

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, October 4, 2026

9:30 a.m.

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

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PRELUDE

“Concerto in A Minor, II Andante”

by Craig A. Penfield

WELCOME

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L: May the Living God, who provides the bread of 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 enlivening and generous Spirit has brought us
together,**

All: So let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN “Come and Find the Quiet Centre” VU374**

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 live as truthful
people - most importantly, people who can be truthful
about ourselves. It seems that we often get the Christian
faith backwards: believing that our salvation depends on
our faithfulness, rather than on the faithfulness of Jesus.
In his faithfulness, he showed that he is the true Lord of
this world, and we are free to follow him into the true life
that is salvation, rather than follow the ways of the world
that lead nowhere good, for us or for others. Help us,**

gracious God, follow the faithfulness of Jesus, now and always. 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

GIFT OF MUSIC

One Bread, One Body
Words & Music: John B. Foley, SJ
Sung by the Chancel Choir
Janine Solberg, flute

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 3:1-14, 20-21

Mike Solberg

SERMON “How Salvation Happens”

Mike Solberg

***HYMN** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

VU333

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTORAL 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 to share our bread with others. As we gratefully accept the bread of life, may our service to you help distribute that bread in the 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.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“We Gather Here”
(Come, Share the Lord) VU469

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 reconciliation you have made our own. Give us the gifts of this holy communion – oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, truthfulness in all things, the will to serve you every day, and risen life that never ends. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

VU468

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Concerto in A Minor, III”

Allegro Vivace by Craig A. Penfield

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The deacon/liturgist is Jim Bennett.

The scripture reader is Jim Bennett.

The greeters are Beth Anderson.

The flowers are provided by Carol Mitchell for the October Birthdays of friends and family.

The 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: Merrilee Gladkosky, The Rev. Deb Ruotolo, Lee Guckert, Melanie Howlett, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Charlotte Shea, and the family and friends of Paula Diehl who passed away on September 26th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Lynne Nielsen 10/4, Nancie Estep 10/9, Jeff Whipple

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Women's Fellowship Harvest Fair — 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. November 7, 2026

It's almost that time again! We need lots of helping hands to make the Fair a success. There are lots of things to do to get ready. Cookies for the Cookie Walk and pies, breads, soup (frozen), and other items for Grandma's Kitchen & Bakery are needed. Helpers are needed for each area in Carroll Hall and for Coffee & Lunch at the Café. Look for sign-up sheets at Coffee Hour or call the Church Office (203-239-5691) to let Donna know what area you are interested in. Thank you!

Donation of men's and women's clothing needed for residents of Columbus House. Our Church is partnering again with the North Haven Rotary Club collecting men's and women's underwear, sweat pants and sweat shirts and socks. Boxer shorts are needed for the men. The sizes needed for the men's items are mostly large and extra large. The sizes needed for women are medium, large and

extra large. We will begin collecting in October through December. The Columbus House Shelter accommodates 100 individuals and it is already full. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	10/4	9:30 a.m. 10:45 1:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Adult Bible Study (L) Tibetan American (K, CR)
Monday	10/5	1:00 p.m. 6:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Sons and Daughters of Italy (CH)
Tuesday	10/6	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 1:30 3:30 4:30 6:00	Music Together (DBL) Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (PL, CH) Fair Workshop (K) United Girls; Choir (CH, K, Sanct.) Music Together (DBL) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	10/7	10:00 a.m. 9:30 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Lions Club (CH)
Thursday	10/8	7:00 p.m. 7:00	Chancel Choir Garden Club (CH)
Friday	10/9	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	10/10	8:30 a.m. 9:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	10/11	9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Adult Bible Study (L) Tibetan American (RR, CR)

OUR SHARED MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

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.*

OCTOBER IS

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH!!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th is “PINK SUNDAY”

You are ALL encouraged to wear your pink!!!!

Join us for a special coffee hour with “pink desserts.” Proceeds will once again be donated

to “After the Storm” ART BRA, supporting and celebrating breast cancer survivors!!!