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North Haven, Connecticut

An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, November 23, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 29

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: G Major Moderato

by V. Engel

***OPENING HYMN:** “*We Gather Together*”

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who looks with kindness on us.

People: We are the inheritors of the promises made long ago to our ancestors.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who gathers us here in this place.

People: From across the street, from halfway around the world, God brings us home to the heart of grace.

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God who has remembered us.

All: Scoffers and singers, watchers and wigglers, we are those redeemed by God.**

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

O God of many names, Lover of all people, give peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our world, in our universe: the peace of our need, the peace of your will. Amen.

George Appleton, Anglican Bishop.

***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

Faithful God, expand our thankful imaginations: to time beyond our time, to wisdom beyond our wisdom, to strength beyond our strength. As we pray for your coming reign, remind us that the whole earth is already yours. Even as we pray for things not yet seen, help us celebrate your sure, eternal reign. ** 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.

ANTHEM: "*Do Lord, Remember Me*"

Traditional Spiritual

Sung by Children's Choir & Chancel Choir

Do Lord, Remember Me

Traditional Spiritual

V.1 I've got a home in glory-land, oh do remember me. I've got a home in glory-land, oh do remember me. I've got a home in glory-land, oh do remember me. Oh, do Lord, remember me!

Refrain:

Do lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me

Do lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me

Do lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me

Do lord, remember me.

V2. When I'm in trouble, Lord, do remember me (4X)

Refrain

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 46

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God's Defense of His City and People

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,

³ though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.

⁶ The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Colossians 1:11-20 Pg 1342

Salutation

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

Paul Thanks God for the Colossians

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our^[c] behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from

the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in^[i] 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. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in^[i] him all things hold together. ¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God^[k] was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ 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.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON: “Together In Christ”

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**

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Jesus Shall Reign”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Sonata: Tempo di Menuetto Op. 49, No. 2

by Ludwig van Beethoven

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

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

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Deacon is Jim Bennett. **Scripture Reader** is Jim Bennet. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson.

The Harvest Table decorates the sanctuary in celebration of Thanksgiving. All produce collected is donated to The Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen.

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.

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.

Thanksgiving Sunday Food Offering

Today is Thanksgiving Sunday. As is tradition, we will collect the Harvest Offering during service. Please bring fresh produce that will be displayed on the alter. After the service, this produce will be donated to the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen to be used in their Thanksgiving Dinner.

Womens Fellowship Annual Christmas Party!

Date: Monday, December 8th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Koinonia Room

Pot Luck Dinner—bring your favorite dish to share!

Bring a “GRAB BAG GIFT” (funny, different, odd, used, etc)

This is a night filled with good food, lots of laughs, and of course great fellowship! All women (members or not) are encouraged to attend.

Please RSVP to Cheryl Bogert at ca.bogert48@gmail.com

Hope to see some new faces there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	11/23	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	WORSHIP: Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Tibetan American (K, CR, RR)
Monday	11/24	4:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Tuesday	11/25	10:00 a.m. 10:00 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) FOOD PANTRY OPEN PLP (Library) United Girl’s Choir (CH, K, RR) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	11/26	 10:00 a.m.	WINDOW MAILING FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Thursday	11/27	 9:30 a.m.	THANKSGIVING DAY - OFFICE CLOSED AA (K)
Friday	11/28		OFFICE CLOSED
Saturday	11/29		
Sunday	11/30	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	WORSHIP: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Tibetan American (K,CR, RR)

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Joan Bennett 11/26, Rob Natoli, Cheryl Hall 11/27.

Dreaming God's Dream

NO GIFT TOO SMALL, NO DREAM TOO BIG.

Elizabeth Anderson

Larry Ballantyne

Martin & Patience Benassi

Jim & Joan Bennett

Cheryl Bogert

Priscilla Bradford

Elaine & Sonny Burr

Mark & Martha Butterworth

Sandy Carter

Suzanne Cifelli

Ed & Mary Ellen Collett

George & Florence Coulston

Susan Compton

Jim & Leslie Dockendorff

Ken & Ann Dubar

Doris Ferner

Carl & Lillian Flodquist

Sara & Brian Gannon

Merrilee & George Gladkosky

Nancy Gutowski,

Peter & Cheryl Hall

Vivian Harris

Susan Beth & Robert Higgins

Carla & Michael Hill

Linda Howe

Bernard & Elfie Hummel

Barbara Joslyn

Roberta & Bruno Juliano

Linda Lacobelli

Dan & Lynn Lafleur

Carol Lasse

Nancy & Ken Mahoney

Rhonda & John Masnato

Barbara & Rick Massey

Carol Mitchell

Dave & Barbara Nelson

William Olmstead

Stephen & Mabel Peterson

Jeanne Reardon

Jane & Tom Romans

Robert & Barbara Scheidecker

Adam & Julie Schweickert

Cheryl Solecki

Peter & Vicky Struk Jr.

John & Sue Tibor

Doris Vigliotto

Catherine Welch



Pledges as of 11-18-25

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

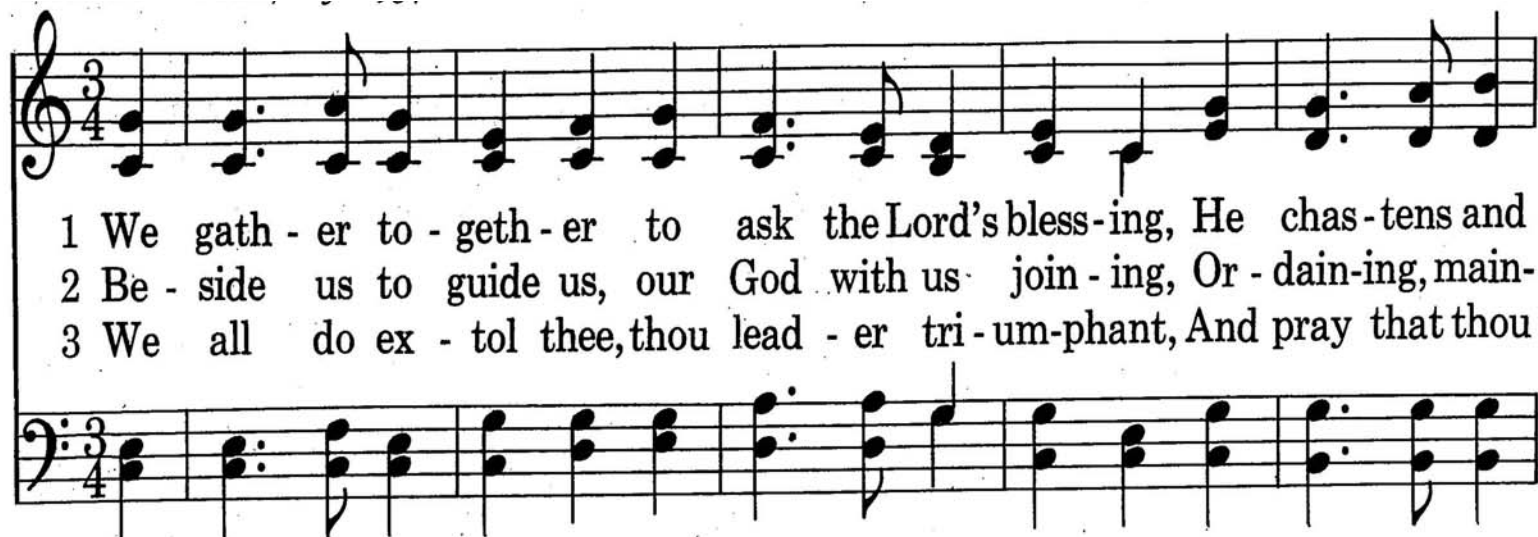
We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

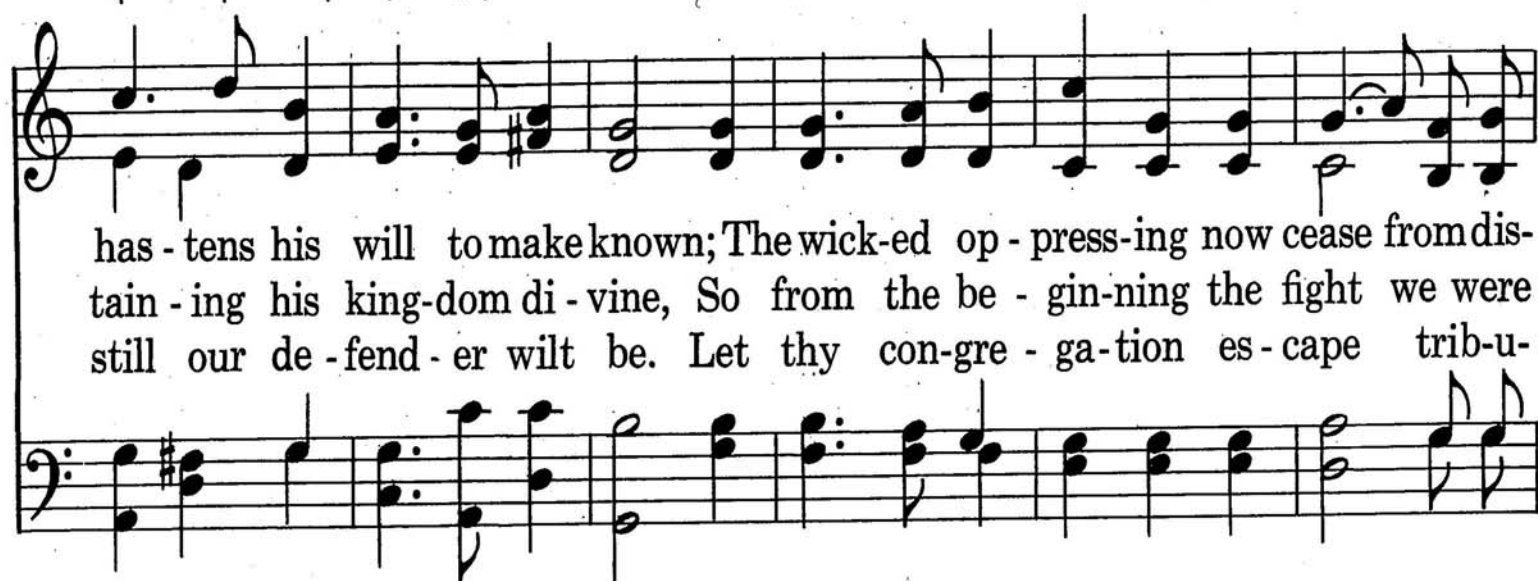
Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Cindy Stasko, Bridge Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Heather Meachen, Organist
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
Dave Nelson, Sexton

*OPENING HYMN: "We Gather Together"

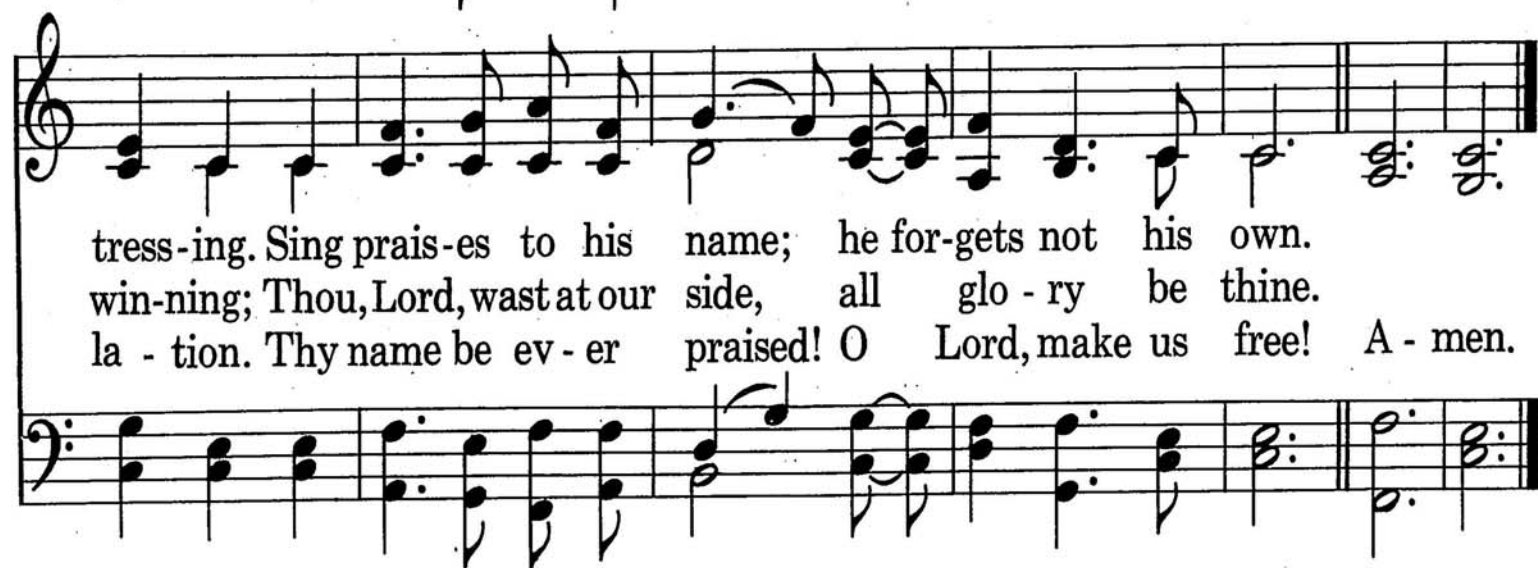
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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing, He chas - tens and
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing, Or - dain - ing, main -
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant, And pray that thou



has - tens his will to make known; The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis -
 tain - ing his king - dom di - vine, So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were
 still our de - fend - er wilt be. Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u -



tress - ing. Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 win - ning; Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine.
 la - tion. Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free! A - men.

* HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

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D Ddim D A7 D

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand:
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus my eyes at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing - place;

F#7 Bm B7 Em G F#

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face,

D D7 G B Em

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my smit - ten heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess,
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,

A7 D G D A D

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - der of his glo - rious love, and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign"

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Descant

4 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 3 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; and pris - oners
 4 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

hon - ours to our King, an - gels de - scend with

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ours to our King, an - gels de - scend with

songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!



Pierpont Concert - Brass
Saturday, December 6, 2025
7:00 PM in the church sanctuary!

Welcome to our good friends, Brass!

Led by North Havener Drew Mazurek, BRASS is a quintet of professional musicians brought together by a love of virtuoso playing and the camaraderie generated by live performance. Brass goes back to the very beginning of the Pierpont Concert Series over 20 years ago! Since then, Brass has brought its particular brand of creative and innovative programming to the greater New Haven community.

Their musical arrangements are wonderful and full! The sound of a brass quintet at the holidays is very iconic and heart-warming. Their concert will feature special arrangements of Christmas and seasonal favorites. If you've never heard this brass quintet in our warm and welcoming space, this is a wonderful chance to experience this unique sound!

Tickets available! \$15 adults, \$10 students, under 12 free.

Tickets available at the door, by check, memo: Brass Concert Tickets, by online donation on our website under "Benefit Concert", or Venmo @NorthHavenCongregationalChurch

Special thanks to the Women's Fellowship and other church volunteers who help host the festive reception!

The Music Mission Team is grateful for your support.