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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**
Sunday, June 7, 2026 **9:30 a.m.**
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Heritage Sunday
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: “Prelude in D minor (No. 1)” Johann Pachelbel

***OPENING HYMN:** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” VU288

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Creator God who speaks to us the words of hope
we gather to hear your voice.

Incarnate Christ who shows to us the way of hope
we gather to celebrate your story.

Quickening Spirit who nurtures in us the life of hope
we gather to be infused by your Spirit.

Trinity of hope meet with us here through word and song, bread and wine
and draw us deeper into your eternal dance of life.

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

This is our prayer, O God: May our love flow outward through the universe to its height and its depth. A limitless love, without hatred or boundaries. And as we stand or walk, sit or lie down...

As long as we are awake, let us strive for this love with one mind
And bring heaven to earth.## 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 CONFESSION:*~unison*

Source of hope, whose word began and sustains all life, we confess that there have been times when we have not lived as those who have heard the voice of God.

Shaper of hope, in whose living and loving, God’s intention was realized, we confess that there have been times when we have not lived as those who know the love of God.

Inspirer of hope, whose challenge and call are insistent and strong, we confess that there have been times when we have not lived as those who have felt the touch of God.

Triune God, we offer ourselves afresh to you: inspire, enlarge and energize us that now and always, our lives may serve as a sign of yours. Amen.

~silence is kept ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The God of hope hears our prayers. Be confident as we pray for one another, for God heals us and forgives us.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

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.

CELEBRATING HERITAGE MEMBERS

Rev. Cindy

Sheree Alexander, 1975	Linda Lacobelli, 1956
George Coulston, 1964	Kathleen Mickolyzck, 1970
Flo Coulston, 1964	Carol Mitchell, 1973
Paula Diehl, 1975	Bryant Munson, 1956
Ann Dubar, 1962	Stephen Peterson, 1973
Nancie Estep, 1963	Mabel Peterson, 1973
Doris Ferner, 1965	Jeanne Reardon, 1969
Lillian Flodquist, 1965	Lynn Reardon, 1971
Carl Flodquist, 1965	Betsey Reid, 1971
Richard Gherlone, 1953	Jane Romans, 1961
Joy Gillen, 1971	Gloria Santamauro, 1973
Merrilee Gladkosky, 1960	Ruth Scelzo, 1952
Nancy Gutowski, 1971	Robert Scheidecker, 1966
Eleanor Harple, 1960	James Shea, 1970
Bernard Hummel, 1954	Charlotte Shea, 1970
Elfie Hummel, 1965	Cheryl Solecki, 1975
Roberta Juliano, 1971	Victoria Struk, 1969

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Refrain

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7, 11 p. 720

Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles in Babylon

29 These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: "Psalm 130: I Will Wait For You"

Words & Music by Jordan Kauflin, Matthew Merker,
Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
Sung by the Chancel Choir

MEDITATION: "Trust the Wind"

Rev. Cindy

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Refrain

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, for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation: "As We Gather at Your Table" VU457

Invitation

Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink

upon it. Welcome to the 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.

We are ready!

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."

We are hungry and thirsty.

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...

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

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

"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."

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...

We participate in the Body of Christ.

The bread is shared.

Through the cup of blessing...

We participate in the new life Christ gives.

The cup is shared

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God whose story and song are now and always the hope of the world: We praise you for the stories of creation and incarnation, redemption and resolution – the unending words of love. We rejoice in your song of yearning and calling, waiting and welcoming, gathering and cherishing – the eternal music of hope. And we join our voices now in that great song of love and adoration that creation sings back to you. Amen.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN

A LITURGY OF FAREWELL

A church family is constantly changing. Individuals and families come and go in our church life. It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings. Today we acknowledge that the time has come for our journeys to take separate paths and new directions.

I thank the North Haven UCC, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown to me. I thank you for accepting my leadership. I recall with joy the many things we have been able to accomplish together and with sadness the things we were not able to do. I ask your understanding and forgiveness for the mistakes I made and for the times I let you down.

We receive your thankfulness, and we offer our forgiveness for any failures. We accept that you now leave us to minister elsewhere. Your influence on us will not leave us, even though you depart from us. We express gratitude for your time among us and ask your forgiveness for our shortcomings.

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new Intentional Interim Pastor.

We the members and friends of North Haven UCC, now release Rev. Cindy from the duties of bridge pastor and teacher. We offer you encouragement for your ministry as it unfolds in new ways.

When we began our bridge ministry together, I was entrusted with the keys to your campus. As a sign of my commitment to healthy boundaries, I return these keys to you.

Let us pray.

God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future, which rests in your care. During our time together, we have experienced laughter and tears, hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we carry these cherished memories with us in new directions until the time when we are completely one with you and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: "In the Midst of New Dimensions" Insert**

***THE BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION: “May the Road Rise to Meet You”

Traditional Irish Blessing

Music: Lori True

Sung by the Chancel Choir

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: “Mini-March”

Eugenie Rocherolle

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Sandy Carter.

Scripture Reader is John Tibor.

Greeter is Beth Anderson.

Communion Servers are Beth Anderson and Cheryl Bogert

The Camera Operator is Damon Quinn.

Fellowship Hour is immediately following service, we will celebrate our Heritage Members. Please join us in Carroll Hall.

Today's flowers are given by Joyce & Ted Manzo in celebration of their anniversary and the 31st birthday of Jeremy Petzel, the best nephew ever who's becoming a dad in July.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: David Estep 6/10, Colleen McBride 6/11, Thomas McBride 6/11, Bernie Hummel 6/12, Weston Mickolyzck 6/12, Grace Santamauro.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: AnnMarie & Gary Czajkowski 6/09, Joyce & Ted Manzo 6/10, Linda & Stephen Simonson 6/10, Lynn & Dan Lafleur 6/11, Rebecca Bogaert 6/13.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NORTH HAVEN PRIDE DAY will be Saturday, June 13, from 11a.m.-3p.m. on the Town Green. We anticipate opening up the Church once again as a calm space. We want to gather a group of members to sit outside the Church, share our church brochure, and welcome visitors. You can sign up for one hour stays starting at 10:45 a.m. Last year we had a number of visitors. We gave each person a church brochure and a Christmas bell. It was a wonderful and heartfelt gesture to welcome visitors to our Church. Please consider spending an hour of your time with us and speak with Patience Benassi, or Sandy Carter if you'd like to join us. A signup sheet will be available at Fellowship Hour. Thank You!

AUCTION Our church's on-line fundraising auction will be live tomorrow!!!!

With appreciation to those who offered donations to our church's 7th annual on-line fundraising auction, we are pleased to announce that our curated auction will go live June 8 and close June 15. (dates are subject to change) Thank you to Carla H., Joyce and Ted M., Martha and Mark B., SueBeth and Robert H., Carol M., 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. Cheryl B., and Women's Fellowship. Winning bidders will be given a specific time frame to pick up their items only on June 20. The auction has a wide variety of wonderful items to peruse. Thank you from The B Team - Priscilla B., Martha B., Martin B., and Patience B.

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.

FOOD PANTRY – Items needed – Please bring your food donations and place them in the basket in the Narthex on Sunday mornings during the summer months. Canned vegetables, canned fruit, juice and mayonnaise, etc. are always needed. Thank you for your support to the Food Pantry!

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: Our Food Pantry has been chosen by the Hamden Stop & Shop for the Bloomin' 4 Good Promotion! A donation of \$1.00 will be made to the NHCC Food Pantry for each \$11.99 bouquet purchased at the Hamden store. This is a good way to support the food pantry by buying flowers to give as a gift or for you to enjoy.

ANNUAL WOMEN'S OUTTING: On Wednesday, June 17th, at 2:30 p.m. all women of the church are invited and encouraged to spend a fun afternoon together at the Gouveia Winery in Wallingford. 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



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Congregational Church, & St. John's
Episcopal Church

LET FREEDOM RING!

Celebrate the 250th

North Haven Green

Sunday, July 19 @ 2 PM

**Lancraft Fife & Drum, bell-ringing, music, and
a reading of the Declaration of Independence!**



Our North Haven Congregational Church is the oldest Church in North Haven and will be participating in this glorious celebration. Our church bell will be rung by Peter Struk

at the beginning and end of the celebration along with the bell from St. John's Episcopal Church.

We will have a table on the Green with a display of our history which predates the establishment of the Town of North Haven. Our church will be decorated for this historic occasion and be open to the public. The First Selectman will read the Declaration of Independence, and the Lancraft Fife & Drum Corps will perform. There will be music and the singing of Our National Anthem. In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place in our Sanctuary. We are forming a committee to plan our participation in this historic event. Please see me if you are interested in joining or have an idea to share.

Thank You.

Sandy Carter, Church Moderator

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	6/7	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30	WORSHIP: HERITAGE SUNDAY Tibetan American (CR,RR) AA (CH)
Monday	6/8	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:30 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN New Haven Camera Club (CH) Sons & Daughters of Italy (K)
Tuesday	6/9	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 4:30 6:00 7:00	Al-Anon (K) 10-11:30 Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (PL/CH)) United Girls' Choir (CH, K, Sanctuary) Music Together (DBL) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) Music Under the Stars (Green)
Wednesday	6/10	9:30 a.m. 10:00 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN MLB (Library)
Thursday	6/11	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	6/12	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	6/13	8:30 a.m. 9:30 11:00	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) North Haven Pride Day (Green)
Sunday	6/14	9:30 a.m. 11:00 1:00p.m. 6:30	WORSHIP FOOD DELIVERY (Catholic Church) Tibetan American (CR,RR) AA (CH)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Descant

3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,
D G A7 G D

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, God our Cre - a - tor;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,
G D E (B7 E7) A

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row—
A7 D D Em D G

thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row—

won - drous the por - tion thy bless - ings pro - vide.

as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
won - drous the por - tion thy bless - ings pro - vide.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see, all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

morn - ing new mer - cies I see, all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

vid - ed — great is thy faith - ful - ness, ev - er to me!

vid - ed — great is thy faith - ful - ness, ev - er to me!

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As We Gather at Your Table

F Gm7 F Dm Bb C
 1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we list - en
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra -
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to
 to your word, help us know, O God, your pres - ence;
 ment of life, send us forth to love and serve you,
 share that feast where tri - umph - ant Love will wel - come
 Dm Bb C7 Bb F C
 let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred
 bring - ing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your great com -
 those who had been last and least. There no more will en - vy
 Dm Am F Bb C Dm
 sto - ry till we claim it as our own; teach us through this
 pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave; may we still be -
 blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy, as we join with
 Dm7 Gm7 Bb F Gm7 Am Gm Gm7 F
 ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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BEACH SPRING

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In the Midst of New Dimensions

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Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12-16; Exod. 13:21-22; Num. 14:14

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war - ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

Julian Rush, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, has spent more than a decade as director of the Colorado AIDS Project. He wrote this hymn on the theme of "diversity" for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference (United Methodist).

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain
 Julian Rush, 1985
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1994

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.