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

Sunday, September 14, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 19

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Interlude No. 1

John Travers

***OPENING HYMN:** God of Grace and God of Glory

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CHORAL INTROIT: Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

Sung by All

Text & Music by Ken Medema

“Lord, listen to your children praying!

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, Listen to your children praying!

Send us love, send us power, send us grace!”

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The foolish say, ‘there is no God.’

**People: We come, trusting in Jesus, the face, the voice the
presence of the God who loves us.**

Leader: The scoffers of our age ask, ‘why do you seek after God?’

**People: We come, in this time, because God’s grace has spilled
over into our lives.**

Leader: The hopeless around us think, ‘no one cares about me.’

**People: We come, in this time and place, because Jesus has found
us and brought us home.**

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

**Oh God, maker of all things new, You call us...Your servants... to
ventures of which we cannot see the ending; by paths, as yet
untraveled; through perils and joys still unknown. Give us faith,
Oh God, to do all we are called to with courage... with hearts full
of hope; with joy, even though we do not know where we will
land. Still, this is our assurance, that Your love holds us, and
Your hands lead us, Always! Help us to be bearers of your peace.
Through Jesus Christ.## Amen.**

***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 INVOCATION:~unison

God of heaven and earth, though we often go astray, we seek your love and mercy; though we abide with fools who say in their hearts, “There is no God,” our hearts belong to you. Be our Shepherd, and guide our ways, for we are weary of wandering lost and afraid, and long to be welcomed home. 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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Rev. Cindy

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Pg 692

¹¹ At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem: A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow or cleanse, ¹² a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment against them.

²² “For my people are foolish;
they do not know me;
they are stupid children;
they have no understanding.
They are skilled in doing evil
but do not know how to do good.”

²³ I looked on the earth, and it was complete chaos,
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

²⁴ I looked on the mountains, and they were quaking,
and all the hills moved to and fro.

²⁵ I looked, and there was no one at all,
and all the birds of the air had fled.

²⁶ I looked, and the fruitful land was a desert,
and all its cities were laid in ruins
before the LORD, before his fierce anger.

²⁷ For thus says the LORD: The whole land shall be a desolation,
yet I will not make a full end.

²⁸ Because of this the earth shall mourn
and the heavens above grow black,
for I have spoken; I have purposed;
I have not relented, nor will I turn back.

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

* **HYMN:** “My Lord What a Morning”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Pg 1350

Gratitude for Mercy

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me^[a] with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience as an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether*

Text: Percy Dearmer (1931)
Music: Harold Friedell (1957)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,
For when humbly in Thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now Thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father. Break the bread and bless the
cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! So knit Thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of Thee,
That by caring, helping, giving
We may true disciples be.

Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve Thee faithfully.

SERMON: “Grant Us Courage”

Rev. Cindy

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

Rev. Cindy

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

***CLOSING HYMN: “Will You Come and Follow Me”**

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Sonata: Allegro Moderato

Joseph Haydn

*Those who are able, please stand.

** Thom Shuman, Bearers of Grace and Justice

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Deacon is Sandy Carter. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson.

Today’s flowers are given by Dot Pierce. In loving memory of Greg, my best friend and husband for 52 years. You were called home to the Lord 6 years ago, on Sept 15. I will forever hold you in my heart and love you forever!

“Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no can steal!”

Please join us for our Rally Day Picnic immediately following the service.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Lee Guckert and her Family, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider, Charlotte Shea, the Family of Curtis Andrews, Sr., the family of Betsy Gumbart, and the family of Marge Schweickert.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	9/14	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	WORSHIP: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Rally Day Tibetan American (K,CR, RR)
Monday	9/15	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 5:00 6:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN WOMENS BIBLE STUDY (L) Pierpont Hill Board Meeting (CH) CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	9/16	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 4:30 6:00	Music Together (DBL) Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) United Girls Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Ukulele (DBL) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	9/17	 9:30 a.m. 10:00 7:00 p.m. 7:00	WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN PASTORAL TRANSITION (Zoom) Al-Anon District Family (K)
Thursday	9/18	4:30 p.m. 7:00	Ukulele (DBL) CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
Friday	9/19	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Al-Ateen (CH)
Saturday	9/20	7:30 a.m. 9:30 10:00 10:30	MENS FELLOWSHIP Music Together (DBL) FUNERAL & RECEPTION (CH) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	9/21	9:30 a.m. 10:30 2:00 p.m.	WORSHIP: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost PANCAKE BREAKFAST (CH) Tibetan American (K,CR)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Flo Coulston 09/15, Kim Coughlin 09/16, Denise Adinolfi 09/17, Carol Lacobelli 09/21.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: John & Rhonda Masnato 09/21.

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.

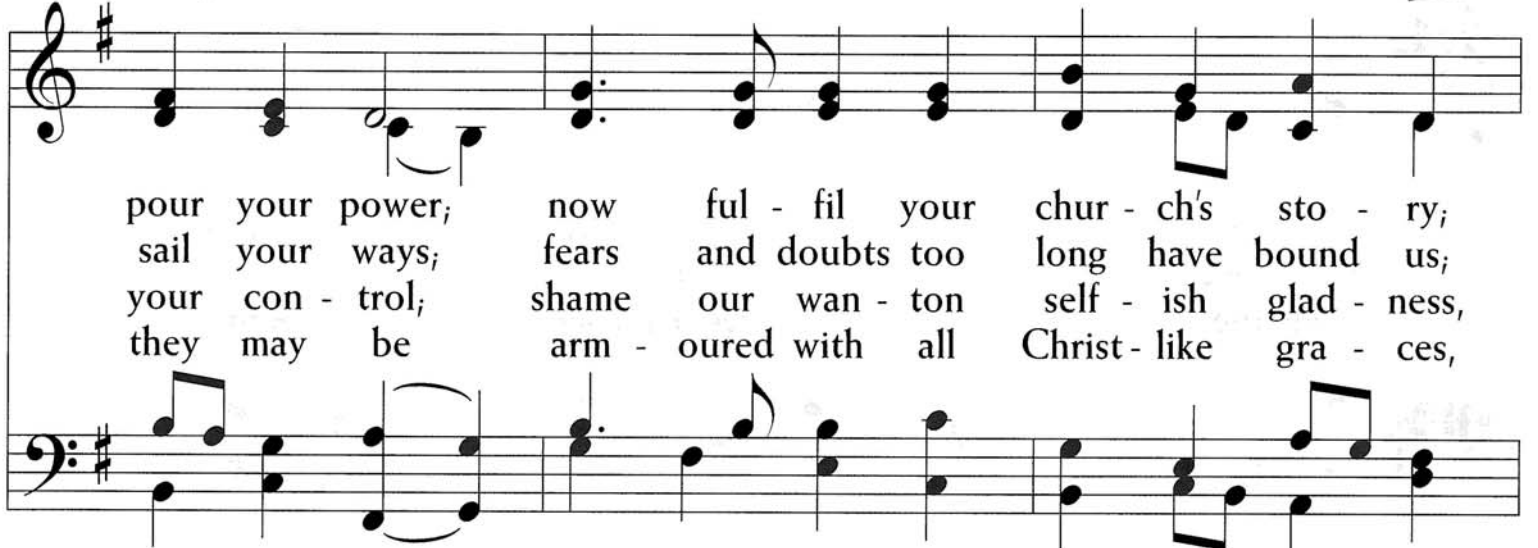
Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Cindy Stasko, Bridge Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Heather Meachen, Organist
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
Dave Nelson, Sexton

*OPENING HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory

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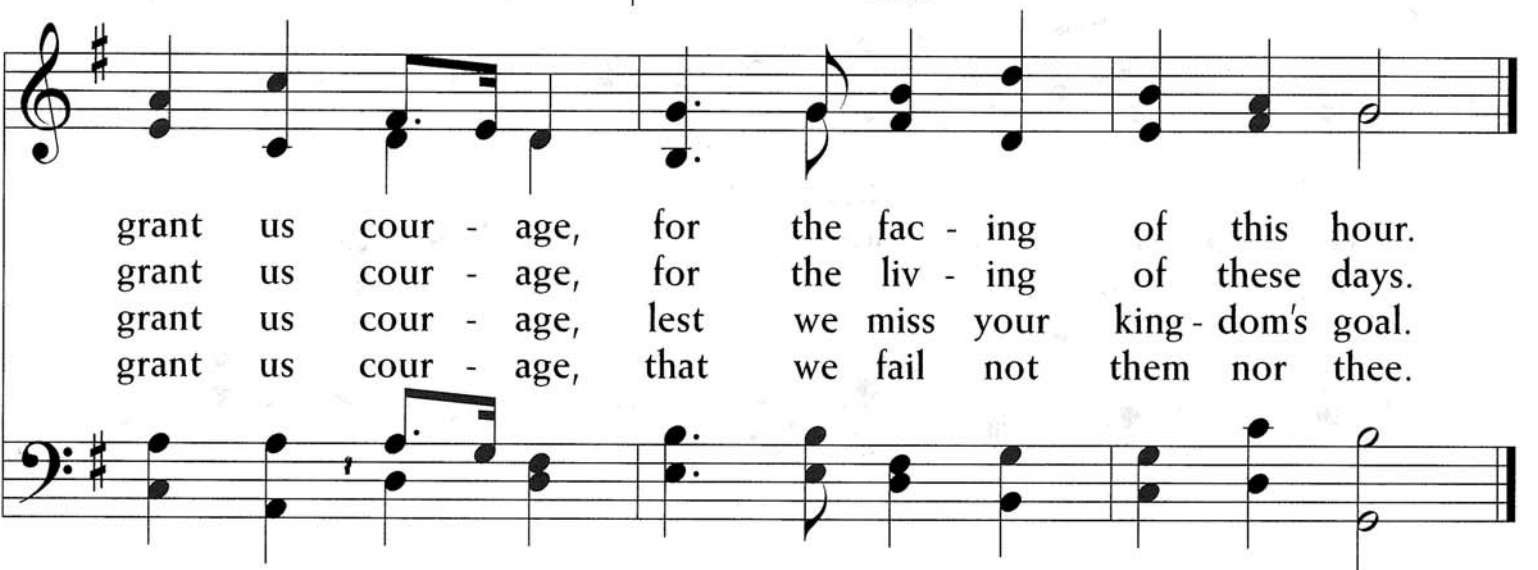
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -
 3 Cure your child - ren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on lof - ty pla - ces, gird our lives that



pour your power; now ful - fil your chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail your ways; fears and doubts too long have bound us;
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be arm - oured with all Christ - like gra - ces,



bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
 free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 rich in goods and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these days.
 grant us cour - age, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 grant us cour - age, that we fail not them nor thee.

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn - ing. My Lord, what a morn - ing.



My Lord, what a morn - ing when the stars be - gin to fall.



1 You'll hear the trum - pet sound
2 You'll hear the sin - ner cry to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,
3 You'll hear the Christ - ian shout



Look - ing to my God's right hand when the stars be - gin to fall.

Fine

D.C.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Will You Come and Follow Me"

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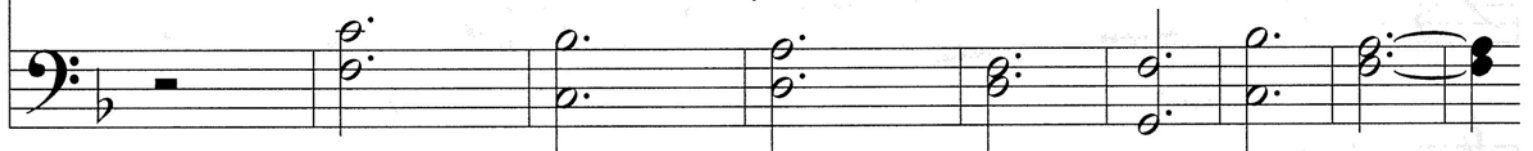
Unison



1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 ♦ 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Christ, your sum - mons e - choes true when you but call my name.



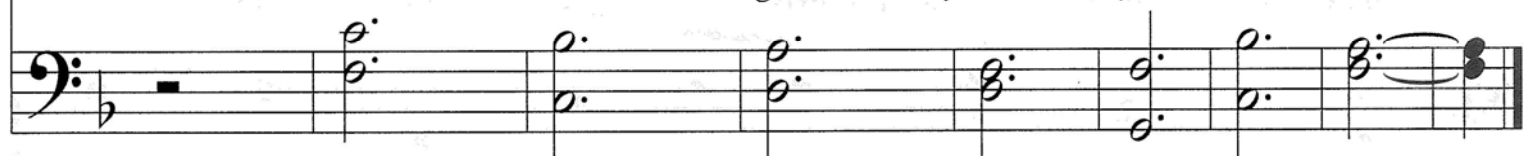
Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 ♦ Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 ♦ Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 ♦ and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pancake Breakfast, Sept 21st, following the service!
Please sign up with Carol Mitchell during coffee hour!



PIERPONT CONCERT NEWS

Please mark your calendars now for a very special occasion in early December. BRASS, the inaugural group of the Pierpont Concert Series (and NHCC “fan favorites”) will be returning to host an evening in December of their luscious full sound and spectacular brass arrangements! Concerts are at 7:00PM on Saturdays. See this promotional photo from well over ten years ago with added correct date for 2025! The personnel might be a tad different but young North Haven, Drew Mazurek (fresh faced, all the way to the left in the photo) will be bringing his 2025 Lineup!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The Food Pantry is in need of canned meals: Beefaroni, Spaghettio's, Beef stew, Chili and Chili with beans. (October: AppleSauce, Canned Fruit, Green Beans, Baked Beans, Canned Soup (no Chicken Noodle)
Please bring to the church.