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North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
Proper**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Prayer*

Camil van Hulse

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**V220**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come, all who are poor in spirit;  
come, all who mourn,  
come, all who are meek,  
come, all who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

**PEOPLE:** Come, all who would be merciful,  
come, all who would be pure in heart,  
come, all who would be peacemakers.

Leader: Let us come together – the weak and the simple,  
the powerless and the foolish.

**ALL:** Let us confess that the very source of our life is Christ, Jesus.  
Let us worship the God of every blessing.\*\*

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

Creator God, gentle in power and strong in tenderness: kindle we pray, in the hearts of all people your passion for peace and your will for justice, that we may fearlessly contend against the powers of death and restrain evil's rage with your love.<sup>##</sup> Amen,

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison**

We have come before you, God, like those who gathered around Jesus on a faraway hill, long ago, to find new meaning for our lives. We want our lives to sound in harmony with your song of love. We want to live with integrity and wisdom, with a spirit of truth. Do not disappoint us, God, but allow us to know your presence, and hear your voice. Come among us, holy God, for we pray in the name of Jesus.\*\* 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: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

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The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” Then the Lord replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 1:21-28**

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They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

HERE ENDS THE READING. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**ANTHEM:** *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*  
Chancel Choir

Text by Percy Dearmer (1857-1936)  
Music by Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

This anthem, sung by the Chancel Choir, was recorded live in the sanctuary  
on Sunday, September 10, 2017.

**SERMON:** “Recognizing Authority”

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:** “Be Thou My Vision”

**V642**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Postlude in F Major*

Louis Raffy

\*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:** Craig Miller 01/31, Sophie Grant 02/04, Erin Malone 02/05, Walter Kaercher 02/06.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1/31</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:45 5:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP – Online</b> ANNUAL MEETING (Zoom) OASIS (Zoom)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b> 7:00	<b>BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)</b> MLB (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> 1:00 p.m. 5:00 7:00	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b> STAFF MEETING (Zoom) PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom) REOPENING (Zoom)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2/4</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b> 7:00	<b>FOOD COUNCIL (Zoom)</b> CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2/5</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2/6</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>MEN’S FELLOWSHIP (Zoom)</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/7</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP – Online</b> OASIS (Zoom)

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**

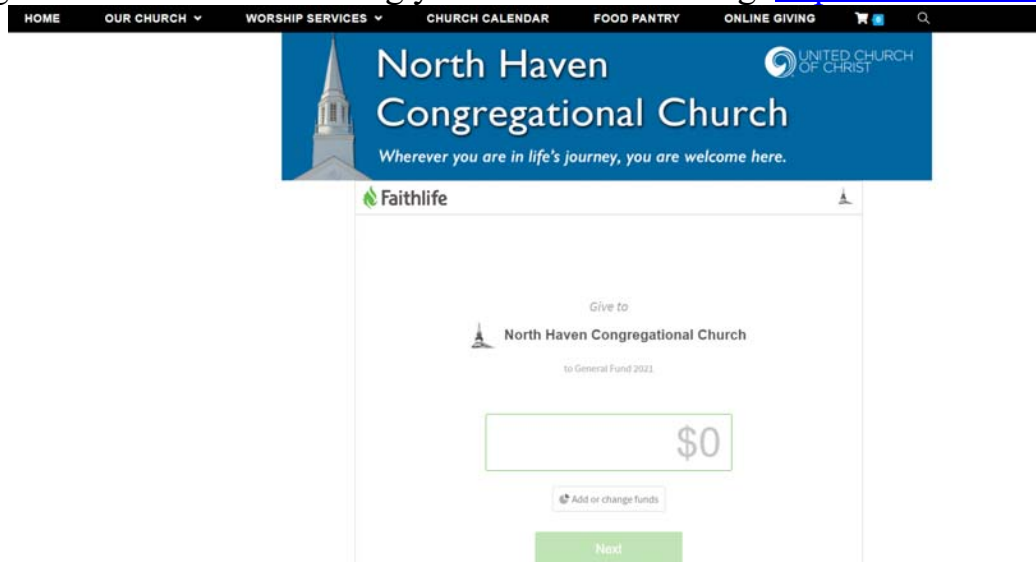
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **2020 Annual Report** is available on the website. There is a drop-down list under OUR CHURCH, First listing is Annual Meeting Reports.



### On-Line Giving.

We appreciate your support and want you to know that we are continuing to improve our online presence. On Monday, February 1st, we will rollout our new online giving process with Faithlife Giving as our vehicle to accept online contributions. The ONLINE GIVING link on the home page of our website will bring you to Faithlife Giving. <https://northhavenucc.org/>



Faithlife focuses its business on churches and our needs. The fees are less for each transaction and there is no monthly service fee. We realize that this will cause extra work for anyone who currently uses online giving, needing to set up a new account. Thank you for taking the time to do this.

In addition, we now have the ability to accept contributions via text: Simply text the word **Give** with the amount (e.g. **Give 100**) to **(203) 293 2937**. The phone number is a dedicated text line for the church's online giving.

Thank you again for your support

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 203-239-5691.

**Sign up online!** The signup sheets in the Narthex are 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)



### **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. 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:

All the Members, Ministers to the World  
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor  
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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: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"**

**V220**

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, who rules all cre - a - tion;  
 2 Praise to the Lord, a - bove all things so might - i - ly reign - ing,  
 3 Praise to the Lord who will pros - per our work and de - fend us;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

All that has life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him!

O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and sal - va - tion.  
 keep - ing us safe at his side, and so gent - ly sus - tain - ing.  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy will dai - ly at - tend us:  
 All that has life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain:

Come, all who hear: bro - thers and sis - ters draw near,  
 Have you not seen how all you need - ed has been  
 pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do,  
 Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain:

glad - ly with praise we a - dore him.

join - ing in glad a - dor - a - tion.  
 met by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 who out of love will be - friend us.  
 glad - ly with praise we a - dore him.



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O joy of my heart,  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, my calm in all strife,  
 ♦ 3 Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for the fight;  
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,  
 5 Great God of heav - en, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me save that thou art,  
 I ev - er with thee, and thou in my life,  
 ♦ be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways,  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav - en's sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou lov - ing par - ent, thy child may I be,  
 ♦ thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
 ♦ raise thou me heav - en - ward, O power of my power.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vis - ion, O rul - er of all.