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An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, July 12, 2026

9:30 a.m.

*** = Please stand in body or in spirit.**

PRELUDE “Largo” by G.F.Handel arr M.A.

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** “Open my Eyes, That I May See”

VU371

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.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 119:105-112 pg. 561
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 pg. 1159

SERMON "Gods Words, Our Actions or Let There Be Light"
Kerry Stewart

***HYMN** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" VU570

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: 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.

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.

***CLOSING HYMN** “We Are Marching in the Light of God

VU646

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE “Invitation No. 4” by J.S. Bach

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Guest Preacher is Kerry Stewart.

The Deacon is Joan Bennett.

Scripture Reader is Catherine Welch

The Greeter is Carol Mitchell.

Camera Operator is Damon Quinn

Join us for Fellowship Hour in Carroll Hall following worship.

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers for the World

The Reverend Mike Solberg, Interim Minister

Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children

Brianne Goldfuss, Nursery Attendant

Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music

Heather Meachen, Organist

Donna Carpenter, Office Administrator

Dave Nelson, Sexton

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 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.

Please welcome this morning's Guest Preacher.

Kerry Stewart has been serving the First Congregational Church of Branford since 2020 as a Faith Formation Coordinator. She is currently a member in discernment with the Southern New England Conference UCC and as a member of this church. She is currently in seminary at the united theological seminary of the Twin Cities in Minneapolis, Minnesota pursuing degrees that will support her call to authorize ministry. Kerry lives in Hamden with her husband, Eben, and their children Logan and Eliza.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	7/12	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Tibetan American (K, CR) AA (CH)
Monday	7/13	1:00 p.m. 5:30 7:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Quail Run Village Condo Meeting (CH) Sons & Daughters of Italy (CH)
Tuesday	7/14	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 4:30	Music Together (DBL) Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking lot or CH) Building & Grounds (Heath) Music Together (DBL)
Wednesday	7/15	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Al-Anon Dist. Family (K)
Thursday	7/16		
Friday	7/17	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	7/18	8:30 a.m. 9:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	7/19	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.*

