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

Sunday, June 29, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 10

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Herr Jesu, Dich Zu Uns Wend* Johann G. Walther
(Lord Jesus, Be Present Now)

***OPENING HYMN:** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" V806

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The Holy Spirit has given us life and pours on us the
power to become new people!

PEOPLE: The winds of the Spirit have given us breath and the
fire of the Spirit has enkindled in us a love for God and
for each other.

Leader: Come here in faithfulness, and be ready for the surprises
that God's Spirit brings.

PEOPLE: We open our lives to the presence of God and trust
God's promise to us that we can live lives of freedom
and grace.

ALL: May God help us to be true people of spirit, letting holy
surprises fill our days!**

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

Blessed are you, O God of the Universe, for you have bound us
together in a common life on this fragile planet.

We confess and offer before you our misperceptions, our hatred, our
bigotry, and our deceit.

Grant us understanding that is grounded in love, and reconciliation
that grows out of humility.

Open our hearts to the possibility and newness of your Covenant
Word.

In the name of the One God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
world without end, Amen.##

Martin Bell

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*

Exuberant Spirit of God, bursting with the brightness of flame into the coldness of our lives to warm us with a passion for justice and beauty, we praise you. Exuberant Spirit of God, sweeping us out of the dusty corners of our apathy to breath vitality into our struggles for change, we praise you. Exuberant Spirit of God, speaking words that leap over barriers of mistrust to convey messages of truth and new understanding, we praise you. Exuberant Spirit of God, flame, wind, speech, burn, breathe, speak in us; fill your world with justice and with joy.*** 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 FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Page 328

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it

will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water. He said, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah? Where is he?” He struck the water again, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha crossed over.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***HYMN:** “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

V560

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 9:51-62 Page 1215

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON: “Stay or Go?”

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: "Take Up Your Cross"

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Prelude 21

J. S. Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Sandy Carter. **Scripture Reader** is Susan Compton. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Suzanne Light 06/29, Robert Tait 07/04, Susan Tibor 07/04, Karen Linsky 07/06, Karen Silk 07/06, Onalee Collins 07/06.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Jeff & Jackie Jennings 06/27, Denise & Gerard Adinolfi 07/03, Bob & Barbara Scheidecker 07/05, Adam & Julie Schweickert 07/05.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Fundraiser Event Planned– There will be an Artisan Fair held in Carroll Hall on **Saturday, July 12 from 9 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Offered for sale will be carefully home crafted wood flags, knit and crocheted items, and a variety of needlework kits at appropriate prices. Vendors of fine quality wood-craft creations, quilts, candles, soaps, material, and equipment have been invited to offer their wares. Come and see what you may find for yourself or to give as a gift. Do some Christmas shopping in July! There will be two generously filled sewing baskets offered as raffle prizes. This fundraiser will support the church. Contact Cathy Welch or Carol Mitchell for information.

6TH ANNUAL ON-LINE FUNDRAISING AUCTION

The auction will go live on-line on the revised dates of July 14 and close July 21. Contact a member of the B Team with any questions: Patience Benassi, Martin Benassi, Priscilla Bradford, Martha Butterworth.

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	6/29	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Third Sunday after Pentecost
Monday	6/30	1:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	7/1	10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00	Al-Anon (K) PLP (Library) Music Under the Stars (Green)
Wednesday	7/2	9:30 a.m. 10:00 6:00 p.m. 7:00	WINDOW MAILING (JULY/AUGUST) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Leos Club (CH) Lions Club (CH)
Thursday	7/3	6:30 p.m.	Mothers of Twins (CH)
Friday	7/4		OFFICE CLOSED – 4TH of July
Saturday	7/5	7:30 a.m.	MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH)
Sunday	7/6	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

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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1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move with some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee, in clos - er,
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

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paths of ser - vice free; teach me thy se - cret,
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
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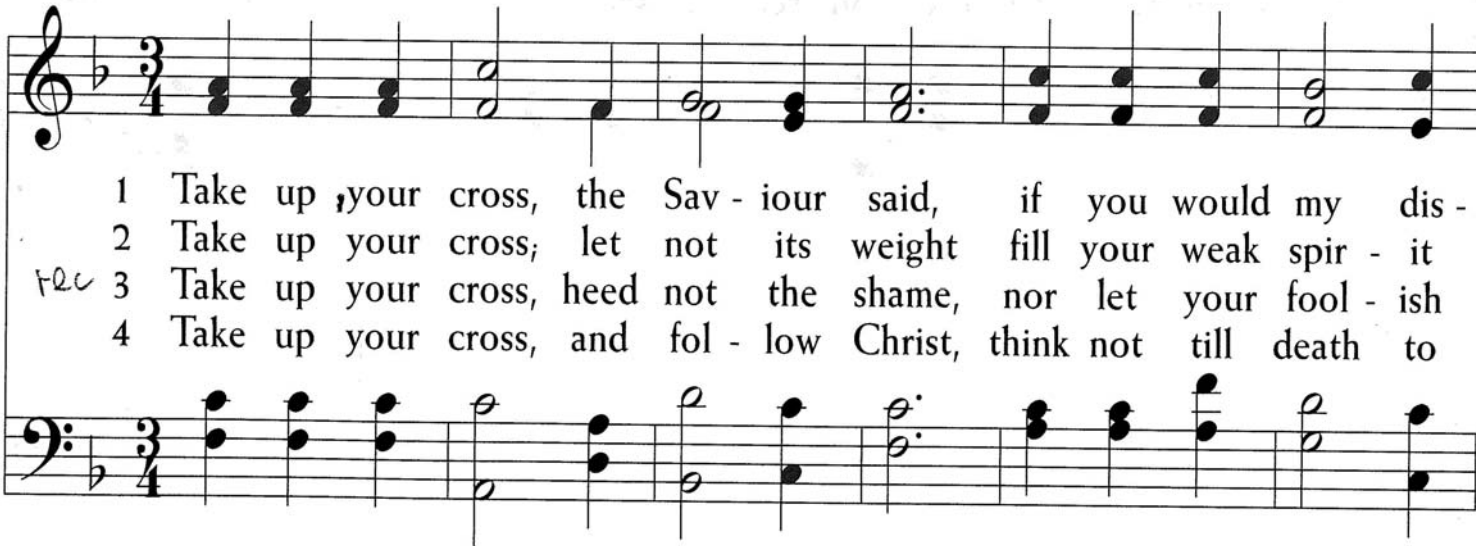
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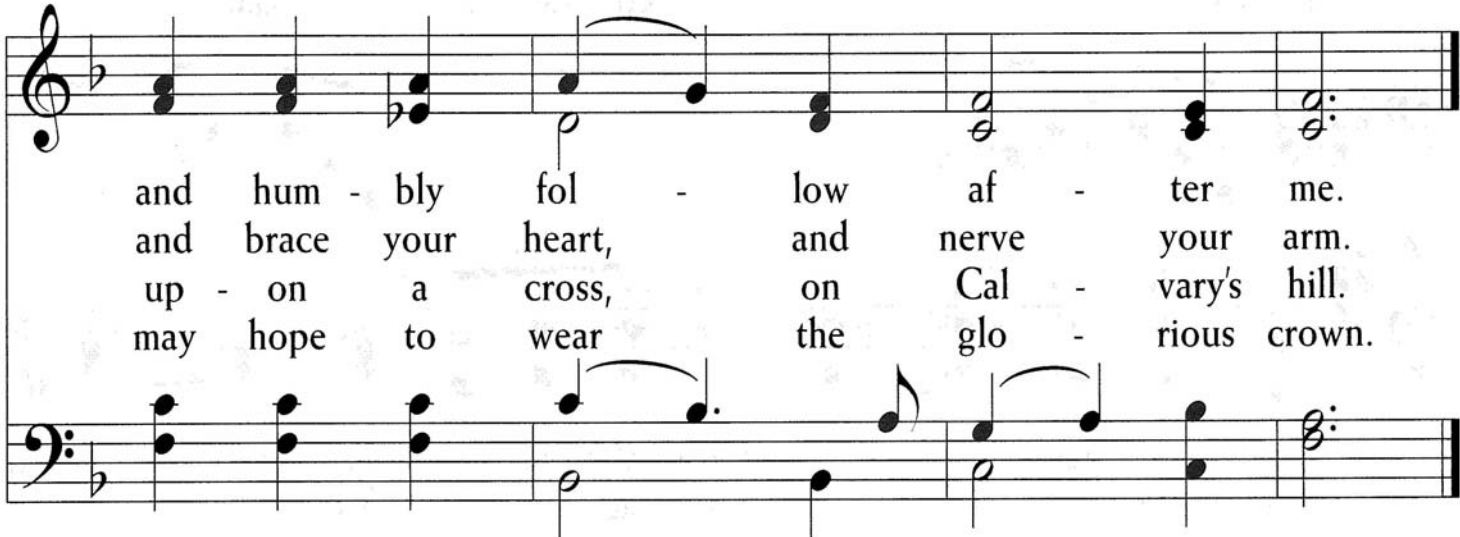
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sure and strong, in trust that tri - umphs ov - er wrong,
thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.



1 Take up ,your cross, the Sav - iour said, if you would my dis -
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spir - it
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, nor let your fool - ish
4 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, think not till death to



ci - ple be; take up your cross with will - ing heart,
with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your spir - it up,
pride re - bel; your Sav - iour once ac - cept - ed death
lay it down; for on - ly those who bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.



ARTISAN CRAFT FAIR

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

28 CHURCH STREET, CARROLL HALL

NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473

Offered for sale will be:
carefully home crafted wood flags,
knit and crocheted items,
and needlework kits for cross stitch
crewel embroidery & punch needle.
a variety of quality materials
and sewing equipment,
landscape paintings, quilts and more!

ALL WELCOME!

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

AND AMPLE PARKING AVAILABLE.