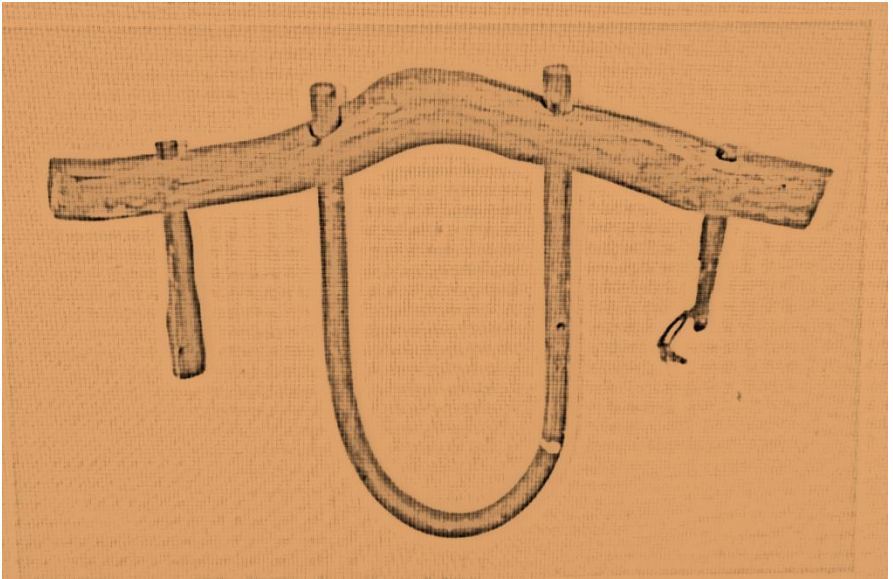


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North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, July 5, 2026

9:30 a.m.

* = Please stand in body or in spirit.

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** "The Church's One Foundation" VU331

CALL TO, AND PRAYER OF, RENEWAL

**All: God of love, in the life, death,
and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ,
you set us free -free to take up our cross and follow
him, free to die to the ways of death,
free to be united with him as he was raised to life -
unconquerable life. That means, O God, we were
wrong. We have so often chosen our own "freedom,"
rather than the true freedom that comes through
Christ. Forgive us, gracious God, and help us grow to
be truly free people. In the name of Jesus, our hope:
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

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 11: 16-20 pg.1157

SERMON

“The Yokes on You”

Mike Solberg

***HYMN**

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

VU 472

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE FEAST

REMEMBERING AND GIVING THANKS

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.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus for gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die, for peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends, for the splendors of creation, and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion – oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and risen life that never ends. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“This Is My Song”

see insert

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

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The liturgist is Peter Hall.

The greeters are Beth Anderson and Doris Ferner.

The flowers are in celebration of our Country's 250th Birthday.

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,, 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: Onalee Collins 07/06, Kayla DeLuca 07/07, Logan Stewart 07/10, Marlene Bellonio 07/11, Sue Beth Higgins 07/11, Michael McBride 07/12, Carmen DeLuca 07/12, Leslie Dockendorff 07/13.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Bette & Bob DeMayo 07/07, Tom & Wendy Glynn 07/07, Damon & Gressa Quinn 07/07, Rich & Susan Baldino 07/09.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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, 20% of net sales will be given to Women's Fellowship to support our church and local organizations.



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	7/5	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Tibetan American (K, CR) AA (CH)
Monday	7/6	1:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	7/7	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 4:30	Music Together AI-Anon (K) Music Together PLP (Parking lot or CH) Music Together
Wednesday	7/8	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together MLB (Library)
Thursday	7/9		
Friday	7/10	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	7/11	8:30 a.m. 9:30	Music Together Music Together
Sunday	7/12	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.*