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

Sunday, October 5, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 22

The Sacrament of Communion

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: "Minor Mosso"

C.Grasso

***OPENING HYMN:** Come and Find the Quiet Center

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Gathered as God's people, we come to worship together:

**People: singing praises to the One who loves us, opening our
hearts to the One who calls us.**

Leader: Called to be God's people, we come to share our lives
together:

**People: to celebrate the joys of our hearts, to mingle our tears
with God's.**

Leader: Challenged to follow Jesus to the end, we come to learn how
to be disciples:

**All: offering our food to our enemies, giving a drink of water
to those who have drained our souls.**

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

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love.

Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.

Where there is discord, let me bring union.

Where there is error, let me bring truth.

Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.

Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

O Lord, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love,

**for it is in giving that one receives,
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,
it is in forgiving that one is forgiven,
it is in dying that one awakens to eternal life.## Amen.** Often attributed to St. Francis of Assissi, but the author is unknown.

***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 CONFESSION:~unison

God of Healing and Wholeness, we could live at peace with others, but we choose to do wrong to them; we could welcome those we do not know, but choose to close our hearts; we could make outsiders our best friends, but choose the safety of our cliques. Forgive us, genuine Love, for our foolish choices. Hold on to our shaky lives, until we learn to clasp your goodness to our hearts, so we can give it away to those around us. Whisper your grace and hopes to us, until we can stop curing our enemies, and bless them as our friends. Help us remove the stumbling blocks to our discipleship, so we can follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as he leads us to your way of denial and life.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

In our love for others, we discover God's love for us. In forgiving others, we learn once more how deeply God has forgiven us. Friends, this is the good news offered to us!

We are God's children, called to be different, called to act differently, called to live as new people. Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen.

***GREETING OF PEACE ~unison**

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

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share with each other signs of Christ's peace.

2 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation;
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*** HYMN:** This Is My Song

See Insert

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 12: 1-2, 9-21

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12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Marks of the True Christian

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Gift of Music “A Place At Your Table”

Words and Music:

Ben Walther

Sung by the Chancel Choir

1. Happy the ones whom you call here to dine, the saint and the sinner, your friends. Now reconciled in this banquet divine, the promise of life without end, the promise of life without end.

Refrain

Here in your presence the greatest are least, the burdened find rest and the hungry can feast. By love we’re invited, here mercy prevails. God, in your goodness, we share a place at your table, a place at your table.

2. From this communion, in one heart and mind, out into mission we go. No greater love shall the world ever find, and none shall we ever know, and none shall we ever know.

MEDITATION: “Walking in the Ways of Peace”

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Preparation Hymn: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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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.

Leader: Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink upon it and the promise of the Living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited into this holy mystery. Come.

People: We are ready!

Leader: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty."

People: We are hungry and thirsty.

Leader: We remember that on one very special night when Jesus was sharing a meal with his friends, he took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said...

People: "Take, eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

Leader: In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

People: "Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ's presence in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread...

People: We participate in the Body of Christ.

The bread is shared.

Leader: Through the cup of blessing...

People: We participate in the new life Christ gives.

The cup is shared

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***CLOSING HYMN: “We are Walking in the Ways of Peace”**
(Siyahamba)

We are walking in the ways of peace,
we are walking in the ways of peace.

We are walking in the ways of peace,
we are walking in the ways of peace.

We are walking. We are walking.
We are walking in the ways of peace.

***THE BENEDICTION**

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Jim Bennett. **Scripture Reader** is Jim Bennett.

Communion Servers are Joan Bennett & Larry Ballantyne.

Greeter is Beth Anderson. **Camera Operator** is Susan Compton.

Join us for Fellowship Hour following the Peace Pole Dedication.

Flowers are given by Susan Compton in celebration of her father Don's
93rd birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Nancie Estep 10/09, Kayla McKosky 10/09,
Olivia Scoppetto 10/09, Jeff Whipple 10/11, Aaron Weiss 09/12.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Rebecca & Edward Bogaert 10/07, Scott &
Kim Footit 10/07.

In Our Prayers This Week are: The Rev. Deb Ruotolo, Lee Guckert
and her Family, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg
Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider, and Charlotte Shea.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	10/5	9:30 a.m. 10:30 11:00 2:00 p.m.	WORSHIP: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Peace Pole Dedication (Lawn) Catholic Church Food Delivery Tibetan American (K,CR)
Monday	10/6	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Retired Federal Employees (CH) SAFE CONDUCT (L)
Tuesday	10/7	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 Girl’s Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Ukulele (DBL) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	10/8	9:30 a.m. 10:00 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN MLB (L)
Thursday	10/9	4:30 p.m. 7:00 7:00	Ukulele (DBL) CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL Garden Club (CH)
Friday	10/10	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	10/11	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	10/12	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	WORSHIP: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – PINK SUNDAY Tibetan American (K,CR)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry needs

The Food Pantry is in need of canned meals: Beefaroni, Spaghettio's, Beef stew, Chili and Chili with beans. Please bring to the church.

Peace Pole Dedication - The Peace Pole Dedication will be on today immediately following worship.

PINK SUNDAY is October 12!

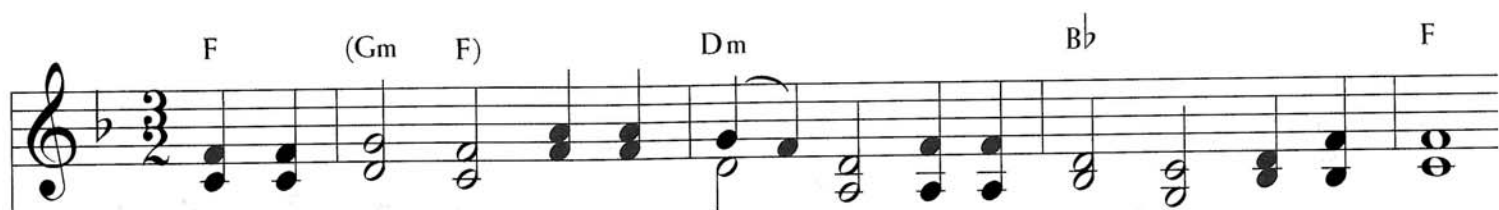
October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Come to church on October 12th wearing **Pink** to support the cause. The Women's Fellowship will have a Pink Bake Sale during Fellowship Hour in Carroll Hall on October 12. All donations will go to "After the Storm." Thank you for your support!

Honor Them With A Flag

The North Haven Republican Town Committee is sponsoring "Honor Them with a Flag", a fundraiser to benefit the American Legion Post 76. It is a salute to our country's military personnel, veterans and first responders. The public is invited to participate by purchasing a U.S. flag dedicated to a member of our military, first responder or anyone else close to your heart. The flags will go on display on the North Haven Town Green from the weekend before Veterans Day on Sunday November 9, 2025 and displayed until November 29, 2025. Each flag, 12" x 18", will have a white ribbon attached to it inscribed with the name and rank of the soldier, first responder or loved one. Flags will be available for collection by purchaser until November 29th from the lawn at the North Haven Town Green. Proceeds will benefit the local veterans' projects. The cost per flag is \$10. There is no limit on purchases, but all forms must be received no later than October 27th. For more information, please contact Nick Mastroianni at snm1986@yahoo.com or 203-430-0411.

A ceremony honoring our veterans and first responders has been scheduled for Sunday, November 9th at 12:00 pm on the North Haven Town Green. Please come and join us for this moving ceremony.

Deadline for purchases is Wednesday, October 27, 2025.



1 Come and find the qui - et cen - tre in the crowd - ed life we lead,
 2 Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
 3 In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's pain,



find the room for hope to en - ter, find the frame where we are freed:
 God it is who speaks and names us, knows our be - ing, face to face,
 let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e - brate the space we gain:



clear the cha - os and the clut - ter, clear our eyes, that we can see
 mak - ing space with - in our think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun,
 there's a place for deep - est dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care,



all the things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
 rais - ing cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
 in the Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare!



* HYMN: This Is My Song

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1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

Preparation Hymn: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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Unison C F G Dm C F C G



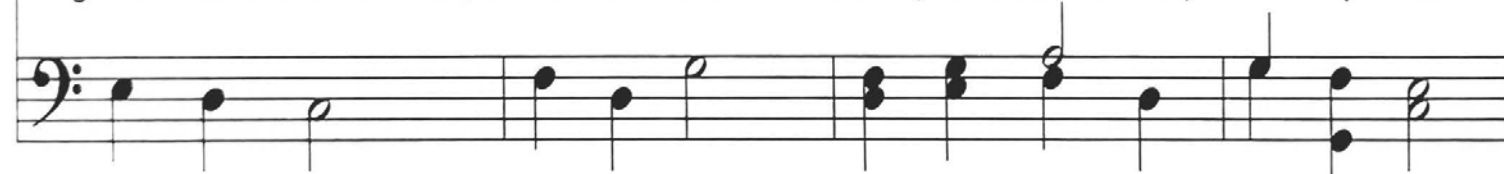
1 Let us tal-ents and tongues em- ploy, reach- ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out, bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



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!





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Name and Rank: _____

(As you would like it to appear on the flag's ribbon --- please print)

Branch of Service: _____ Dates of Service: _____

Name and Rank: _____

(As you would like it to appear on the flag's ribbon --- please print)

Branch of Service: _____ Dates of Service: _____

Name of Purchaser: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Number of Flags: ____ x \$10 per flag = Total Donation: _____

Photocopies or similar copies of this form are acceptable.

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

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

OCT  BER

Pink Sunday



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