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

Sunday, July 20, 2025

9:30 a.m.

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 11
Summer Church School**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Praeludium*

Johann Pachelbel

***OPENING HYMN:** “The Church’s One Foundation”

V331

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We have been called here to face into God’s gracious way of living. We are to leave the past behind us and walk into these new days of our ministry.

PEOPLE: Sometimes we’d rather remember how things used to be. Sometime we are afraid to be disciples.

Leader: But this is a new day, and Christ is sharing freedom with us. It is a day to put aside all fear, to leave doubting behind, and to take courage in God’s loving call.

PEOPLE: We will look to the new day, and we will set ourselves on the Jerusalem road.

ALL: We will strive for faithfulness, even at the cost of popularity, and we will be disciples of Christ, renewing and healing the world around us.** *Sandra E. Graham*

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

Peacemaker Christ, come and live with us.

Walk in our streets, live in our homes, so that each face we see is recognized as your face
and each life we touch recognized as your body.

By your look and your touch may we know your peace.^{##} Amen.

Janet Lees, from Word of Mouth

***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 the sojourners, we ask your presence with us on our journey through life. Help us to be faithful to your ways of love and grace. Keep us from helpless despair. Give us the power to make your love known, even in this world that seems so bent on war and hate. With your courage in our hearts, we will walk the Jerusalem road together.

**** Amen.**

Sandra E. Graham

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: Colossians 1:15-28 Page 1342

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them

God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

*** HYMN:** “Be Thou My Vision” V642

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 10:38-42 Page 1216

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

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

SERMON: “Established and Steadfast” 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 My Life and Let It Be” V506

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Praise Ye the Father* “March Romaine”
Charles F. Gounod
arr. Dorothy Wells

***Those who are able, please stand.**

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Deacon is Sandy Carter. **Scripture Reader** is Victor Maldonado.
Greeter is Beth Anderson. **Fellowship Hour** is hosted by Women's
Fellowship, a "Special Super Sundae Social Hour.

Today's flowers are given by Kathy Harple, In memory of my brother
David who passed away 16 years ago on July 25. He was smart and
funny and full of life. I miss him every day.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon,
Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider, Curtis
Andrews, Sr., and Charlotte Shea.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Fellowship is hosting a "SPECIAL SUPER SUNDAE SOCIAL HOUR"

TODAY July 20th in Carroll Hall after the service!

Please join us, you'll be happy you did!!

6TH ANNUAL ON-LINE FUNDRAISING AUCTION

Our auction went live last Sunday evening. The closing date was changed to close tonight, July 20 at 7:35 pm.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our upcoming on-line fundraising auction. The donations are generous and diverse which are attracting a wide range of bidders.

Thanks to Joyce and Ted M., SueBeth H., Carla H., Vivian S., Sue T., Sue C., Joan and Jim B., Nancy M., Martha B., Patience B., Kim C., Heather M., Kathy H., Cheryl B., Carol A., Pastor Scott, and Womens Fellowship for their donations. Thank you also to Julie S., Mark B and David N., Karlee E. and Jeff H. for their help and support. Winning bidders will be able to pick up their items July 26 between 10am and noon ONLY, winning bidders will receive specific instructions. Details about the auction are in the on-line auction listing. For any questions, see a member of the B Team: Priscilla B., Martha B., Patience B., Martin B.

Food Pantry – Items needed – please bring canned vegetables (peas, beets, mixed vegetables, carrots, and peas & carrots) and hearty soups – other than chicken soup, and place them in the basket in the Narthex.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	7/20	9:30 a.m. 10:45 7:30 p.m.	WORSHIP: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost DEACONS (K) ON-LINE AUCTION CLOSES
Monday	7/21	1:00 p.m. 6:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	7/22	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 5:15 7:00	Music Together (DBL) Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) COMMUNICATIONS MT Zoom Music Under the Stars (Green)
Wednesday	7/23	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Danish Sisterhood (K) PARKING LOT CAMPAIGN (L)
Thursday	7/24	10:00 a.m.	Rev. Scott Morrow – Office Hours
Friday	7/25	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	7/26	9:00 a.m. 9:30 11:30	MENS FELLOWSHIP Music Together (DBL) Rhythm Kids (DBL)
Sunday	7/27	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Rev. Morrow's last Sunday

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Jennifer Goldfuss 07/20, Megan Kundrath 07/20, Rich Baldino 07/20, Masako Miller 07/22, George Silk 07/24, Heather Mastracchio 07/24, Martina Benassi 07/25, Vivian Shipley-Harris 07/26, James Shea 07/27.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Rich & Jody Gallagher 07/22, Stephen & September Baraquin 07/23.

*OPENING HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation"

V331

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
 ♦ 3 Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
 5 We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,

we are his new creation by water and the Word;
 one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 ♦ by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
 we wait the consummation of peace for evermore;
 and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.

from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
 One holy name professing and at one table fed,
 ♦ yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
 Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we

his living servant people, by his own death set free.
 to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
 ♦ But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

* HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision"

V642

Unison



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O joy of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, my calm in all strife;
 ♦ 3 Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for the fight;
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,
 5 Great God of heav - en, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me save that thou art,
 I ev - er with thee, and thou in my life;
 ♦ be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou lov - ing par - ent, thy child may I be,
 ♦ thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 ♦ raise thou me heav - en - ward, O power of my power.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vis - ion, O rul - er of all.

Descant

5 Take my love: and I will pour at thy

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se -
2 Take my hands, and let them move at the
♦ 3 Take my lips, and let them be filled with
4 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall
5 Take my love: and I will pour at thy

feet its trea - sure store; take my - self, and

cra - ted, all for thee; take my mo - ments
im - pulse of thy love; take my feet, and
♦ mes - sag - es from thee; take my in - tel -
be no long - er mine; take my heart, it
feet its trea - sure store; take my - self, and

I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
let them be swift and pur - pose - ful for thee.
♦ lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.
is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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.

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