

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

We'd love to keep in touch with you. If you would like us to send you our weekly eNewsletter, update your mailing address, and/or make you a Name Tag, please email the front office at: office@unitednewhaven.org

PRELUDE

Italian Concerto, BWV 971
Movement I

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

WORDS OF WELCOME

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather for worship trusting that God is with us.

**Many: God was with us as we awoke and dressed,
ate breakfast and traveled to this place.**

One: We gather to become more alert to God's presence in our lives.

**Many: God will be with us in the week to come,
as we work and rest, laugh and cry.**

One: We gather to gain strength for the journey ahead.

Many: God is with us now, in this place, as we sing and pray, listen and speak.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)

**God of mystery and might, whose wonderful works are to be remembered,
move in our lives, change our minds, soften our hearts, direct our feet,
that we may follow you more faithfully.**

By your Holy Spirit, lead us. Amen.

***HYMN #522** *Mountain Brook with Rushing Waters* BLAENWERN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Forgive us, O God, for the sin we recognize in ourselves

and the wounds we do not see. Show us how we have hurt one another and grant us courage to seek forgiveness and reconciliation. Reveal to us our disobedience to you and keep us from leading others into our sin. We seek your mercy for the times we have willfully offended. Help us to put aside all actions and comments that defile. Cleanse us for new life in Christ.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

	<u>We Listen for God's Word</u>	
SCRIPTURE	Genesis 39:1-23	Colleen O'Connor
*HYMN #446	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	NEED
REFLECTION		Rev. Kevin Ewing
ANTHEM	<i>Silent Devotion</i> From <i>Sacred Service (Avodath Hakodesh)</i>	Ernest Bloch (1880-1959)

יהיו לרצון אמרי פי והגיון לבי לפניך יהוה צורי וגאלי:

Yihyu lerozon imrei fi, vehegyon libi lefonecho, Adonoy tzuri vegoali, Amen.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

We Respond

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

For those celebrating birthdays in the month of September, including Lee Bassett, Barbara Adams, Marilyn Newman, Ramon Molina, Patti Moakler, Pam Stanton,

Carlos Sanchez, Christopher Wolf, Maria Chen + Jon Blue
Prayers for Will Henton as he continues treatment and awaits surgery
For those who suffer with mental illness
For those who suffer with physical + emotional pain.
The people of Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and Haiti, and anyone else in the path of Hurricane Fiona.
The people of Ukraine
To stop the violence against both children and teachers in our schools.
That our elected officials may be granted the foresight, wisdom and gumption to resolve the difficult issues facing our cities, our schools, our government no matter the political fallout.
For immigrants and refugees everywhere seeking sanctuary and safe harbor.
For the families of the children of God worldwide, who have died of Covid-19, and for all who suffer in the ongoing pandemic.
For the presence and guidance of God through this time of pastoral transition, that we might navigate the journey with discernment, trust, and courage.

For Prayer Requests, please contact the Pastor at pastor@unitednewhaven.org or 203-787-4195 x104

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us...

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...*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw
(1875-1958)

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honour of God's name,
make God's praise to be glorious.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia. Alleluia.
Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

**Gracious God, you have given us more mercy than we could imagine
and more blessings than we deserve.**

**Receive now our gifts as tokens of our gratitude to you,
that your mercy may be multiplied, and your blessings abound
to embrace all who are in need. Amen.**

*In times like these, the work and word of the church is all the more important.
Please help United continue to offer life-giving ministry by giving online through
our secure website at www.unitednewhaven.org/donate, or use the QR Code on
the back cover of the Bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!*

We Are Sent Out

***HYMN #523** *Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand* TRURO

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Italian Concerto
Movement III

J. S. Bach

Our Worship Has Ended. Let Our Service Begin!

To join coffee hour remotely via Zoom, go to

<http://unitednewhaven.org/worship>

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Interim Minister	Rev. Kevin Ewing
Director of Music	Caesar Storlazzi
United Church Choir	
Digital Media Administrator	Lizzy Stant
Digital Deacon	Scott Hawkins
Coffee Hour Hosts	Ruth Anne Olson June Richards
Head Sexton	William Henton

THIS WEEK AT UNITED CHURCH

- Sept 25th:** 10:00AM Worship at United Church Parish House – Hybrid
5:00PM Shalom UCC Worship – Online
- Sept 28th:** 1:00PM Staff Meeting – Online
- Sept 30th:** 4:00PM Bible Study – Online
6:00PM YHHAP Soup Kitchen – Take Out Only
- Oct 1st:** 6:00PM YHHAP Soup Kitchen – Take Out Only

SCHEDULE A MEETING WITH THE PASTOR

LET'S TALK SOME MORE...

Still plenty of open times for us to chat. If we've already spent time together in conversation, I hope it was enjoyable enough to want to do it again. We can do Zoom or meet in person at the Parish House. Or perhaps meet over coffee or a meal. I added a third option – "Other" – to go along with Zoom or Parish House. Enter the location you'd like to meet and we'll see how to make it happen. I look forward to hearing your stories. <https://calendly.com/kewingct/let-s-talk>

RevKev

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CALL TO FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

In accordance with our Bylaws, the members of United Church on the Green are called to the Fall Congregational Meeting of United Church on the Green to be held on **Sunday October 30, 2022, at 11:20 a.m. at the United Church on the Green** Meeting House following the Sunday Worship Service. Those members who cannot attend in person are invited to participate via the Zoom Coffee Hour link. After worship, take a moment to get a cup of coffee and a snack and return inside for the meeting. Pursuant to the actions of the Congregation at the Fall Congregational Meeting on October 25, 2020, there will be a vote on the proposed new Preamble, Constitution and Bylaws of United Church on the Green. These proposed amendments will have been discussed at a Second Hour conversation following Worship on October 16, 2022 and may be viewed in their entirety in the "Members Only" section of the United Church on the Green website @UnitedNewHaven.org. The meeting will include updates on the pastoral search process, the Bradley Room restoration and conversation for the good of the Congregation.

The CT Against Gun Violence Youth Council is coordinating a free youth summit in Bridgeport on Oct 9th. The objective of the event is to educate youth on the issue of various types of gun violence in CT and, more importantly, inspire and empower them with the tools and knowledge to participate in making change happen.

This free event will include lunch and dinner. We are also able to bus youth from Hartford, New Haven, Danbury and New London. If we get enough interest from additional locations, we *may* be able to secure another bus. FYI, busing is first come first serve. We still have available spots in all cities mentioned. For more info, go to: bit.ly/cagv-2011-youth-summit

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.

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