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

Sunday, May 24, 2026

9:30 a.m.

**Pentecost Sunday
Memorial Day Weekend**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Variation on "Melita"
(Eternal Father Strong to Save) Arr. Mark Rippe

***OPENING HYMN:** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Insert

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

The Spirit comes as a violent wind,
filling this place of worship.

The Spirit comes as tongues of fire,
resting on those who are gathered here.

The Spirit comes, and we are transformed.

All are welcome to drink of one Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill us; fill this place; inhabit our lives; bless
our worship.

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

**Come, Holy Spirit, breathe your peace into our hearts and our
restless world. Where there is anxiety, grant us courage; where
there is division, make us instruments of your reconciliation. On
this Pentecost, pour out your gifts of unity, love, and
understanding, and empower us to be messengers of your hope.
Amen.**

***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*

Holy God, empower us with your Holy Spirit, that as your children, we may prophesy truth to power. Inspire within us the dreams of youth and the visions of age. Cause wonders to occur, not just in the heavens above, but on the earth below, that your justice may spring forth with tremors of righteousness and love. In the power of your mighty Spirit, we pray. Blow into our lives, and renew us as a people of faith, that we might spread the good news of your saving love. 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.

THE NOISY OFFERING

Karlee Etter

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Joel 2:28-30

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God's Spirit Poured Out

²⁸ Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days I will pour out my spirit.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

*** HYMN:** "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

Insert

Message Paraphrase

A Sound Like a Strong Wind

2¹⁻⁴ When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

5-11 There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were thunderstruck. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;

Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;

Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes; Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

¹² Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

¹³ Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: “Every Time I Hear the Spirit”

Traditional Spiritual
arr. Horace Clarence Boyer
Sung by the Chancel Choir

SERMON: “In One Spirit”

Rev. Cindy

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” v1

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace.

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 Spirit One. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Through these gifts and the lives they touch, send your Spirit into the world. For your Spirit is mighty enough to move mountains, strong enough to transform lives, and powerful enough to birth your new creation. Through these gifts we now bring, may wonders to occur. With this hope, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: “”Spirit”**

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "A Patriotic Medley" arr. by Amy J. van Dyk
original music by John Stafford Smith and Samuel Ward

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Sandy Carter. **Scripture Reader** is Sandy Carter.

The Greeter is Beth Anderson.

Camera Operator is Damon Quinn

Join us for Fellowship Hour in Carroll Hall following worship.

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

Carol Mitchell, Bridge Administrator

Dave Nelson, Sexton

In Our Prayers This Week are: The Rev. Deb Ruotolo, Lee Guckert, Melanie Howlett, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Charlotte Shea, Michael Hill, the family and friends of Tim Peiffer, and the family and friends of Ann Schneider.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Gene Kloszewski 5/24

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Kathi & Robert Mickolyzck 5/253

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A message from Rev J. Michael Solberg

His first Sunday with us will be June 14

Hello everyone! Mike Solberg here, and I am looking forward to starting as your Interim Minister in just three weeks. Although "interim ministry"

is a perfectly good phrase, a lot of people these days use another phrase: "transitional ministry." The nuance is that "interim" can sound like you are moving from Point A, through an in-between time, and then you'll wind up back at Point A, while "transitional" perhaps better reveals that we'll start at Point A, transition through an in-between time, but eventually arrive somewhere new, Point B. Whatever we call it, this in-between time will be filled with listening: me listening to you to build relationships and trust; you listening to each other to explore who you are as a church and as people of faith today; and all of us listening together to the Holy Spirit to discover who God is calling you to be in the future, and what gifts and priorities you need in a new "settled" pastor to live into God's calling. One thing you are sure to learn about me is that I believe deeply in the importance of the church - of local congregations - which offer a grounding of meaning, belonging, joy, and justice in the world today. I also believe in the importance of transitional times for helping congregations not just survive, but thrive. We will work through many important issues - some easy, some more challenging, some perhaps even uncomfortable - but all we do together in this transitional time will plant seeds for a wonderful future for North Haven Congregational Church. I'll see you in a few weeks! And until then, the peace of Christ be with you.

7th annual On-line Fundraising Auction

With appreciation to those who made commitments for donations to our church's on-line fundraising auction, we are pleased to announce that we now have enough items, and our curated auction has been scheduled.

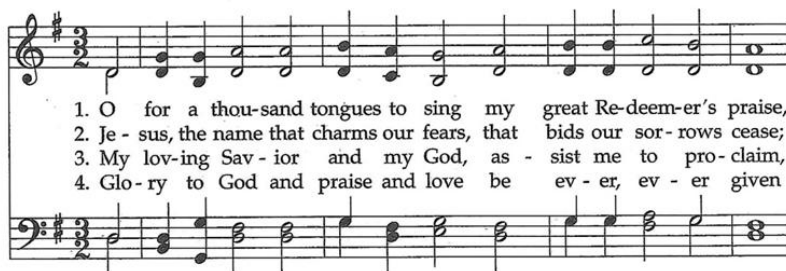
The auction will go live June 8 and close June 15. (dates are subject to change) Thank you to Carla H., SueBeth and Robert H., Nancy M., Sue T., Joan B., Cathy W., Suzanne C., Heather M., Bob S., Lynn R., Martina B., Laura D., Lillian F., Patience and Martin B., Beth A. and Womens Fellowship.

Thank you from The B Team - Priscilla B., Martha B., Martin B., and Patience B.

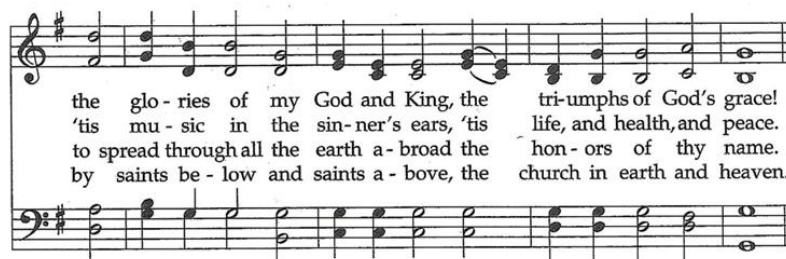
ANOTHER PROMOTION at Stop & Shop

Bloomin' 4 Good Promotion! Our Food Pantry has been chosen by the **Hamden Stop and Shop** for the **month of June** to receive a donation of \$1.00 for each \$11.99 bouquet purchased. This is a good way to support the Food Pantry by buying flowers to give as a gift or for you to enjoy.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 5



1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
3. My lov-ing Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro-claim,
4. Glo-ry to God and praise and love be ev - er, ev - er given



the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of God's grace!
'tis mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
by saints be - low and saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
MUSIC: Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

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O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

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Jean Janzen, 1991; based on writings by
Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, 12th century

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, Root of life, Cre - a - tor,
2 E - ter - nal Vig - or, Sav - ing One, you free us
3 O Ho - ly Wis - dom, Soar - ing Power, en - com - pass

cleans - er of all things, a - noint our wounds, a -
by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -

wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all, a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179) was a "woman for all seasons." A German abbess, she was a prolific liturgical composer and poet, artist and mystic, and scientist and theologian whose works exhibit deep spirituality. This new text combines rich images from Hildegard's songs "De Spiritu Sancto," "O Virtus Sapientiae," and "O Vis Aeternitatis."

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR L.M.
Melody from "Piae Cantiones," 1582
Adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain (Unison)


Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow thro' the wil - der - ness
call - ing and free, Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,
stir me from plac - id - ness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

Verses

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept thro' the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes,

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SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS
Irregular with refrain



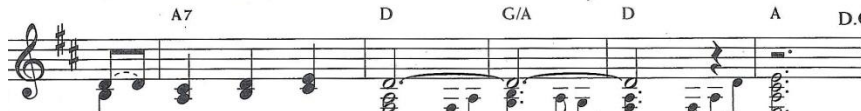
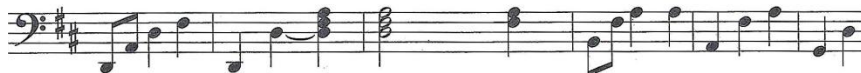
then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep,
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land,
then you whis - pered in - si - lence when the whole world was still,
from the bond - age of sor - row the cap - tives dream dreams,



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each
and when they were blind - ed with their i - dols and
and down in the cit - y you called once a -
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their



thing: — wake from your slum - bers
lies, then you spoke thro' your proph - ets
gain, when you blew thro' your peo - ple
eyes, with bold new de - ci - sions



and rise on your wings.
to o - pen their eyes.
on the rush of the wind.
your peo - ple a - rise.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	5/24	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Tibetan American (K, CR) AA (CH)
Monday	5/25	Memorial Day 9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Church Office Closed AA (K) FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Tuesday	5/26	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:00 4:30 6:00	AI-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking lot or CH) United Girls' Choir (CH,DBL,S) Music Together (DBL) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	5/27	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Danish Sisterhood (K)
Thursday	5/28	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	5/29	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	5/30	8:30 a.m. 9:00 9:30	Music Together (DBL) Crop:Crafting Event (CH) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	5/31	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Tibetan American (RR,CR) AA (CH)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.