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*North Haven  
Congregational Church*

United Church of Christ



North Haven, Connecticut

*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

**Sunday, June 21, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

\* = Please stand in body or in spirit.

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** May the Living God, the one in whom we find true life,  
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 "Love Divine, All Loves..."**

**VU 333**

**CALL TO, AND PRAYER OF, RENEWAL**

**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.

**WORDS OF FORGIVENESS & THE CANDLE OF PEACE**

**\*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.

**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.**

**FIRST READING** – from Psalm 69 pg. 523

**SECOND READING** – Matthew 10:24-39 pg. 1156

**SERMON** “The Awkwardness of Discipleship” Mike Solberg

**\*HYMN** “Take Up Your Cross” VU 561

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER**

**PASTORAL PRAYER, ENDING WITH 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.**

## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

### **THE OFFERTORY “We Are One”**

*Text and music can be found in your Voices United hymnal,  
#402. We'll be using stanzas 1, 2, & 4. Please feel welcome to  
sing along.*

### **\*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**

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

**All: Gracious and loving God, bless these offerings as we  
use them in the life of this church, and for wellbeing  
and justice in our community and the wider world.  
May we, like all the faithful, be known for loosely  
holding what we have, ready to let it go for the work  
of repair, and for the spreading of your love and good  
news to all. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God” VU 236**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

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Offertory - Text: The Rev. Doreen Lankshear-Smith (1932-2025), Music: Jeeva Sam, arr. David Kai, Sung by Jeffrey Hutchins, Heather Meachen, piano

**The Deacon** is Sandy Carter.

**The Greeter** is Beth Anderson.

**The flowers are given by** Women's Fellowship in honor of fathers and all the fathers in our lives.

**Camera Operator** is Joan Bennett.

**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

Nursery Attendant is Brianne Goldfuss

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:** Jameson Mickolyzck 6/21, Mackenzie Conley, 6/23, Finley McBride 6/24, September Baraquin 6/26, Kristofer Collins 6/26, Susan Guckert 6/27.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:**

Rich & Jody Gallagher 7/22, Stephen & September Baraquin 7/23

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUMMER WORSHIP:** Children will remain in worship with their families **during the summer months through September 6<sup>th</sup>**. Regular Church School resumes September 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6/21</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>  1:00 p.m. 6:30	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)</b> Tibetan American (K, CR) AA (CH)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6/22</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 1:00 p.m. 6:00 7:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN CT Record Club (K) Sons & Daughters of Italy (CH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6/23</b>	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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6/24</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b> <b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Alanon District Family (K)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6/25</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>6/26</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Al-Ateen (CH)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6/27</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 11:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Music Together (DBL) FUNERAL & RECEPTION
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6/28</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>  1:00 p.m. 6:30	<b>Heritage Sunday (In-Person/Live Stream)</b> 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.*