose Word still is nigh, a pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - our the Son!
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

D A7 D7 G D D7

the name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,
 The great con - gre - ga - tion God's tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 all hon - our and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

D G (D G) C G D7 G

whose king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 bow down in deep rev - erence and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

Unison

- 1 When love is found
and hope comes home,
sing and be glad
that two are one.
When love explodes
and fills the sky,
praise God, and share
our Maker's joy.
- 2 When love has flowered
in trust and care,
build both each day,
that love may dare
to reach beyond
home's warmth and light,
to serve and strive
for truth and right.
- 3 When love is tried
as loved- ones change,
hold still to hope,
though all seems strange,

- till ease returns
and love grows wise
through listening ears
and opened eyes.
- 4 When love is torn,
and trust betrayed,
pray strength to love
till torments fade,
till lovers keep
no score of wrong,
but hear through pain
love's Easter song.
- 5 Praise God for love,
praise God for life,
in age or youth,
in calm or strife.
Lift up your hearts!
Let love be fed
through death and life
in broken bread.

Hymn of Preparation: "Now to Your Table Spread"

V456

1 Now to your ta - ble spread we come, each one in
2 Hands of the world stretch out your mys - ter - y to
3 Here is our com - mon wealth in shar - ing what is

faith that you a - lone pro - vide the words of
touch in long - ing to be - lieve a truth be -
good, as though all hu - man - kind a - round one

life and death: in wine and bread, in
yond our reach, to sing in joy, to
ta - - - ble stood, this bread to break, this

prom - ised food we find your lov - ing heart, O God.
cry in grief, to know your mean - ing for our life.
wine to taste: one peo - ple in the name of Christ.

***CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"**

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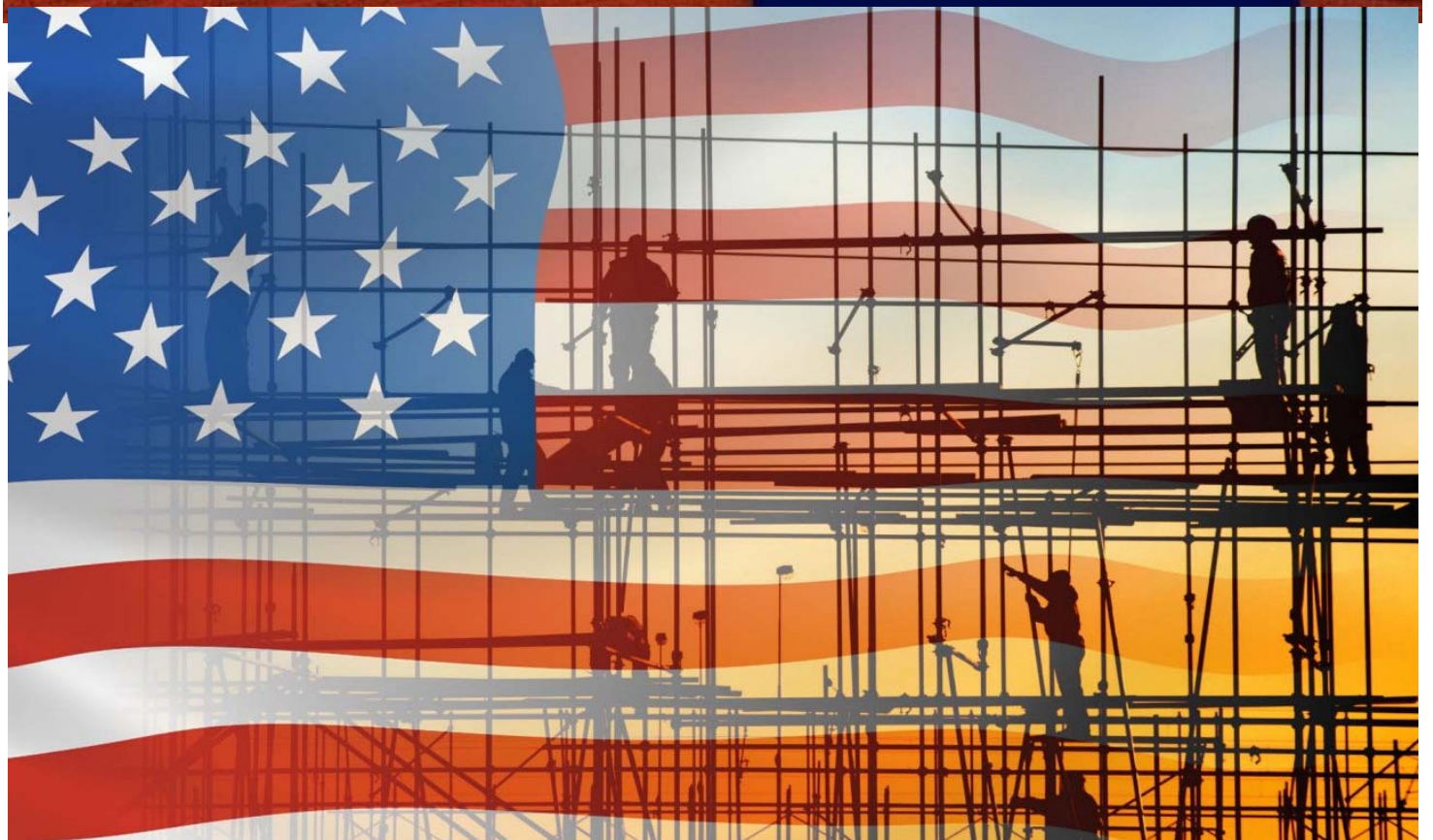
1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart,
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Refrain

In my heart, in my heart,
In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.



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.