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

30 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, November 17, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 28
A Celebration of Scott Morrow's Ministry!**

*Not everybody can be famous, but everyone can be great,
because greatness is determined by service.” - Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Fantasia*

Orlando Gibbons

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:** *(based on the UCC Statement of Faith)*

Leader: We are here not because we have found God but because
God our Creator has called us here.

PEOPLE: **Challenging us to accept the cost and joy of
discipleship, and to be servants in the service of the
whole human family.**

Leader: But the call is also God's promise.

PEOPLE: **A promise of forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace, and
eternal life in that realm which has no end.**

ALL: **Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto God.**

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

based on the prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us an instrument of thy Peace;
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is error, truth;
where there is discord, harmony;

where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sorrow, Joy.

Amen.

***HYMN:** “Morning Has Broken”

V409

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~*unison*

God, you are made known to us in the wind and in the bright sun,
in the promise of dawn and in the peace of dusk,

In the mystery and in the miracle.

To this moment, we bring all of who we are –
Each individually and as a community of faith.

We bring our doubts, our fears, our questions, our confidences.

We bring our exhaustion, our exhilaration, our dreams and
our desires.

~silence~

Open us, fill us, speak to us, use us
for we are here to be transformed by your holy presence.

Amen. 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 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.

GREETINGS FROM THE CONFERENCE & CONSOCIATION

Rev. Margret Hofmeister, Area Conference Minister, SNEUCC

Rev. Kristie Rubendunst, Moderator, New Haven East Consociation

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: Gospel of Mark 9:33-37 Page 1190

Then they came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all. Then he took a little child and put it among them, and taking it in his arms he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

A STORY FOR EVERYONE “Lessons from the Geese”

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Harvest Hymn*

Words by Henry Alford

Tune: DIX by Folliot S. Pierpoint

Choral Setting by Mary McDonald

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.

God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;

come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,

free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;

come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home. Amen!

MEDITATION: “Who is the Greatest?”

Rev. Lucia Jackson

* **HYMN:** “The Servant Song”

V595

A REFLECTION ON SCOTT’S MINISTRY

Patience Benassi

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 ~*unison*

Blessed and blessing God, we bring you our gifts from our hearts and our lives. May our gifts be used to bring forth light and life to this, your world. Amen

GREETING OF PEACE ~*unison*

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry” V644

*COMMISSION

***SUNG BENEDICTION** *Make Me a Channel*

Words from the Prayer of Saint Francis

Adapted by Peter Amidon

Music by Peter Amidon

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Make me a channel of your peace, Where there is hate may we sow love. Where there is injury forgive, Where there is doubt may we have faith.

Make me a channel of your peace, When in despair let us have hope, Where there is darkness we bring light And where there's sadness, ever joy.

May we not look for love's return, But seek to love unselfishly, It's in consoling we're consoled, And in our giving we receive,

Make me a channel of your peace, When we forgive we are forgiv'n, Love as we're loved with all our souls, And from our dying springs new life.

Make me a channel of your peace, Where there is hate may we sow love. Where there is injury forgive, Where there is doubt may we have faith.

POSTLUDE: *Festival Fanfare*

David Blackwell

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Nancy Mahoney. **Scripture Reader** is Carol Amico. **Greeters** are Beth Anderson, Jim Bennett, and Priscilla Bradford.

Today's flowers are given by Scott Morrow & Carol Amico with love and gratitude for our North Haven Congregational UCC church family.

Celebration Reception will be in Carroll Hall following our Service. Scott and Carol look forward to greeting everyone as they enter Carroll Hall.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Hannah Nottingham 11/17, Ann Dubar 11/18, Michelle McBride 11/18, Nancy Gutowski 11/19, Bruno Juliano 11/21, Peter Struk 11/21, Meg Adams 11/21.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, Nov. 24 is Thanksgiving Sunday.

People are encouraged to bring fresh produce to add to the Harvest Table Offering in the front of the sanctuary.

Food Drive Volunteer Sign-up Online – Volunteer sign-ups for the Thanksgiving Food Drive are open. Please check the Church website for available dates and times. Join in!

Urgent Need: Clothing Items for Columbus House

We are asking for donations of new essential clothing items to be given to patrons at Columbus House. We will be collecting new men's and women's crew socks, new women's underwear, sizes 7-12 and new men's boxer shorts sizes medium-Xlarge. During this Season of Generosity we are asking for your help to supply these basic items for our brothers and sisters. We will be collecting these items during the months of November and December on Sunday mornings. A bin will be placed in the Narthex alongside the donation basket for the Food Pantry. Please make a difference in someone's life. Jesus taught us to love one another and to share and give to those in need.

Thank you. Ministry Leadership Board

Empowering Shared Leadership – In 2015 our congregation shifted from Committees and a Church Council to Mission Teams and the Ministry Leadership Board. Part of the reason for that change was to be more de-centralized and to expand shared leadership in the church. You are invited to **Forward Together**, a morning discussion on Saturday, December 7, from 8:30am – noon. This program will begin with reflection: Why do we have Mission Teams? How did we get them? We will spend some time together considering the gifts and assets of our church. Most importantly, we will hear from the Rev. Sarah Drummond, UCC pastor and founding Dean of Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School. Rev. Sarah will speak about *shared leadership* as a distinctive characteristic of UCC/Congregational churches and a powerful motivation in faithful discipleship. Put it on your calendar on Saturday, Dec. 7: **Forward Together: Empowering Shared Leadership**. Come have a bagel, sit at the table with friends, and imagine creativity and possibility in our shared ministry. Please contact Scott with your questions.

North Madison Congregational Church Holiday Artisan Fair:

North Madison Congregational Church invites you to our Annual Holiday Artisan Fair on Saturday, December 7 from 9-2pm (1271 Durham Rd, Madison). We'll have 35+ quality artisans, raffle, over 2,500 homemade cookies, and Karen's Cafe! Hope to see you there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	11/17	9:30 a.m. 11:00	WORSHIP: 26 th Sunday after Pentecost; 30 year Celebration Reception – Light Lunch
Monday	11/18	6:00 p.m.	CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	11/19	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:30 5:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) PLP United Girls Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (RR) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	11/20	5:15 p.m. 7:00	WINDOW DEADLINE PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom) PARKING LOT CAMPAIGN (L)
Thursday	11/21	7:00p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	11/22		
Saturday	11/23	9:00 a.m.	HOLIDAY FOOD PICK-UP
Sunday	11/24	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Thanksgiving Sunday

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

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

*HYMN: "Morning Has Broken"

C Am Dm Em Fmaj7 C

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,
 3 Ours is the sun - light! Ours is the morn - ing

Am Em Fmaj7 Em7 Gsus4 G

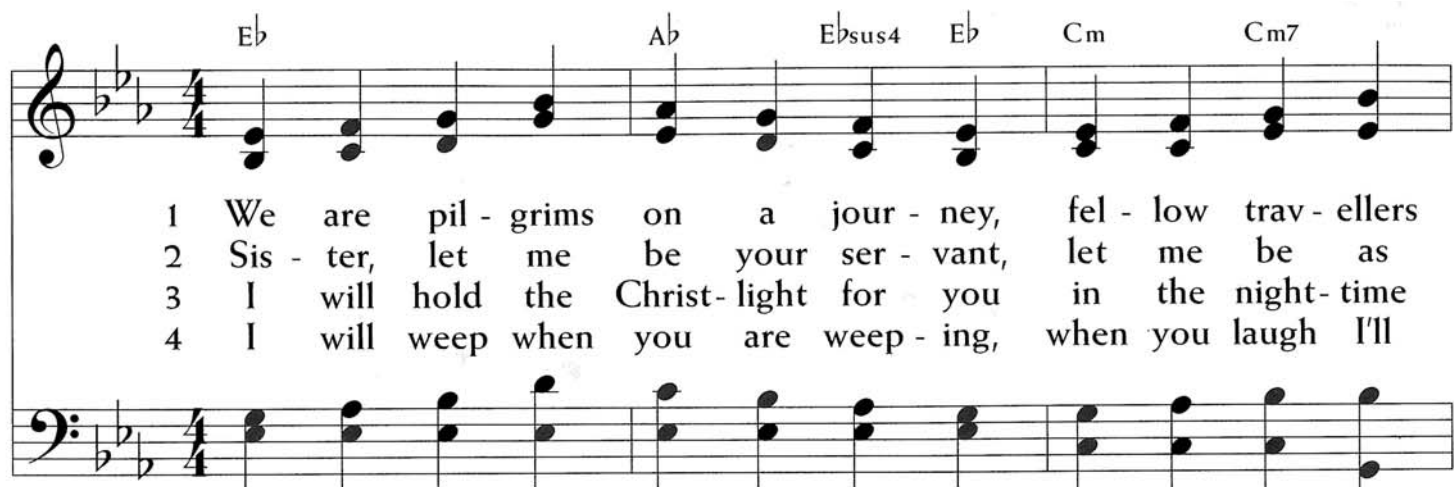
black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

Em Am Dm C Am Gsus4 G

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Em C Am Dm7 G Csus4 C

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!



1 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, fel - low trav - ellers
 2 Sis - ter, let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for - you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing, when you laugh I'll



on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you; I will share your joy and sor - row,



walk the mile and bear the load.
 let you be my ser - vant too.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,
 we shall find such harmony,
 born of all we've known together
 of Christ's love and agony.

6 Brother, let me be your servant,
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace to
 let you be my servant too.

***CLOSING HYMN: "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" V644**

Unison

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 3 When you heard the won - der of the word, I was
 5 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 7 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young. I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.

2 I was there when you were but a child, with a
 4 If you find some - one to share your time and you
 6 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Fine

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.



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