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NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, September 29, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 21
The Sacrament of Christian Baptism

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: D Major *Mosso Moderato*

J.G. Vierling

CHORAL INTROIT: *Lord, Listen to your Children Praying*

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Words and Music by Ken Medema

***OPENING HYMN:** “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above” V216

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Praise God for turning seasons – blustery winter with its snow-face, the fragile wings of spring, and hot, heavy, growing, grazing summer.

PEOPLE: Now two-faced autumn begins – burnished and drizzling.

Leader: Autumn. September crimson, October orange and cat-black, November gray.

PEOPLE: Autumn. Golden leaves, Cortland apples, school bells, football cheers, pumpkin pie, cider, mince, the smell of cold and smoke, the touch of homecoming.

Leader: Autumn. Between the boughs of leaf-lost trees squirrels race winter. We harvest the plenty and good and rake dried hopes and fallen dreams.

ALL: We offer our year-end bounty and gleanings to God.**

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

Father, Mother, God, Thank you for your presence during the hard and mean days. For then we have you to lean upon. Thank you for your presence during the bright and sunny days, for then we can share that which we have with those who have less. And thank you for your presence during the Holy Days, for then we are able to celebrate you and our families and our friends.

For those who have no voice, we ask you to speak. For those who feel unworthy, we ask you to pour your love out in waterfalls of tenderness. For those who live in pain, we ask you to bathe them in the river of your healing.

Dear Creator, You, the borderless sea of substance, we ask you to give to all the world that which we need most—Peace.## Amen.

Maya Angelou

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

For earth we give you thanks. For rest and work we give you thanks. For blue heaven we give you thanks. For meaning that is simple and sacred, for bonding of family, friendship and church, for the possibility to hope and live into the future, we give you thanks. For the lights of day and the darkness gentle in the night, for the turning seasons of the year and the celebrations with which we mark our days, we give you thanks. For the gospel story, the salvation of souls, the promise of life eternal, we give you thanks and praise, God of holiness and splendor, even as we gather together in the name of the One who makes all love incarnate, Christ Jesus.** 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 BAPTISM OF CARTER JOSEPH MICKOLYZCK

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*** HYMN: "May God Who Creates You"**

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THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 124

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If it had not been the Lord who was on our side —let Israel now say—if it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away; the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the hunters; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*** HYMN: "Give to the Winds Your Fears"**

V636

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. Pg 442

On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace, but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and an enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very pole that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hung Haman on the pole that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday, that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *You Are Salt for the Earth, O People*

Text: Matt: 5:13-15

Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt

Tune: Marty Haugen. 1986

“Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace; Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the city of God!”

Sung by Chancel Choir

SERMON: “Courage for Community”

Margret Hofmeister

"Above all, be the heroine of your life, not the victim."

Nora Ephron, 21st century

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: “Go Forth for God”

V418

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: C Major *Maestoso*

B. Kothe

*Those who are able, please stand.

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We welcome the Rev. Margret Hofmeister as our preacher this morning. Margret has served in two local church settings and now serves as the Area Conference Minister for the SW Region of the Southern New England Conference UCC.

Deacon is Tim Peiffer. **Scripture Reader** is Sandy Carter. **Fellowship Hour** will be in Carroll Hall immediately following service.

Quote of the day:

As the Sunday school teacher described how Lot’s wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt, little Jimmy interrupted, “My mommy looked back once while she was driving, and she turned into a telephone pole!” Church Chuckles

ANNOUNCEMENTS

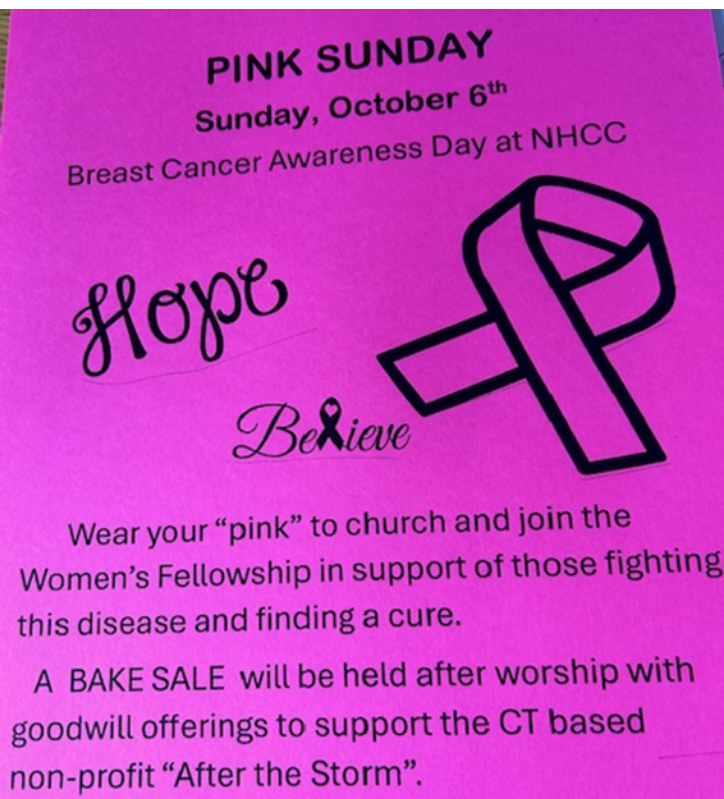
Be The Help Until Help Arrives!

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.



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Women's Fellowship will be hosting "Pink Sunday" on October 6, 2024. We are asking EVERYONE (men included) to wear pink on that day, in person at church or at home watching the service virtually! There will be baked goods available for purchase after the service! Please consider supporting "After The Storm" by sending your check Payable to Women's Fellowship!

Your donation is greatly appreciated!

All funds raised will be donated to "After The Storm" again this year! Honor those survivors you know and love, WEAR YOUR PINK!!

**THE SACRAMENT
OF
CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**

September 29, 2024

Carter Joseph Mickolyzck



**THE NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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28 Church Street
North Haven, Connecticut 06473**

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The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Minister

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is a moment in the Christian community when we recognize the grace of God living in each newborn creation.

INTRODUCTION

Minister: People were bringing little children to Jesus that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them:

PEOPLE: “LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, DO NOT STOP THEM; FOR IT IS TO SUCH AS THESE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS. TRULY, I TELL YOU, WHOEVER DOES NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE A LITTLE CHILD WILL NEVER ENTER IT.”

Minister: And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

PEOPLE: JESUS SAID; “UNLESS WE ARE BORN ANEW, WE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD; UNLESS WE ARE BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, WE CANNOT ENTER GOD'S NEW ORDER”.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

***QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION**

(The Congregation will please stand)

Deacon: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Carter Joseph Mickolyzck, about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

PEOPLE: WE PROMISE OUR LOVE, SUPPORT, AND CARE TO CARTER JOSEPH MICKOLYZCK, AND TO JOSEPH AND CHRISTINA MICKOLYZCK AS THEY RAISE THEIR CHILD IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH.

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BAPTISM

NAMING OF THE CHILD AND THE BAPTISM

PRAYER OF PRAISE FOR THE BAPTIZED

BENEDICTION: (Unison) ... CARTER JOSEPH MICKOLYZCK, MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU. MAY THE LORD'S FACE SHINE UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU. MAY THE LORD'S COUNTENANCE BE LIFTED UP UPON YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

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We celebrate the baptism of:

Carter Joseph Mickolyzck

Born: May 28, 2024

Parents:

Joseph and Christina Mickolyzck

Sponsors:

Mindy Giannotti and William Mickolyzck



North Haven Congregational Church
Celebrates
Rev. Scott Morrow and Carol Amico
for their 30 years of service

Please join us:

November 17, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship Service
(guest preacher: The Rev. Lucia Jackson)

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Reception
Carroll Hall - Light lunch

R.S.V.P. to churchoffice@northhavenucc.org or 203-239-5691.

Scott came to North Haven Congregational Church (NHCC) in November of 1994 from the Orange Congregational Church where he was the Associate Minister for five years. While at NHCC, he has become integral to the community supporting organizations beyond our congregation.

Carol is a physician associate specializing in HIV care who has worked at Hospital of St. Raphael, Yale New Haven Hospital, and now Yale School of Medicine. She is active in the chancel choir and the New Haven Chorale.

Their children, Jesse and Amy, grew up in the church and are now living in Brooklyn, New York and Portland, Maine respectively.

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30 YEARS **ANNIVERSARY**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	9/29	9:30 a.m. 11:00	WORSHIP: In Person/Live Stream Food Delivery (Catholic Church)
Monday	9/30	9:30 a.m. 10:30 1:00 p.m. 4:30 6:00	Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) Food Pantry Open Music Together (Dbl) New Haven Camera Club (CH)
Tuesday	10/1	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) PLP United Girls Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	10/2	10:00 a.m. 10:00 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl) Lions Club (CH)
Thursday	10/3	2:30 p.m. 4:30 6:30 7:00	Food Council (L) Music Together (Dbl) Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	10/4	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (Dbl) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl)
Saturday	10/5	7:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30	MENS FELLOWSHIP Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl)
Sunday	10/6	9:30 a.m. 10:45	WORSHIP: In Person/Live Stream NEWCOMER DISCUSSION (K)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Stephen Baraquin 09/29, Joyce Manzo 09/30, Robert Nielsen 10/01, LaVala Rossi 10/03, Linda Nielsen 10/04.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, and Sarah.

***OPENING HYMN: "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" V216**

1 Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al - migh - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
 3 Our God is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -
 4 Thus all my glad - some way a - long, I sing a - loud thy

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
 keep - eth: by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade God's watch - ful
 tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay, our peace, and
 prais - es that all may hear the grate - ful song my voice un -

our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and
 eye ne'er sleep - eth; with - in the shel - ter of God's might, lo!
 joy, and bless - ing; as with a moth - er's ten - der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in your God, my heart! Both

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled:
 all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 gent - ly leads the cho - sen band:
 soul and bod - y take your part:

May God who cre - ates you give you light;

may God who sus - tains you make you wise;

may God who pro - tects you give you joy,

may God who sur - rounds you give you peace.

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.

1 Give to the winds your fears. Hope and be un - dis -
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms, God gent - ly clears your
 3 Even though you do not rule, yet heaven and earth and
 4 Your ev - er - last - ing truth, O God, your cease - less

mayed. God hears your sighs and counts your tears. God
 way. Wait for the time, so shall this night soon
 hell pro - claim God sits up - on the throne, and
 love, sees all your chil - dren's wants, and knows what

shall lift up your head, God shall lift up your head.
 end in joy - ous day, soon end in joy - ous day.
 rules o'er all things well, and rules o'er all things well.
 best for each will prove, what best for each will prove.

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

*CLOSING HYMN: "Go Forth for God"

V418

1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,

be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spir - it dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed, rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
and serv - ing Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in the king - dom we see face to face.
God's love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's power.

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.