

North Haven Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



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North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, July 19, 2026

9:30 a.m.

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

PRELUDE “Downstream”

by Eugenie Rocherolle

WELCOME

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: May the Living God, the source of life and love, 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 “Come, Children, Join to Sing”** VU345

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.

READINGS

Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19

pg. 931

SERMON

"God and Good"

Mike Solberg

***HYMN**

"Eternal, Unchanging, We Sing"

VU223

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

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, we make our offering to you now, not because we need to earn your approval, but because we know that such sharing connects us more deeply to you. As Jesus taught us, where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. 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

“O for a World”

VU697

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Arabesque”

by Friedrich Burgmuller

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The Deacon/Liturgist is Jim Bennett.

The Greeter is Beth Anderson.

Flowers are in memory of my Beloved Grandson, Jack Viele, on the 27th anniversary of his leaving us and passing into Heaven.
Love you, Grandma Sandy.

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

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, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Charlotte Shea, and the family and friends of Linda Rankin, who died on July 13th. (A memorial service will be on July 25 at 11:00 a.m. here at church.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Jennifer Goldfuss 07/20, Megan Kundrath 07/20, Rich Baldino 07/20.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Kim & Rob Natoli 07/18, Elaine & Sonny Burr 07/18.

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

FAIR PLANNING – HELP NEEDED

There will be a short meeting on Sunday July 26 after worship in the Koinonia Room to begin planning for this year's Harvest Fair. We have some easy projects we would like to share with you and would like to hear your ideas. Workshops will be held in August and September. We hope you will attend one or some of them and can help us create items for the fair. November 4th may seem a long way off but now is the time to start getting ready for a successful fair. We hope to see you Sunday July 26th at 10:45. This will allow time to go to fellowship hour and get your refreshments and join us in the Koinonia room. *Carol Mitchell and Cathy Welch*



Come join the celebration on the North Haven Green today at 2 p.m. 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	7/19	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:00 6:30	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Tibetan American (K, CR) Town Bicentennial Celebration AA (CH)
Monday	7/20	1:00 p.m. 6:00 7:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN CT Record Club (CH) Sons & Daughters of Italy (K)
Tuesday	7/21	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 4:30	Music Together (DBL) Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking lot or CH) Music Together (DBL)
Wednesday	7/22	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
Thursday	7/23		
Friday	7/24	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	7/25	8:30 a.m. 9:30 11:30 12:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Linda Rankin Celebration of Life Service Sons & Daughters of Italy (CH)
Sunday	7/26	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.*