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

Sunday, September 8, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 18
Rally Day**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude in A Minor Jaak Nikolaas Lemmens

***OPENING HYMN:** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" V 326

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: May God's peace rest on our busy lives so that we are quieted into prayer.

PEOPLE: May God's love flow through our worship words so that we are awake to opportunities for service.

Leader: May God's grace embrace every need and may the restless Gospel set our hearts afire.**

ALL: Amen and Amen. *Maren C. Tirabassi*

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

God of Peace,

You bring light out of darkness and hope to our stubborn hearts.

Be with us as we wait.

Guide us as we watch. Encourage us as we work for peace.

For You are the light! You are our peace!## 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

We worship you, O God, and thank you that you receive us when we turn to you. We turn to you now, trusting the promise of Jesus Christ to be with us whenever two or three gather in his name. Come to us, and fill us with your Spirit of unity and truth, that we may serve you in the world; for we pray in Jesus' name.** 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: James 2:1-10, 14-17 Page 1370

My brothers and sisters, do not claim the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ of glory while showing partiality. For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here in a good place, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit by my footstool," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor person. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into the courts? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well. But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** "Jesus, Jesus, Fill Us with Your Love"

V 593

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: I Danced in the Morning Trad. American tune
(Lord of the Dance) Text by Sydney Carter
Sung by Choir and Congregation

Sung by All:

Dance then wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

SERMON: "Faith and Works" 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:** “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” V 681

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Polonaise in G Minor

Frederick Chopin

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Nancy Mahoney. **Greeters** are Doris Ferner and Beth Anderson. **Scripture Reader** is Carol Amico.

Today's flowers are given by Sandy Carter. I am dedicating these flowers to all the members who serve our Church and to our Church staff and Pastor Scott. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: John Masnato 09/08, Sally Pallatto 09/09, AnnMarie Czajkowski 9/10, Ryan Petrucci 09/11, Aaron Weiss 09/12.

Quote of the day:

Dear God, I would like to live 900 years like that guy in the Bible.

Jason, Age 9

Church Chuckles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today after worship: RALLY DAY PICNIC

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

Today at the end of worship: Fire Drill

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!

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.

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

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.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	9/8	9:30 a.m. 10:45	WORSHIP: In Person/Live Stream RALLY DAY CONFIRMATION INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Monday	9/9	9:30 a.m. 10:30 1:00 p.m.	Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) Food Pantry Open
Tuesday	9/10	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 3:30 5:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) PLP BUILDING & GROUNDS (L) United Girls Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Girl Scout Troop 60071(RR) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	9/11	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (Dbl) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl) Al-Anon District Family (K) MLB (L)
Thursday	9/12	3:30 p.m. 4:30 5:30 7:00 7:00 7:00	NHE Ch & M (L) Pierpont Hill (K) Girl Scout Troop 60151 (RR) Lions Club (L) Garden Club (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	9/13	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (Dbl) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl) Al-Ateen (CH) Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	9/14	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl)
Sunday	9/15	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: In Person/Live Stream

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

*OPENING HYMN: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

V 326

G D G Em D

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
2 Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
♦ 3 He speaks, and lis - tening to his voice, new
4 Hear him, you deaf; you voice - less ones, your
5 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -

G D7 G D G

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
♦ life the dead re - ceive, the mourn - ful bro - ken
tongues a - gain em - ploy; you blind, be - hold your
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the

C G D7 G

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace.
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
♦ hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
Sav - iour comes, and leap, you lame, for joy!
earth a - broad the hon - ours of your name.

* HYMN: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Refrain (Unison)

Chords: F, C7, F, Am7, Dm7, Gm

Je - su,* Je - su, fill us with your love, show

Chords: C7, F, Am, Gm, C7, F (Bb F) Fine

us how to serve the neigh - bours we have from you.

Chords: F, Dm, Gm, C7

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bours are rich — and poor, var - ied in col - our and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

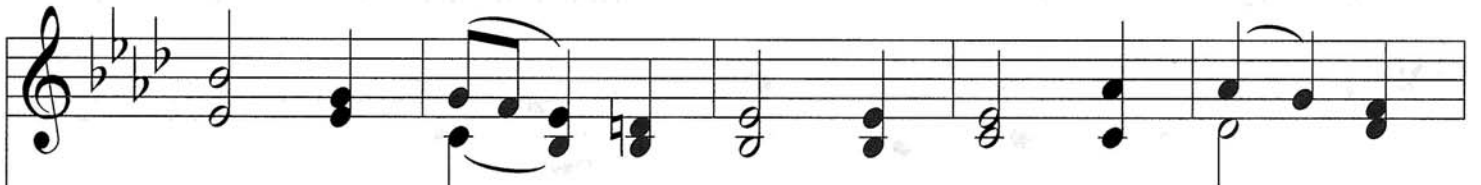
Chords: A7, Dm, F, Gm, C7, Bb, D.C.

feet, mas - ter who acts as a slave — to them.
 race, neigh - bours are near — and far — a - way.
 love, all — are neigh - bours to us — and you.
 feet, this is the way we should live — with you.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" V 681



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
♦ 3 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the
4 O Je - sus, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 till all the world shall learn your love and fol - low



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds, dark with fears, from paths where hide the
♦ fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -
heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
where your feet have trod, till glo - rious from your



self - ish strife, we hear your words of life a - gain.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
♦ tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion of your face.
throns a - bide, and tread the cit - y's streets a - gain,
heaven a - bove shall come the cit - y of our God.



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.