

UNITED CHURCH ON THE GREEN

In the Heart of New Haven, Open to all Seekers



An Open and Affirming Congregation of
the United Church of Christ



We Gather as Church

*please rise in body or in spirit

PRELUDE

Partita

Johann Pachelbel

WORDS OF WELCOME

Please rise in body or in spirit as our worship begins. A deacon of the church will place the opened Bible on the pulpit, reminding us that the Word of God gathers the church and belongs to all God's people.

*HYMN 535

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come and give thanks to our God. Sing praises to the holy name.

Many: **With the melody of the lute and the harp and the song in our hearts, we declare God's steadfast love in the morning and faithfulness at night.**

Leader: God's works make us glad.

Many: **Your works are great, O God. We sing our praises of joy to you.**

GATHERING PRAYER

Leader: O God, maker of all that is beautiful, Jesus gave us the seeds of your justice and peace. In this time together, touch us, teach us, inspire us to sow those seeds through our ministries so that all may share in Creation's abundance to make true the promise that no one will know scarcity and no one will suffer deprivation in this community and beyond.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Gracious God, you are indeed generous. You give us the gifts of the spirit which enable us to have so much. We forget, however, that we have been recipients of other people's generosity. Believing that what we have is ours, we forget that all we have is yours. Forgive us. Help us to remember that being made in your image, we should be as generous as you. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a humble spirit and a contrite heart.
By God's steadfast love for us, we are forgiven of our sins.

All: Thanks be to God.

* SUNG RESPONSE

Sing Amen

MASITHI

(Sing a-men:) A-men, we praise your name, O God. (Sing a-men:)
(Ma-si-thi:) A-men, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa. (Ma-si-thi:)

A-men, we praise your name, O God. (Sing a-men:) A-men, a-men,
A-men, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa. (Ma-si-thi:) A-men, Ba-wo,

a-men, a-men, a-men, we praise your name, O God.
a-men, Ba-wo, a-men, si-ya-ku-du-mi-sa.

We Listen for God's Word

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

from the Gospels

Mark 4:35-41

Deacon, Rev Edwin Perez, jr

Pew Bible New Testament p39

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE

*All children are invited to come forward to share in the Children's Circle.
Afterwards there is childcare downstairs for ages 5 and under and church school
for kids ages six and above.*

MEDITATION

REFLECTION

Guest Pastor Laura Kisthardt

We Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you... *And also with you...* Let us pray...

- Families that have been forcibly separated
- Those who have a birthday this week including, Pat Wiener, Sally Rose Arnott.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Our Father/Mother/God, 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.

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Peace be with you... *And also with you...*

Call to Action

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING

Leader: Jesus' teachings give us many seeds to sow in this community and beyond. It is, however, through our offering that we can nurture these seeds so all may know the gospel's promise.

OFFERTORY

Who At My Door Is Standing

arr. K. Lee Scott

***SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;

PRAISE GOD, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW;

PRAISE GOD ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST:

CREATOR, CHRIST, AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Steward, Tim Bertaccini: You have been exceedingly generous to us, O God. We return a portion of what we have to you in grateful thanksgiving. Bless our offerings that they will nurture the seeds of hope and healing in this community and beyond.

All: And Bless those who give and those who long to give, that we may become living stones of mercy, grace and justice in the house of your creation. Amen.

We Are Sent Out

***HYMN 353**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

PLEASE BE SEATED UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE MUSIC

Our Worship Has Ended. Let Our Service Begin!

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Transitional Senior Pastor	Rev. Dr. Bonnie Scott
Guest Pastor	Rev Laura Kisthardt
Deacon	Rev Edwin Perez, jr
Steward	Tim Bertaccini
Director of Music	Caesar Storlazzi
The United Church Choir	
Church School Teacher	Betty Baisden
Childcare Provider	Colleen O'Connor
Childcare Provider	She'mone Jenkins
Head Sexton	William Henton
Sexton	Brendan Linehan
Coffee Hour Hosts	Al Forino, Jim Edwards, Larry Firrantello, George C Lindsay+ Harlene Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT UNITED CHURCH

- June 24th:** **10:00AM** Worship at United Church– Guest Pastor Laura Kisthardt
11:30AM Coffee Hour in the Bradley Room
12:30PM Second Worship Service at the Meeting House
4:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) at the Parish House
5:00PM Shalom Congregation Worship and Potluck at Parish House
- June 25th:** **UCNS CLOSED THIS WEEK**
12Noon AA at the Meeting House
7:30PM Adult Faith Formation at the Parish House
- June 26th:** **12Noon** Staff Meeting at the Parish House
12Noon AA at the Meeting House
6:00PM Executive Committee Meeting
- June 27th:** **12Noon** AA at the Meeting House
6:30PM NA Speakers Group at the Parish House
- June 28th:** **12Noon** AA at the Meeting House
7:00PM Hope After Loss Meeting at the Parish House
7:30PM New Generation NA at the Parish House
- June 29th:** **12Noon** AA at the Meeting House
- June 30th:** **12Noon** Memorial Service for Geary Corves at the Meeting House

CHURCH NOTES

Pastor Bonnie's Contact Information and Office Hours

Mondays: Sermon Drafting

Tuesdays: Office Hours

Wednesdays + Thursdays: Pastoral Calls and Visitation

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Pastor Bonnie's Sermon Discussion Series: If you are interested in this Series, please contact the Pastor by phone or by email, so she can add you to the group. On Mondays, the Pastor will email the upcoming Sunday's scripture to the group. The group can then respond and join in the discussion by email.

Upcoming Surgery? New Baby or Grandchild? Moving? Death in the Family? If you've had a recent major life change, please contact the Pastor so that she can contact you and your family and provide appropriate Pastoral Care.

The Annual Congregational Meeting was on Sunday June 3rd, 2018. Anyone needing a hard copy or pdf of the Annual Report, contact Nicole at the church office: 203-787-4195 or office@unitednewhaven.org.

Spices

Going forward, we will be taking food donations once a month as part of our Communion Service. Please bring in your food offering on the first Sunday of each month or drop it off at the Parish House during business hours. In July, we are collecting spices.

Stewardship Update from Treasurer, Tim Bertaccini

Our Finance Committee wishes to remind all those generous members who made pledges for the current fiscal year which ends on June 30th, to complete their gift before that date. Checks or direct deposits made after that will be credited to our new fiscal year starting on July 1st.

Also, they urge all our members and friends to consider how they can better support our Church missions with an Annual Gift. You can drop one of our Annual Giving cards in the offering plate or send one to our office. You may also make you gift via our on-line giving system at our website which offers a convenient "set it and forget it" auto debit option:

<http://unitednewhaven.org/financial-support/>

Thanks for supporting all the many good things that this Church does for so many people.

At United Church on the Green, we seek to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, following in the footsteps of Jesus. We are also a progressive Protestant Christian church, a member of the nationwide United Church of Christ (UCC).

We have a long history.

- Established 1742. Meetinghouse was built in 1815.
- The Amistad Incident? Abolition of slavery? The 1970 Black Panther trials? Divestment in South Africa? United was there.

We believe God is still speaking to the world today... and we're trying to listen.

- Not a "The Bible says it. I believe it. That settles it." kind of church. Questions encouraged. (Actually, they're necessary.)
- "Open and Affirming" of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people since 1989.

We are working with God to build a better future.

- Not interested in "saving souls" or "converting the heathen." God's love is for all.
- Trying to "connect the dots" to grow peace, justice, and compassion in the world.

Staff Contacts

Rev. Dr. Bonnie Scott, *transitional senior pastor*

Caesar Storlazzi, *director of music*

Betty Baisden, *director of the nursery school*

Jack Russell, *director of operations*

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Nancy Lupi, *financial secretary*

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