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The Daughters of Zelophehad:
Malah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah

North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, October 19, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 24

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *C Major Mosso*

by W. Wedemann

***OPENING HYMN:** “Immortal Invisible God Only Wise” VU 264

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We have gathered in God’s holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

People: This is the place where God transforms us into disciples.

Leader: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

People: This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

Leader: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God’s persistence in saving us.

People: This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.**

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

(*Hanto Yo* means “clear the way” in the Lakota language of the North American Plains.)

God of surprises, you call us from the narrowness of our traditions to new ways of being church, from the captivities of our culture to creative witness for justice, from the smallness of our horizons to the bigness of your vision.

Clear the way in us, your people, that we might call others to freedom and renewed faith. Jesus, wounded healer, you call us from preoccupation with our own histories and hurts to daily tasks of peacemaking, from privilege and protocol to partnership and pilgrimage, from isolation and insularity to inclusive community.

Clear the way in us, your people, that we might call others to wholeness and integrity. Holy, transforming Spirit, you call us from fear to faithfulness, from clutter to clarity, from a desire to control to deeper trust, from the refusal to love to a readiness to risk.

Clear the way in us, your people, that we might all know the beauty and power and danger of the gospel.***

**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

Lord, your words are sweet to the taste, sweeter than honey; let them be our daily meditation and our study. Give us ears to hear, for we marvel at your instruction.

Train us in righteousness, grant us patience and persistence, and equip us for every good work. Inspire our faith, and give us voices to proclaim your message. Guide our feet, keep us from every false way, for you alone speak the words of life. 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.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE**SEASON OF GENEROSITY MESSAGE****Sue Cifelli****THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Numbers 27: 1-9****Page 145**

The Daughters of Zelophehad

27 Then the daughters of Zelophehad came forward. Zelophehad was son of Hephher son of Gilead son of Machir son of Manasseh, of the clans of Manasseh, son of Joseph. The names of his daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. ² They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders, and all the congregation, at the entrance of the tent of meeting, saying, ³ “Our father died in the wilderness; he was not among the congregation of those who gathered themselves together against the Lord in the congregation of Korah but died for his own sin, and he had no sons. ⁴ Why should the name of our father be taken away from his clan because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father’s brothers.”

⁵ Moses brought their case before the Lord. ⁶ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ⁷ “The daughters of Zelophehad are right in what they are saying; you shall indeed let them possess an inheritance among their father’s brothers and pass the inheritance of their father on to them. ⁸ You shall also speak to the Israelites, saying: If a man dies and has no son, then you shall pass his inheritance on to his daughter.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

Text: Prayer of Saint Francis

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Music: Sebastian Temple

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Pg 1355

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is^[b] useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***HYMN: “Bring Many Names”**

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SERMON: “Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah” 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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***CLOSING HYMN: “We Have This Ministry”**

VU 510

***THE BENEDICTION**

***Choral Benediction:**

“Dream God’s Dream”

Words & Music: Bryan Sirchio

Dream God's Dream Holy Spirit, help us dream of a world where there is justice and where everyone is free to build and grow and love and to simply have enough. The world will change when we dream God's dream.

POSTLUDE: *Polonaise in G Minor: Trio*

by Frederic Chopin

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

**** Thom Shuman, Bearers of Grace and Justice**

*****Gwyn Cashmore and Joan Puls, From One Race the Human Race: Racial Justice Sunday 2003, published by Churches Together in Britain and Ireland: Churches Commission for Racial Justice, London.**

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Deacon is Jim Bennett. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson. **Scripture Reader** is Susan Compton. **Today’s flowers** are given by Barbara Massey for the beauty of the season. **Please join us for Fellowship Hour in Carroll Hall immediately following the service.**

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Nancy Mahoney 10/19, Elizabeth Anderson 10/20, Kevin Studley 10/21, Cynthia Miller 10/22, Gracie Kirk 10/24.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Scott & Beth Kundrath 10/21, Lynne & Rob Nielsen 10/22.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	10/19	9:30 a.m. 10:45 2:00 p.m.	PARKING LOT REPAVING WORSHIP: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Faith Formation (K) Tibetan American (K,CR)
Monday	10/20	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00	PARKING LOT REPAVING Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	10/21	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 4:30 6:00	PARKING LOT REPAVING Music Together (DBL) Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) United Girl’s Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Ukulele (DBL) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	10/22	 9:30 a.m. 10:00	PARKING LOT REPAVING WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Thursday	10/23	 4:30 p.m. 7:00	PARKING LOT REPAVING Ukulele (DBL) CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
Friday	10/24	 9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	PARKING LOT REPAVING Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	10/25	 9:00 a.m. 9:30 10:30	PARKING LOT REPAVING Crop: Crafting Event (CH) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	10/26	 9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	PARKING LOT REPAVING WORSHIP: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 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.

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 Mastroanni 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 purchase is Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

Women's Fellowship Harvest Fair – 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. November 1st, 2025

It's almost that time again! We need lots of helping hands to make the Fair a success. There are lots of things to do to get ready. Cookies for the Cookie Walk, pies, breads, soup (frozen) and other items for Grandma's Kitchen & Bakery are needed. Helpers are needed for each area in Carroll Hall and for Coffee & and Lunch at Grandma's Café. Look for Sign-up sheets at Coffee Hour or call the Church Office to let Julie know what area you are interested in. Thank you!

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise;
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes;
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all praise we would ren - der, O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dour of light hid - eth thee!

*HYMN: "Bring Many Names"

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Unison

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2 Strong mo - ther God, work - ing night and day,
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,
 4 Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care,

cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry,
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion,
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing,
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es,

ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:
 car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're re - con - ciled:
 glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:

Hail and ho - san - na! Bring man - y names!
 Hail and ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God! great, liv - ing God!

5 Young, growing God,
 eager, on the move,
 saying no to falsehood
 and unkindness,
 crying out for justice,
 giving all you have:
 Hail and hosanna,
 young, growing God!

6 Great, living God,
 never fully known,
 joyful darkness
 far beyond our seeing,
 closer yet than breathing,
 everlasting home:
 Hail and hosanna,
 great, living God!

Unison

F C Dm Bb Am7 Dm Bb C

1 We have this min - is - try and we are not dis - cour - aged; it

2 O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our be - gin - ning, we

3 The yoke of Christ is ours, the whole world is our par - ish; we

F C Dm Gm7 C C/E F Dm7 C

is by God's own power that we may live and serve.

grow to full - est flower when root - ed in your love.

dai - ly take the cross, the bur - den and the joy.

Gm C Gm7 C Dm Bb Gm7 C

O - pen - ly we share God's word, speak - ing truth as we be - lieve,

Broth - ers, sis - ters, cler - gy, lay, called to ser - vice by your grace,

Bear - ing hurts of those we serve, wound - ed, bruised and bowed with pain,

Gm C Gm7 Am Dm Bb Csus4 C

pray - ing that the shad - owed world may heal - ing light re - ceive. We

diff - erent cul - tures, diff - erent gifts, the young and old a place. We

Ho - ly Spir - it, bread and wine, we die and rise a - gain. We

F C Dm Bb Am7 Bb C Dm C F

have this min - is - try, O God, re - ceive our liv - ing.

have this min - is - try, O God, re - ceive our giv - ing.

have this min - is - try, O God, re - ceive our lov - ing.