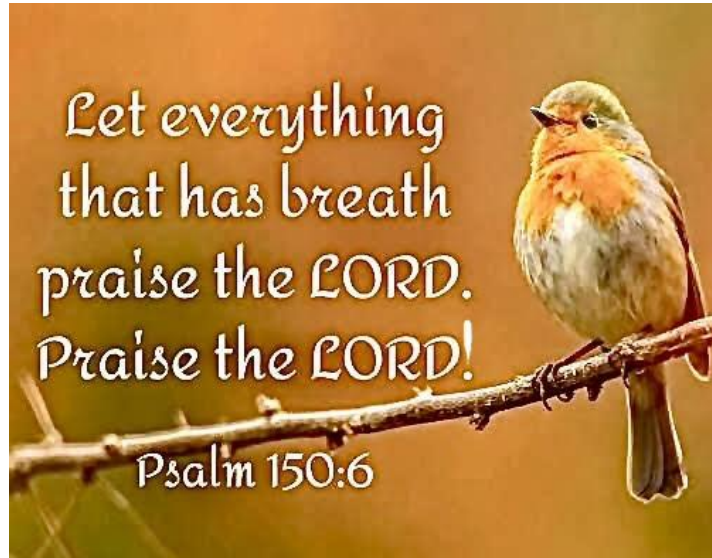


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NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, May 31, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Trinity Sunday
Choir Appreciation Sunday

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Requiem, Op. 48 "Pie Jesu" by Gabriel Faure
arr. by Dwight Blazin

***OPENING HYMN:** "When In Our Music God is Glorified"
VU 533

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

God, who created the fields of Eden, takes delight in all things, including us!

God of glory, God of grace, your name is exalted in all the earth!

Christ, who walked the streets of our world, gives hope to all people, including us!

God of glory, God of grace, your Son is Savior of all creation!

God's Spirit, who stays in our hearts, bears truth and peace to us!

God of glory, God of grace, your love surrounds our every moment!

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

Lord,

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe.

Let us dream together, pray together and work together,
To build one world of peace and justice for all.

Author unknown

- it is thought to be either an adaptation of a Hindu prayer or of a hymn. The first time that it was known to be publicly spoken was by Mother Teresa in 1981.

***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 Wisdom, Spirit of Truth, we behold your glory in the starry heavens, and your wonder in the earth and sea. Who are we that you care for us so deeply? Why do you love us so completely? May we heed your clarion call to lead lives steeped in your wisdom, and to take delight in all of your goodness. Come into our lives and lead us into the fullness of your truth, so our lives might glorify you in all that we say and do. 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.

CHOIR APPRECIATION

Jeffrey Hutchins
Director of Music

We would like to offer a warm "Thank you" to all who have helped make worship extra-meaningful and beautiful throughout the last year. Choir members are some of the most dedicated church people (in any

church) as they are, for the most part, dedicated to every Sunday service and a weekday rehearsal. We all have special gifts and ministries that we should celebrate - but today we thank those in the Chancel Choir of North Haven Congregational Church. We also celebrate the Children's Choir and the Chime Choir for a fabulous season of inter-generational and sonorous music making!

While the summer might get a tad quieter (and warmer?), we do wish to continue loud congregational singing and also encourage church members **sharing their individual musical gifts!** If you have a musical gift to share, please reach out to Jeff or Heather so that we can hear it, work with you on it, and set aside a special Sunday morning for this offering.

*"Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!"*

-Hymnwriter Fred Pratt Green

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 1:26 p 1

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

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

* **HYMN:** "Let Us Build a House" vs.1-3 Insert

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 1:1-1 p 1236

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: "If Ye Love Me" Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)
Sung by the Chancel Choir

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may abide with you forever; In the spirit of truth.
- John 14:15-17

SERMON: "Glorious Opportunities" Rev. Cindy

John 1: 1-14 Erasmus translated by Clive Scott

It all arose out of a conversation,
conversation within God, in fact the
conversation was God. So, God started the discussion, and everything came out of this, and nothing happened without consultation.

This was the life, life that was the light of men, shining in the darkness, a darkness which neither understood nor quenched its creativity.

John, a man sent by God, came to remind people about the nature of the light so that they would observe. He was not the subject under discussion, but the bearer of an invitation to join in. The subject of the conversation, the original light, came into the world, the world that had arisen out of his willingness to converse. He fleshed out the words but the world did not understand. He came to those who knew the language, but they did not respond. Those who did become a new creation (his children), they read the signs and responded.

These children were born out of sharing in the creative activity of God. They heard the conversation still going on, here, now, and took part, discovering a new way of being people. To be invited to share in a conversation about the nature of life, was for them, a glorious opportunity not to be missed.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE "Holy, Holy, Holy" vs. 1, 4
VU315

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

We give thanks, O God, for all that you have given us. Pour out your blessing on these tithes and offerings, that they might be a source of blessing in our church, in our community, and in our world. Through this act of sharing, may we counter fear with hope and transform scarcity through generosity. We offer this prayer in the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Let Us Build a House" vs. 3-5 Insert

***THE BENEDICTION**

Choral Benediction: "May the Road Rise to Meet You"
Traditional Irish Blessing
Music: Lori True

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face. May the rain fall softly on your fields and until we meet again: may you keep safe in the gentle, loving arms of God.

POSTLUDE: "Nun freut euch, lieben Christen" BWV 734

by J.S. Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

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

The Greeter is Beth Anderson.

The flowers are given by Beth Anderson in appreciation for the Music Program, the choir, Jeff Hutchins, Heather Meachen, and all others who have contributed to the wonderful music at NHCC

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, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Charlotte Shea, Michael Hill, the family and friends of Tim Peiffer, and the family, friends of Ann Schneider, the family and friends of Linda Shannon

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Martha Butterworth 5/31, Brooklyn Mickolyzck 6/01, Eric Jokl 6/02, Thomas Mickolyzck 6/02, Jeanne Reardon 6/02, Susan Compton 6/03, David Nottingham 6/04, Joan Melillo 6/06,

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Martha & Mark Butterworth 6/06, AnnMarie & Gary Czajkowski 6/09, Joyce & Ted Manzo 6/10, Linda & Stephen Simonson 6/10, Lynn & Dan Lafleur 6/11.

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 Women's Fellowship.

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

SUMMER WORSHIP: Children will remain in worship with their families **during the summer months from June 7th through September 6th**. Regular Church School resumes September 13th.

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.

ANNUAL LADIES OUTTING: Wednesday June 17th beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Gouveia Winery in Wallingford! All the ladies of the church are invited and encouraged to spend a fun afternoon together. Please bring a snack to share. Plates, napkins, and plastic ware will be provided.

R.S.V.P. to Cheryl Bogert; ca.bogert48@gmail.com

CELEBRATE NORTH HAVEN PRIDE!

The North Haven PRIDE Flag Raising Ceremony will be held at the North Haven Library on Friday, June 5th at 10am to mark the beginning of PRIDE month.

The fourth annual North Haven PRIDE Day will be celebrated on Saturday, June 13, from 11 – 3pm on the Town Green.

The event is organized by North Haven PRIDE as a welcoming, affirmative, safe and joyous celebration of the beauty and diversity of the LGBTQ+ community in our Town.

The Church will be open on PRIDE Day again this year, offering a quiet and prayerful place for those who might need it. We will welcome visitors and share information about the Church. Please speak with Patience Benassi or Sandy Carter if you would like to spend an hour or two in our Welcome Tent.

*See other North Haven Pride Events at <https://www.northhavenpride.org/events>

RUN THE LIVESTREAM CAMERA ON SUNDAY MORNING!

The livestream of our worship service is very important to church members who live far away or cannot attend in-person. The camera operator controls the camera in the church office, shifting the camera angle to provide close-ups at various points in the service. It's a pretty simple process to set up the camera and the livestream, and it's lots of FUN!. This is a good way to get high school community service credits! Just ask Sue Cifelli, or Kaitlyn or Damon Quinn, or Joan Bennett! We're looking for volunteers! Please speak with Jeff Hutchins.

SNEUCC ANNUAL MEETING

A threefold cord is not quickly broken. ~ Ecclesiastes 4:12

The Ties That Bind

7th Annual Meeting
Sept. 25 - 27, 2026
Worcester, MA

Keynote & Preaching by
US Senator Rev. Raphael G. Warnock



 Southern New England Conference
United Church of Christ
Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

For more information go to <https://www.sneucc.org/eventdetail/7th-annual-meeting-of-the-sneucc-19566021>

When in Our Music God Is Glorified 533

Unison

1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found
 ♦ 3 So has the church in lit - ur - gy and song,
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!

and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,
 ♦ in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!

it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found
 ♦ borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue,
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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 Music: Charles Villiers Stanford 1904
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ENGELBERG
 10 10 10 with Hallelujahs
 Alt. tune: Sine Nomine

1 Let Us Build a House

(All Are Welcome)

Unison

♩ = 100 C7 F C/E F B^b C

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
 ♦ 3 Let us build a house where love is found in
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their

Dm C/E F B^b C F/A Dm⁷

all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and
 words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren
 ♦ wa - ter, wine and wheat; a ban - quet hall on
 yond the wood and stone to heal and strength - en,
 songs and vi - sions heard and loved and treas - ured,

Gm⁷ C Gm⁷ F/A B^b C⁷ B^b/F F

chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of
 dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the
 ♦ ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the
 serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the
 taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of

GATHERING, CENTRING, AND INVOCATION

Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷ C F F/A

hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of
 cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's
 ♦ love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and
 out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's
 tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of

B^b F B^b A⁷ Dm

grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
 ♦ space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
 face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
 grace; let this house pro-claim from floor to raft - er:

Gm Dm Am⁷ Gm/B^b F/C

All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come

Gm⁷/C C⁷ F B^b/F F B^b/F F B^b/F F F/C Fine

in this place.

See next page for French translation.

315 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God al - might - y!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God al - might - y!

All thy works shall praise thy name,
 Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee,
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

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NIC/EA
 Irregular

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	5/31	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30	Music Appreciation Sunday WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Tibetan American (K, CR) AA (CH)
Monday	6/01	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00 4:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Retired Fed. Employees (CH) WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Tuesday	6/02	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 4:30 6:00	WRAPCT Training (CH) Music Together (DBL) Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking lot or CH) United Girls' Choir (CH,DBL,S) Music Together (DBL) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	6/03	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Lions Club (CH)
Thursday	6/04	7:00 p.m. 7:00	CHANCEL CHOIR Mothers of Twins (CH)
Friday	6/05	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Pride Flag Raising (Town Library) Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	6/06	8:30 a.m. 9:30 11:00	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) FUNERAL & RECEPTION
Sunday	6/07	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30	Heritage Sunday WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Tibetan American (RR,CR) AA (CH)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.