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

Sunday, January 10, 2021

9:30 a.m.

Epiphany Sunday

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude on *How Brightly Beams the Morning Star*

Michael Praetorius

***OPENING HYMN:** “Arise, Your Light Is Come”

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We join in worship this morning in search of light to guide our way.

PEOPLE: We seek to exchange the ashes of mourning for the garland of joy.

Leader: We come because we have seen the light afar off and desire to come closer.

PEOPLE: We want to join with others walking in the light so we may enjoy true human communion.

Leader: We worship that our light may shine and draw others to God’s light.

ALL: In Christ, the light has come into the world, the bright expression of God among us. Let us worship God!!**

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison**

Radiant God, light for all people and all places,

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by the guidance of a star you led the Magi to worship the Christ Child.

By the light of faith, lead us to worship you in peace and love,
and guide us in your way.

We pray in the name of Christ, light of the world. ## Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

O God, it is good to be gathered in worship, among your people. Make us radiant with the light of your Christ. Help us to worship with reverence, and serve you with joy in the world. May our words, our songs, and our thoughts, be pleasing to you, O God, for we pray in the name of Jesus our Sovereign.** Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (trespasses)

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 FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-6

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Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.
HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

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In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

ANTHEM: *Sophia Nasci Fertur - O Quam Pulchra Racio - Magi Videntes Stellam*
(*Wisdom Is Born - Oh, What a Beautiful Reason - The Magi*) Anonymous

An ancient three-part chant for Epiphany from the "*Codex Speciálník*"
The Codex Speciálník is a 15th-century speciálník ("special songbook")
originating from a monastery in the region of Praha (Prague).

Sung by Jeff Hutchins

Latin Text

TRIPLUM

Sophia nasci fertur
singula cuidam
obtulare mistica
fruencia
in laude pariter
Caspar mirram donavit,
thus Melchior comparavit,
Balthasar aurum
tria munialia voluntavit
ovantes cuius gracia
tres magi divinum
adoravere
per Mariam virginem.

DUPLUM

O quam pulchra racio
pastores mox videbant
que de celi palacio signa
apparebant
per Mariam virginem.

TENOR

Magi videntes stellam
dixerunt ad invicem:
'Hoc signum magni regis est
eamus et inquiramus eum
et offeramus ei munera.'
English Translation

TRIPLUM

(It is said that) wisdom is born
unto each singular person
to offer mystic
blessings

in equal parts:

Caspar brought myrrh,
Melchior gave frankincense,
Balthasar chose gold
as the third kingly gift.
Joyously, in His grace,
the three magi
adored the holy child,
of Virgin Mary.

DUPLUM

Oh, what a beautiful reason
the shepherds saw,
whose signs in heaven
appeared,
thanks to Virgin Mary.

TENOR

The magi, having seen the star,
said, each in turn:
"This is the sign of a great
king!"
"Let us go and seek him out!"
"And offer gifts to him!"

SERMON: "More Light!"

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE

*CLOSING HYMN: "As with Gladness Men of Old"

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *How Brightly Beams the Morning Star*

Setting by Max Reger

*Those who are able, please stand.

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In Our Prayers This Week are: Heather Purcell, Ona & Sam Gott, Ben & Cole Purcell, Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, David Bellonio, Marlene Belonio, Stefan McKosky, Rose Monaco, Linda Shannon, Elaine Burr, Joyce Bellonio, and Betsy Gumbart.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Joyce Bellonio 01/12, Neil Reardon 01/13, Diane Lacobelli 01/15, Joanne Nottingham 01/15, Lorraine Burdge 01/15, Kayla Leyerzapf 01/17.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Suzanne & Nigel Light 01/18.

Flowers are provided this morning by Linda Shannon in memory of her late husband, Dennis. One glorious day we will stroll through the heavens hand in hand. Forever Linda

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	1/10	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	WORSHIP – Online OASIS (Zoom)
Monday	1/11	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	1/12	12:00 p.m. 5:30 7:00	BUILDING & GROUNDS (Zoom) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) MLB (Zoom)
Wednesday	1/13	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) REOPENING TEAM (Zoom)
Thursday	1/14	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	1/15	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	1/16	8:00 a.m.	MEN’S FELLOWSHIP (Zoom)
Sunday	1/17	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	WORSHIP – Online OASIS (Zoom)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please save the date for our Annual Congregational Meeting - on January 31st! The Annual Meeting this year will be a virtual meeting. We will offer an online meeting format, similar to ZOOM, and we will also offer the possibility to call in via telephone to listen, comment, and vote.

Pledge Envelopes are Here!

Please stop by the church and pick up your pledge envelopes during office hours. They are waiting for you in the elevator entrance.

Everyone who pledged for 2021 has envelopes waiting. If you have not pledged and would like envelopes please call the office and we will assign you a number and provide you with envelopes.

Using pledge envelopes makes it easier for both the counters and for Julie when she keys the information into Servant Keeper. Please come pick up the envelopes and use them as often as you make contributions to the church.

Church Office Staff:

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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.

Descant

4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise up! Rise

A D (A) D A E B7 E

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey; show
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door; pro -
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born, bind
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song! Rise

up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

A (E) D (A) Bm B7 E (A) D (A) Esus4 E7 A

forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
 claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Descant

5 In the heaven-ly coun-try bright none shall need cre - a - ted light;

1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold,
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, to that low-ly man-ger bed,
 ♦ 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at that man-ger crude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;
 5 In the heaven-ly coun-try bright none shall need cre - a - ted light;

you its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,
 there to bend the knee be-fore Christ, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 ♦ so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
 you its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down;

there for ev-er may we sing hal-le-lu-jah to our King.

so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more your splen-dour see.
 so may we with ea-ger pace ev-er seek your throne of grace.
 ♦ all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to you, our heaven-ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glo-ry hide.
 there for ev-er may we sing hal-le-lu-jah to our King.