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

Sunday, January 17, 2021

9:30 a.m.

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
Proper**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Prelude in D Minor*

Max Oesten

***OPENING HYMN:** "I Am the Light of the World"

V87

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (Ps. 36:6, 7b-9) :

Leader: Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

PEOPLE: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice is like the great deep.

Leader: Earth's children, high and low, take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

PEOPLE: We feast on the abundance of your house; you give us drink from your river of delights.

ALL: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Glory be to you, O God, our life and our light!**

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

O God, maker of all things new, You call us...Your servants...

to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untraveled,
through perils and joys still unknown.

Give us faith, O God, to do all we are called to with courage,
with hearts full of hope, with You, bearing your peace,
even though we do not know where we will land.

Still, this is our assurance...that Your love holds us and Your hand leads us...always!##
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:*~unison*

With different gifts, with a variety of talents, with an array of interests, we come to worship you, our creating God. We are here to unite our spirits, to be made one in Jesus Christ, to be merged in hope as your children. Bless our differences, that the unique gifts and perceptions of each may strengthen our oneness. Drawn into your Spirit, we give you the thanks of our hearts, in the name of the living Christ.** 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: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

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Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” Then the Lord said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.”

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 1:43-51

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The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

ANTHEM: *Send me, Jesus*
Chancel Choir

Thuma Mina

SERMON: “Hearing the Rare Word”

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

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

***CLOSING HYMN:** “When All Your Mercies, O My God”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Prelude on the First Tone*

Jacques Boyvin

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Flowers are provided this morning by Sandy Carter in memory of her dear Parents Richard and Carmel DeCola, beautiful niece and godchild Cindy Ranciato-Henniger and precious grandson Jack Viele. May you all be together with our Lord Jesus in Heaven. Miss you.

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: Kayla Leyerzapf 01/17, James Dockendorff 01/22, Kevin Leyerzapf 01/24.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Suzanne & Nigel Light 01/18.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	1/17	9:30 a.m. 11:00 5:00 p.m.	WORSHIP – Online COFFEE HOUR (Zoom) OASIS (Zoom)
Monday	1/18		OFFICE CLOSED (MLK)
Tuesday	1/19	5:30 p.m. 7:00	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) MLB Ann'l Mtng Prep (Zoom)
Wednesday	1/20	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 5:00 7:00	WINDOW DEADLINE FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom) REOPENING (Zoom)
Thursday	1/21	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	1/22	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	1/23		
Sunday	1/24	9:30 a.m. 11:00 5:00 p.m.	WORSHIP – Online COFFEE HOUR (Zoom) OASIS (Zoom)

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will have an online Coffee Hour this morning at 11am. The Coffee Hour will be hosted on ZOOM. This will be an opportunity to greet each other, to chat in small groups, and to hear a little bit about how the Annual Meeting, which will also be on ZOOM, will work. You can attend the ZOOM Coffee Hour either with a computer, tablet, or smartphone, or from a regular phone. If you would like to attend the ZOOM Coffee Hour and you have not already registered with the Church Office, please call the Church Office and leave a message with your email address, or ask for a return call for information to connect by phone.

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. We will provide some basic ZOOM instructions beforehand, and we will ask you to register through the Church Office.

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.

Sign up online!

The sign-up sheets in the Narthex are being replaced with virtual signups online. On our website (Northhavenucc.org) there is a drop-down menu under WORSHIP SERVICES. You are now able to sign up for Flowers and DEACON OF THE DAY. If you are interested in becoming a Deacon, please call the Church Office. When we are able to Re-Open, there will be more signups added to the website (Scripture Readers, Usher/Greeter, Coffee Hour)



The screenshot shows the website for North Haven Congregational Church. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, OUR CHURCH, WORSHIP SERVICES, CHURCH CALENDAR, FOOD PANTRY, and ONLINE GIVING. A dropdown menu is open under WORSHIP SERVICES, listing options: Sunday Bulletins, Live Stream Worship, Recorded Worship Services, Gifts Of Music, Pew Requests, Deacon Sign Up, and Flower Sign Up. Below the navigation is a banner with a blue background. On the left is a white steeple icon. The text reads "North Haven Congregational Church" in large white letters, with the tagline "Wherever you are in life's journey, you are welcome here." in smaller white text. To the right is the United Church of Christ logo. Below the banner is a white section with two photos: a group of people standing outside and a group of people sitting at a table. The text in this section reads "North Haven Congregational Church, UCC", "28 Church Street, North Haven, Connecticut 06473", and "(203) 239-5691 www.northhavenucc.org".

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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.

***OPENING HYMN: "I Am the Light of the World"**

Refrain (Unison)

Bb *C* *F* *Bb* *C*

"I am the light of the world! You peo-ple come and fol-low

F *Gm7* *(Dm7)* *C* *F* *Bb*

me!" If you fol-low and love you'll learn the mys-te-ry of

Gm *C* *Bb* *F* *Fine*

what you were meant to do and be.

F *Bb* *C*

1 When the song of the an-gels is
 2 — To find the lost and lone-ly
 3 — To free the pris-oner from all
 4 To bring hope to ev-ery task you

F *Gm7* *Dm* *C*

stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the
 one, to heal the bro-ken soul with love, to
 chains, to make the pow-er-ful care, to
 do, to dance at a ba-by's new birth, to

F *Bb* *C* *F*

kings and the shep-herds have found their way home, the
 feed the hun-gry child-ren with warmth and good food, to
 re-build the na-tions with strength of good will, to
 make mu-sic in an old per-son's heart, and

Dm *Bb* *F* *D.C.*

work of Christ-mas is be-gun:
 feel the earth be-low, the sky a-bove!
 see God's chil-dren ev-ery-where!
 sing to the col-ours of the earth!

G (D G Em) C D A7 D G Em G D G

1 When all your mer-cies, O my God, my ris - ing soul sur - veys,
 2 Ten thou-sand thou-sand pre-cious gifts my dai - ly thanks em - ploy;
 3 Through ev - ery per - iod of my life your good - ness I'll pur - sue;
 4 Through all e - ter - ni - ty to you a joy - ful song I'll raise;

G C (D G Am) G C D Am G Em G D G

trans-port-ed with the view I'm lost in won - der, love and praise.
 nor is the least a cheer - ful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.
 and af - ter death, in dis - tant worlds the glo - rious theme re - new.
 but oh! e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ut - ter all your praise.