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*Confirmation*

North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

Sunday, June 8, 2025

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GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Ariana* “So Oft Ich Meine Tobackspfeife” Anonymous
(Whene’er I Take My Pipe)

CHORAL INTROIT *Alleluia* William Boyce (1710-1779)
Sung by the Chancel Choir

***OPENING HYMN:** “Come Down, O Love Divine” V367

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Do not give easy or unthinking response to this day’s call to worship. For today we ask God’s Spirit to fill us, that we may prophesy, and dream dreams, and see visions. The call to worship today is a summons to be touched by holy fire.

PEOPLE: Even now the flames may dance above our heads,

Leader: Igniting our prayerful reflections and thoughts on peacemaking and justice making, so that they blaze into commitment.

PEOPLE: Even now the flames may be burning into our hearts,

Leader: Animating us, leaving us no rest as individuals until God’s justice and peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.

ALL: Prophets, visionaries, dreamers! Let us all worship with courage and with hope.**

Mary Sue Gast

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

God, Holy Spirit, come to us, come among us;

Come as the wind, and cleanse;

Come as the fire, and burn;

Come as the dew, and refresh:

Convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives

To our great good and your greater glory.***

We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen. *Eric Milner-White* V197

*THE GLORIA PATRI

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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

Almighty and ever gracious God, we confess that we have failed to open our hearts to the power of your Spirit. We continue the divisions of Babel, speaking in tongues that confound rather than clarify, hurt rather than heal, separate rather than unite. Though we are not deserving, we pray for the gift of fellowship that confirms your presence among us. Restore our fractured lives that we, with one voice, may ever give you thanks and praise.** Amen.

~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 2:1-21 Page 1262

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you

suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 8:14-17 Page 1300

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Ride the Chariot*

American Spiritual
arr. William Henry Smith
Adapted by Hutchin

Sung by the Chancel Choir

MEDITATION: "Feel the Power"

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 RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Presentation of Confirmands

Questions of Confirmands

Questions to the Congregation

Laying on of Hands and Act of Confirmation

Prayer for the Confirmands

Congregation's Welcome:

We greet you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We pledge to you our friendship in the Lord and we promise you our support in prayer as we share in the hopes and joys of the church of Jesus Christ. God grant that together, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may continue to grow in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses to Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Presentation of Bibles

Unison Reading of the Statement of Faith

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" V468

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.

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GREETING OF PEACE *~unison*

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

*CLOSING HYMN: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: [Organ Piece] [in G Major] Adolph Hesse

*Those who are able, please stand.

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We welcome into Membership today the members of the Confirmation Class of 2025: Saydee Baldino and Makenzie Conley. Congratulations! **Please join the newest members of our church after worship in Carroll Hall to celebrate our fellowship and their membership in the church. Cake provided by Peter & Cheryl Hall.**

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Deacon is Peter Hall. **Scripture Reader** is Sandy Carter.

Communion Servers are Nancy Mahoney & Dot Pierce.

Greeters are Saydee Baldino and Makenzie Conley.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry – Items needed – Please bring canned vegetables, canned fruit, and mayonnaise and place them in the basket in the Narthex.

North Haven PRIDE Day will be Saturday, June 14, from Noon-4pm. We anticipate opening up the Church once again as a calm space. We want to gather a group of members to sit outside the Church, share our new brochure and information about the Parking Lot Campaign, and welcome visitors. Please speak with Patience Benassi, Sandy Carter, or Scott Morrow if you'd like to join us.

Sunday June 15 is Choir Appreciation Sunday

We will celebrate our choirs – the Chancel Choir, the Children's Choir, and the Chime Choir – and our talented and dedicated music staff – Organist Heather Meachen and Director of Music Jeffrey Hutchins, on Sunday, June 15. This will be our opportunity to thank all of these fine people for their commitment, their generous spirit, and their great work!

Sunday June 15 will be a Celebration of the Church!

We will celebrate the last 30 years of the church. We have installed an elevator, a new steeple, and drainage in the parking lot. There have been mission trips for youth, and for adults! We have joined ecumenical services at Thanksgiving and in celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in January. There have been Pierpont Concerts, an expanding Food Pantry, and Abraham's Tent. Committees have become Mission Teams and the Church Council is now the Ministry Leadership Board! What do you remember and celebrate? Do you have some pictures to share?

6th Annual On-Line Fundraising Auction: Donation Drop-off 6-22

After worship on June 22, items can be brought to the chapel. The auction will go live on-line on the revised dates of July 14 and close July 21. **We have already received generous donations including 14 karat gold rings, necklaces and bracelets, Lenox cake plates, a lovely set of china, a Hitchcock rocking chair, a Yale chair, a sewing machine, a bicycle, a kayak and two paddle boards!** In preparation for the auction, please send photos of items you could donate to Patience. Items needed include mid-century modern items, just about anything teak, record albums, receiver, lift chair in good condition, sterling silver items, antiques, small occasional table, anything unusual. Items that have done very well in our first five auctions includes a canoe, Thule car-top carrier, antique license plate, fur coats, fly rods, turntable, liftchair, Karastan rugs, antique wagon, sought-after pyrex, turquoise, unique large dollhouse, ceramic Christmas tree, fine jewelry, oil painting, captain's chairs. If you know a neighbor or relative downsizing, please ask if they have something they would donate. Funds raised go to this year's church budget as voted at our annual meeting (fundraising income). Contact a member of the B Team with any questions: Patience Benassi, Martin Benassi, Priscilla Bradford, Martha Butterworth.

Troop 860 is a female scouting unit under Scouting America, offering leadership and outdoor adventures. The Scouts BSA program welcomes girls aged 11-17, or those who have completed fifth grade and are at least 10. Members develop life skills and teamwork through activities like camping and earning merit badges. The troop empowers its members, with adult volunteer guidance, to build confidence and prepare for future leadership. For more information about Troop 860, please contact: Aerielle St. John – Scoutmaster, troop860ct@gmail.com
203-889-7608

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	6/8	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	WORSHIP: Seventh Sunday of Easter, CONFIRMATION SUNDAY FOOD DELIVERY (Catholic Church)
Monday	6/9	9:30 a.m. 10:30 1:00 p.m. 6:00	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN New Haven Camera Club (CH)
Tuesday	6/10	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 3:30 6:00 7:00	Al-Anon (K) 10-11:30 Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) United Girls' Choir (CH, K, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) Music Under the Stars (Green)
Wednesday	6/11	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 6:30 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH) MLB (L)
Thursday	6/12	11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00	Rev. Scott Morrow – Office Hours PARKING LOT CAMPAIGN (L) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	6/13	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	6/14	9:00 a.m. 9:30 10:30 11:30 12:00 p.m.	Food Delivery – Boy Scouts (CH) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Rhythm Kids (DBL) NoH PRIDE Day – Church Open (S)
Sunday	6/15	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Trinity Sunday, CHOIR APPRECIATION SUNDAY CHURCH CELEBRATION

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: David Estep 06/10, Colleen McBride 06/11, Thomas McBride 06/11, Bernard Hummel 06/12.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Gary & AnnMarie Czajkowski 06/09, Ted & Joyce Manzo 06/10, Stephen & Linda Simonson 06/10, Dan & Lynn Lafleur 06/11.

*OPENING HYMN: "Come Down, O Love Divine"

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Descant

3 The yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long

1 Come down, O love di - vine, seek now this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
3 And so the yearn - ing strong with which the soul will long

shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;
and vis - it it with your own ar - dour glow - ing.
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

for none can guess its grace, till love cre - ates the place
O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till love cre - ates the place

where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes its dwell - ing.
and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, my on - ward path il - lum - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes its dwell - ing.

* HYMN: "Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow"

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Em B7 Em B

1 Wind who makes all winds that blow, gusts that bend the sap- lings low,
 2 Fire who fuels all fires that burn, suns a- round which plan- ets turn,
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, Wind and Flame, move with - in our mor - tal frame.

Em B7 Em B G F#dim Em B7 Em

gales that heave the sea in waves, stir - rings in the mind's deep caves,
 bea - cons mark - ing reefs and shoals, shin - ing truth to guide our souls,
 Make our hearts an al - tar pyre, kin - dle them with your own fire.

C (G C D) G D G Em (B Em D) G F# Bm

aim your breath with stead - y power on your church this day, this hour.
 come to us as once you came: burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!
 Breathe and blow up - on that blaze till our lives, our deeds and ways,

C G Em C B Em B Em

Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir - it God of Pen - te - cost.
 Light and Pow - er, Might and Strength, fill your church, its breadth and length.
 speak that tongue which ev - ery land by your grace shall un - der - stand.

Hymn of Preparation: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" V468

Unison C F G Dm C F C G

1 Let us tal-ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a-ble to make us one, at the ta-ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je-sus calls us in, sends us out, bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,

C F G Dm7 C G7 C

bread is bro-ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard.
 teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex-press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man-u-el) ev-ery-where!

Refrain Am C7 F Dm G7 C F C

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

***CLOSING HYMN: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"**

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system includes six numbered verses of lyrics. The second system includes a final verse. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff in both systems.

System 1 Chords: D, A7, D, Em, A, D, E7, A, D, E, A

System 2 Chords: D, G, D, Em, B, Em, A, D, A, D

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine.
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine.
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, power di - vine, fill and nerve this will of mine.
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, law di - vine, reign with - in this soul of mine.
5 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine.
6 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, glad - den now this heart of mine.

Voice of God and in - ward light, wake my Spir - it, clear my sight.
Kin - dle ev - ery high de - sire, pu - ri - fy me with your fire.
Bold - ly may I al - ways live, brave - ly serve, and glad - ly give.
Be my law, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.
Speak to calm this toss - ing sea, grant me your tran - quil - li - ty.
In the des - ert ways I sing; spring, O liv - ing wa - ter, spring!

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