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North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

Sunday, February 7, 2021

9:30 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
The Sacrament of Communion**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Andante con moto*

Alexandre Guilmant

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

**V216**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: To disciples, then and now, Jesus has said, "You are the light of the world...Let your light so before all, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

**PEOPLE: We have come together to be community, to receive light and to be light.  
To this end we dedicate ourselves.**

Leader: We have come together to be windows through which, instructed and illuminated by God, we might see the world more clearly.

**PEOPLE: We have come to be windows through which the world might know the light  
and love of God.**

**ALL: To this end we will praise and magnify God.\*\* Let us worship God  
together!**

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

Now I say to you in conclusion,  
life is hard,  
at times as hard as crucible steel.  
It has its bleak and difficult moments.  
Like the ever-flowing waters of the river,  
life has its moments of drought and its moments of flood.  
Like the ever-changing cycle of the seasons,  
life has the soothing warmth of its summers  
and the piercing chill of its winters.  
But if one will hold on,  
he will discover that God walks with him,  
and that God is able to lift you from the fatigue of despair  
to the buoyancy of hope  
and transform dark and desolate valleys  
into sunlit paths of inner peace.## Amen.

*Eulogy for the martyred children – Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. 1963*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**~*unison*

You are our light, O God. In your presence our way becomes clearer. Like small candles lit from the Christ candle, we can shine with love and hope because of you. Yet we confess to you, O God, that we often hide our light. Not trusting our perceptions, we do not speak our truth. Not trusting our abilities, we do not share our gifts. Fearful, we do not reach out in friendship, we do not raise issues that should be raised, we do not break the silence of anger to give or seek forgiveness. Help us to trust you where we cannot trust ourselves. Radiate through us with your holy love and wisdom, healing the hurts of the past, giving us courage for the future, through Jesus Christ, our light.\*\* Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

### **THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Isaiah 40:21-31

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Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

### **THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Mark 1:29-39

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As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *Give To The Winds Your Fears*  
Chancel Choir  
Voices United Hymn #636

*Tune: Harmonia Sacra* 5th ed. 1851  
Harmony © 1991 Alice Parker  
Text: John Wesley

**MEDITATION:** "Waiting for the Lord"

Scott G. Morrow

## **PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **THE OFFERTORY:**

- \*Doxology
- \*Prayer of Dedication

#### **THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

- Invitation and Consecration
- The Lord's Prayer
- Distribution
- Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### **GREETING OF PEACE**

\***CLOSING HYMN:** "God, Whose Almighty Word"

**V313**

#### \***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Postlude in B-flat

W. Volckmar

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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## **WORLD PRAYERS** –[www.worldprayers.org](http://www.worldprayers.org) - retrieved 7/24/15

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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:** Emma Alden 02/08, David Gould 02/09, Tom Glynn 02/09, Daniel Mickolyzck 02/10, Hunter Conley 02/11, Mattison Mondene 02/11.

**The flowers** this morning are given by Dot Pierce in loving memory of our son Stephen. A piece of my heart went with you the day you left. Memories and my love will live on forever. Til we meet again! Love Mom

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/7</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP – Online</b> OASIS (Zoom)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/8</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2/9</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b> 6:00	<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS (Zoom)</b> BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2/10</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> 1:00 p.m. 7:00	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b> STAFF MEETING (Zoom) REOPENING (Zoom)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2/11</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2/12</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2/13</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 11:00 12:00 p.m. 5:00	<b>WORSHIP – Online</b> CHURCH SCHOOL:PreK-Gr2 (Zoom) CHURCH SCHOOL:Gr3-Gr7 (Zoom) OASIS (Zoom)

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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 rolled out our new online giving process with Faithlife Giving as our vehicle to accept online contributions. From our home page: <https://northhavenucc.org/>. The ONLINE GIVING link will bring you to Faithlife Giving.

Give to

North Haven Congregational Church

General Fund 2021

Select a fund

TOTAL \$0.00

Next

Secure giving through Faithlife

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.

1 Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2 What God's al-might-y power hath made, God's gra-cious mer - cy  
3 Our God is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -  
4 Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud thy

a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
keep - eth: by morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch-ful  
tress - ing, an ev - er-pres - ent help and stay, our peace, and  
prais - es that all may hear the grate-ful song my voice un -

our sal - va - tion, with heal-ing balm my soul is filled, and  
eye ne'er sleep - eth, with - in the shel - ter of God's might, let  
joy, and bless - ing; as with a moth - er's ten - der hand, God  
wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in your God, my heart! Both

ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stilled:  
all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
gent - ly leads the cho - sen band:  
soul and bod - y take your part:



1 God, whose al - mighty word  
2 Je - sus, who came to bring  
3 Spir - it of truth and love,  
4 Bless - ed and ho - ly three,

cha - os and dark - ness heard, and took their flight,  
on your re - deem - ing wing, heal - ing and sight,  
life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove, speed forth your flight;  
glo - ri - ous tri - ni - ty, wis - dom, love, might,

hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the gos - pel day  
health to the trou - bled mind, sight to the Spir - it - blind,  
move on the wa - ter's face, bear - ing the lamp of grace,  
bound - less as o - cean's tide roll - ing in full - est pride,

sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
O now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
through the world far and wide, let there be light.