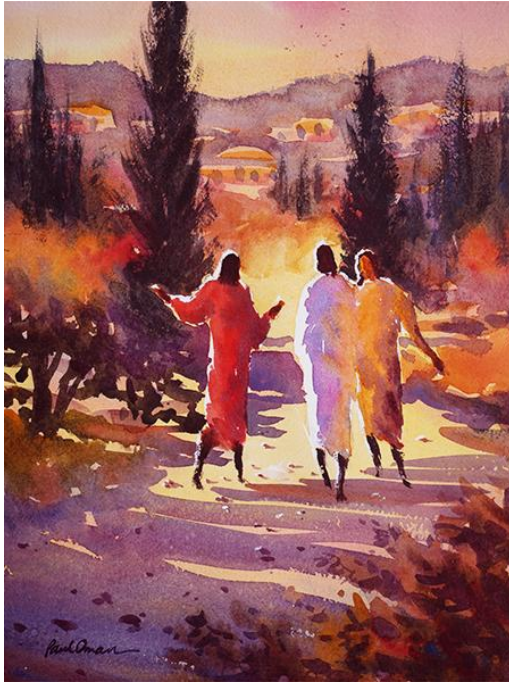


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North Haven, Connecticut

An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, June 14, 2026

9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: May God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity, be with you!

C: **And also with you.**

L: Friends, this is Christian worship!

C: **Which means it is a celebration of God's love for all,
and a training center for living as disciples of Jesus
Christ today.**

L: The indwelling and enlivening Spirit has brought us
together,

All: **So let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy"**

VU 315

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL

L: Let us pray:

All: **Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned
against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we
have done, and by what we have left undone. We have
not loved you with our whole heart and mind and
strength. We have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have
been, help us amend what we are, and guide what we
shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in
your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***GREETING OF PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with you!

C: **And also with you!**

L: Please share the peace of the Living Christ with others, with one saying, “The peace of Christ be with you,” and the other responding, “And also with you.”

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

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.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHILDREN

SONG - Peace, Peace, Peace

PRAYER FOR OPENNESS AND UNDERSTANDING

All: **God of truth and light, fill our hearts and guide our steps by the ancient and holy words we are about to hear. May we all, preacher and congregation, be open to your Word, with all its challenge and comfort, its call upon us and its enlivening Spirit in us. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:13-32, p. 1234

SERMON

“We Also Are on the Road”

Mike

***HYMN “We Are Pilgrims”**

VU 595

LITURGY FOR WELCOMING AN INTERIM MINISTER

Introduction

CONGREGATION: We, the people of North Haven Congregational Church, United Church of Christ,

welcome you with joy and receive you as our Interim Minister. We pledge our partnership as we continue to use the gifts God has given us in the many ministries of the gospel in this place: in worship, education, witness, service and stewardship.

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. Be with us now, we pray, as we enter this relationship of pastor and people. Comfort us as we hold the tenderness of this moment and the uncertainty of the future. Bless us and guide us as we continue to carry out the mission and vision of our church. Grant Rev. Mike the constant presence of your Spirit. Give us courage, patience, and vision, and let the love of God shine through each of us and all of us together. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(trespasses)

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 OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

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

Leader: Let us pray, and together dedicate our offerings to God.

All: We give thanks, O God, for all that you have given us.

Pour out your blessing on this offering, that these gifts 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 “O Christian Love”**

VU 594

***THE BENEDICTION**

Choral Benediction: “May the Road Rise to Meet You”

Music: Lori True

Traditional Irish Blessing

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

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The Deacon is Jim Bennett.

The Greeter is Beth Anderson.

The flowers are given by Cathy Welch to the Glory of God and to welcome Rev. Mike.

Camera Operator is Suzanne Cifelli.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in Carroll Hall following worship.

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers for the World
Donna Carpenter, Office Administrator
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Heather Meachen, Organist
Dave Nelson, Sexton
The Reverend Mike Solberg, Interim Minister

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: Mabel Peterson 6/15.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A message from Rev J. Michael Solberg

Hello everyone! Mike Solberg here, and I am very happy to start as your Interim Minister. 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. 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.

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.

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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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	6/14	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Tibetan American (K, CR) AA (CH)
Monday	6/15	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:00 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN CT Record Club (K) Sons & Daughters of Italy (CH)
Tuesday	6/16	9:30 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 4:00 4:30 6:00	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	6/17	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Alanon District Family (K)
Thursday	6/18		
Friday	6/19	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Al-Ateen (CH)
Saturday	6/20	8:30 a.m. 9:30 11:00	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) FUNERAL & RECEPTION
Sunday	6/21	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30	Heritage Sunday (In-Person/Live Stream) Tibetan American (RR,CR) AA (CH)

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

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.*