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North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, October 20, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 24

The Sacrament of Christian Baptism

The Season of Generosity

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign"**

V330

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: It's so easy to lose hope.

PEOPLE: We are overwhelmed by suffering and injustice.

Leader: It is so easy to lose imagination.

PEOPLE: We are overwhelmed by exhaustion.

Leader: We invite God into our worship.

ALL: So we can imagine love and faith again.**

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

Oh God of all creation, The world is in desperate need
of the seasoning of the Gospel and the light of Your Word.

Make us a people of "Salt and Light"

who build communities of faith, justice and compassion.

Help us always to work for peace in the 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 INVOCATION:~unison

God of inspiration and truth, sometimes we feel like we are laboring
in vain, getting caught up in short-term ups and downs. We lose sight
of your bigger picture. Remind us today that you have always known
us. Hold us in rest and comfort while giving us a glimpse of your
realm to come.** Amen.

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 GRANT STEVEN COOK

SPIRIT OF THE SEASON OF GENEROSITY

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 127:1-2 Page 564

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord guards the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.
It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, eating the bread
of anxious toil, for he gives sleep to his beloved.

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

* **HYMN:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" **V626**

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 11:28-30 P. 1158

"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your
souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *River in Judea*

Words: Linda Marcus

Music: Jack Feldman

Sung by the Chancel Choir arr. John Leavitt

"There is a river in Judea, that I heard of long ago; and it's a singing,
ringing river that my soul cries out to know."

SERMON: "You Will Find Rest"

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:** "We Have This Ministry"

V510

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Scripture Reader is Barbara Massey.



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.

North Haven Congregational Church 28 Church Street North Haven, CT 06473

30 YEARS **ANNIVERSARY**

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Elizabeth Anderson 10/20, Kevin Studley 10/21, Cynthia Miller 10/22, Gracie Kirk 10/24.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Lynne & Rob Nielsen 10/22.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, November 2, 2024 Women's Fellowship (church) Fair, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Your help is needed!

We are accepting donations for “Grandma’s Attic,” “Nearly New Room,” and “Christmas Room.” Items can be dropped off in the elevator entranceway during office hours or after Sunday service until October 27. Please mark donations “Women’s Fellowship.”

We also need bakers for the “Bakery Table”—pies, cakes, cupcakes, breads, or any other baked goods you like to make. “Cookie Walk” needs lots of cookies to fill the L O N G table. Items for the “Jewelry Table” are needed. We will also need help sorting and setting up, as well as help during and after the fair!

Sorting will begin on Monday, October 28, at 10:30 a.m., and setup will be every day through Friday, November 1. Please see Carol Mitchell to sign up! Thank you in advance for your help in making OUR Church Fair a success!

Quote of the day: A Sunday School teacher asked his class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. One confident child replied, “They couldn’t get a babysitter.”

Church Chuckles

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	10/20	9:30 a.m. 10:45 2:30 p.m. 6:00	WORSHIP: BAPTISM FAITH FORMATION MT (H) Music Together – Annual Halloween Hoot (CH) CONFIRMATION (K)
Monday	10/21	9:30 a.m. 10:30 1:00 p.m. 4:30 6:00 6:00	Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) Food Pantry Open Music Together (Dbl) New Haven Camera Club (CH) CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	10/22	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 5:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) PLP United Girls Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (RR) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	10/23	10:00 a.m. 10:00 1:00 p.m.	WINDOW DEADLINE FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl) Danish Sisterhood (K)
Thursday	10/24	4:30 p.m. 7:00 7:00	Music Together (Dbl) Garden Club (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	10/25	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (Dbl) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl)
Saturday	10/26	9:30 a.m. 10:30 3:00 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) Food Delivery (Rep. Town Comm.) PIERPONT CONCERT-Shoregrass
Sunday	10/27	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	WORSHIP: BIBLE SUNDAY Consociation Annual Meeting (CH)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

**THE SACRAMENT
OF
CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**

October 20, 2024

Grant Steven Cook



**THE NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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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, gathered as family and friends, receive this child, Grant Steven Cook, into the Christian family of faith, giving thanks for his life? Will you offer heartfelt prayers that this family will convey him from the love of this congregation to a Christian congregation in their own community, where he may be loved and nurtured in the way of Christ? If so, please respond, "We do."

PEOPLE: WE DO.

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BAPTISM

NAMING OF THE CHILD AND THE BAPTISM

PRAYER OF PRAISE FOR THE BAPTIZED

BENEDICTION: (Unison) ... GRANT STEVEN COOK, 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:

Grant Steven Cook

Born: March 10, 2023

Parents:

Austin and Samantha Cook

Sponsors:

Dean Richetelle and Miranda DeFrances

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.



Imagine Together: A Rested Church/Community

By Rev. Dr. Courtney Buggs

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11: 28-30

Scant scholarship exists that addresses these verses. Still, the literary context of the passage supports exploration of traditional religion contrasted with the experience of Jesus’ Way. While the former way is depicted as stringent and laborious; the latter is referred to as easy and light.

The invitation is to those who 1) have grown weary from labor (or trouble); and 2) those who are bringing or carrying burdens. Figuratively, Jesus calls those who are fainting under the legal burdens of religion, those who feel burdened with their efforts to keep the laws of religion. The weariness may also be caused by sin or guilt for inability to adhere to the full Law. Moreover, the uncertainties of life might contribute to an arduous life experience.

Come to me and rest, that is, be refreshed, experience refreshment, be relieved. It is an invitation to cessation, interruption of that which causes unrest. This alone – come to me and rest – may cause readers to exhale! God’s Way brings relief from uncertainty and anxiety and sin and guilt. The invitation is not to idleness, but rather to companionship with God that leads to contentment, both in this present life, and life eternal. To suggest that this rest is limited to the eschaton is to deprive believers of Emmanuel, in this life. The rest of which Jesus speaks brings renewal and restoration.

Imagine Together how our congregation can promote the rest Jesus speaks about. What burdens can we ease? What can we make lighter?

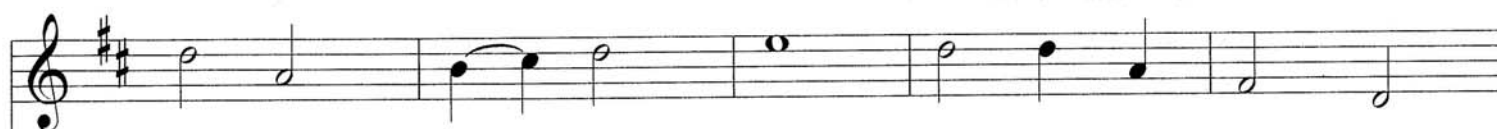
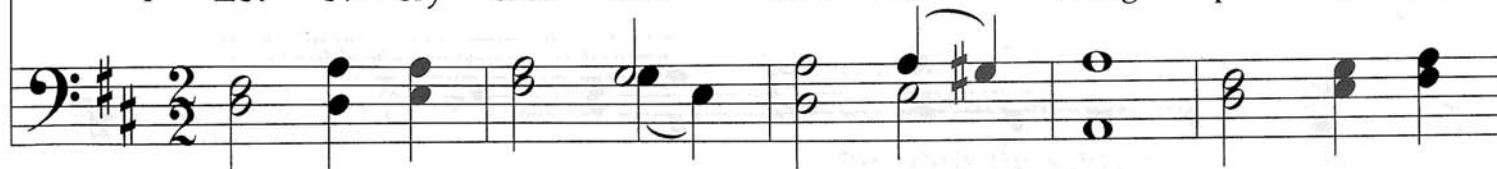
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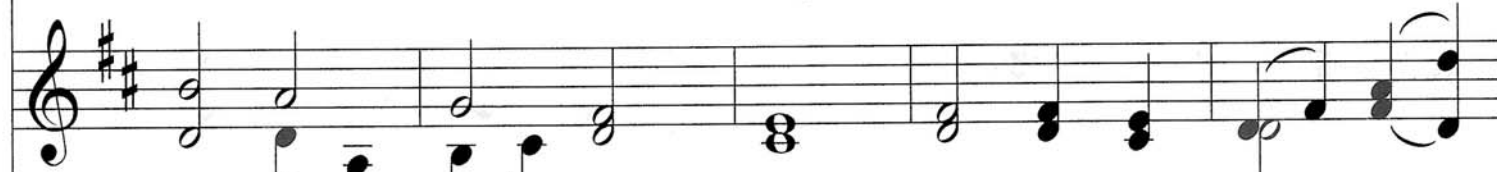
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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 3 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; and pris - oners
 4 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



hon - ours to our King, an - gels de - scend with



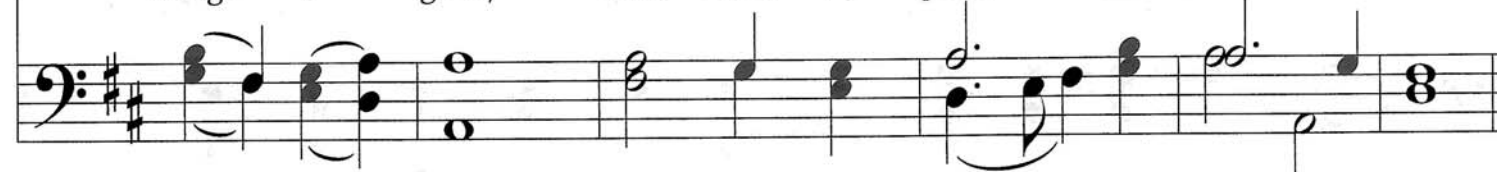
ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ours to our King, an - gels de - scend with



songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!



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.

Unison F C Dm B♭ Am7 Dm B♭ C

1 We have this min - is - try and we are not dis - cour - aged; it
 2 O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our be - gin - ning, we
 3 The yoke of Christ is ours, the whole world is our par - ish; we

F C Dm Gm7 C C/E F Dm7 C

is by God's own power that we may live and serve.
 grow to full - est flower when root - ed in your love.
 dai - ly take the cross, the bur - den and the joy.

Gm C Gm7 C Dm B♭ Gm7 C

O - pen - ly we share God's word, speak - ing truth as we be - lieve,
 Broth - ers, sis - ters, cler - gy, lay, called to ser - vice by your grace,
 Bear - ing hurts of those we serve, wound - ed, bruised and bowed with pain,

Gm C Gm7 Am Dm B♭ Csus4 C

pray - ing that the shad - owed world may heal - ing light re - ceive. We
 diff - erent cul - tures, diff - erent gifts, the young and old a place. We
 Ho - ly Spir - it, bread and wine, we die and rise a - gain. We

F C Dm B♭ Am7 B♭ C Dm C F

have this min - is - try, O God, re - ceive our liv - ing.
 have this min - is - try, O God, re - ceive our giv - ing.
 have this min - is - try, O God, re - ceive our lov - ing.