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North Haven, Connecticut

An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, June 28, 2026

9:30 a.m.

* = Please stand in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE “Chorale:Our Redeemer And Our Lord” A. Schreiner

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 “Jesus Shall Reign”**

VU 330

CALL TO, AND PRAYER OF, RENEWAL

**All: Merciful God, we were wrong. 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 – Psalm 13

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SECOND READING – Matthew 10:40-42

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SERMON “The Awkwardness of Discipleship, Part 2” Mike Solberg

***HYMN**

“We Are Called to Walk”

see insert

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

***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

**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 “Be Thou My Vision” VU 642**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Invention No.1” J.S. Bach

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The liturgist is Sandy Carter

The scripture reader is Sue Compton

The greeters are Beth Anderson and Doris Ferner

The flowers are in memory of Herb & Ann Schneider and their son Neil

Camera Operator is Sue 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

Brianne Goldfuss, Nursery Attendant

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 who died on April 15th, and the family, friends of Ann Schneider who died on May 11th, the family and friends of Linda Shannon who died on May 25th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: William Olmstead 06/28, Suzanne Light 06/29, Susan Tibor 07/04

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Denise & Gerard Adinolfi 07/03, Adam & Julie Schweickert 07/05

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ANOTHER PROMOTION at Stop & Shop Ends June 30:

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.

PANERA FUNDRAISER PLANNED

Women's Fellowship is having a fundraiser at the new Hamden Panera on 2335 Dixwell Avenue, near Skiff Street. Watch for flyers for this event which will be on Friday, July 17th, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.



Come join the celebration on the North Haven Green! Our Church is the oldest church in North Haven and will be participating in the activities. Our 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. If you're interested in participating please contact Sandy Carter.

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

Sunday	6/28	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Tibetan American (K, CR) AA (CH)
Monday	6/29	1:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	6/30	10:00 a.m 12:00 p.m. 6:00	Al-Anon (K) PLP (Parking lot or CH) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	7/1	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Thursday	7/2		
Friday	7/3	10:00 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED FOOD PANTRY CLOSED
Saturday	7/4	6:00 p.m.	HAPPY 4TH OF JULY! Baby Shower
Sunday	7/5	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

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.*