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

Sunday, February 14, 2021

9:30 a.m.

**Last Sunday after Epiphany
Transfiguration**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Andante*

J. Vanhal

***OPENING HYMN:** "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Celebrate the life within you, and Christ's presence in your midst!

PEOPLE: Our eyes shall be opened! The present will have new meaning, and the future will be bright with hope.

Leader: Rejoice, people of God! Bow your heads before the One who is our wisdom and strength.

ALL: We place ourselves before our God, that we may be touched and cleansed by the power of God's spirit.**

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

Great God, who has told us "Vengeance is mine,"
save us from ourselves, save us from the vengeance in our hearts
and the acid in our souls.

Save us from our desire to hurt as we have been hurt, to punish as we have been punished,
Give us the strength it takes to listen rather than to judge, to trust rather than to fear,
to try again and again to make peace even when peace eludes us.

This we ask through Jesus, the one without vengeance in his heart.

This we ask forever and ever. ^{###} Amen

Sister Joan Chittister - Benedictine Sisters of Erie

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

God of power and wonder, we are awestruck by the glory of your presence. We rejoice at what we can see; we marvel at what we cannot see. You dazzle us with your brightness; you overshadow us as with a great cloud. Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing, you strengthen and transform us. May we love and serve you in all that we are and do. Glory be to you. ** 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: Mark 9:2-9

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Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

ANTHEM: *This Little Light of Mine*

Trad. Spiritual

Chancel Choir Susan Beth Higgins, solo

Recorded on Zoom this past Thursday night Compiled by Jeffrey Hutchins

SERMON: "Sharing the Glory"

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: "At the Name of Jesus"

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Maestoso*

J. Seibold

*Those who are able, please stand.

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##WORLD PRAYERS –www.worldprayers.org - retrieved 6/12/15

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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: Richard Gherlone 02/14, Joy Gillen 02/14, Shayna DeLuca 02/14, Jim Bennett 02/16, Aidan Nottingham 02/17, Virginia Gould 02/17, Victoria Hummel 02/19, Laura Miller 02/20, Kathleen Mickolyzck 02/21.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Linda & William Tosetti 02/14.

There was no **donation of flowers** for this morning's service. If you wish to donate flowers for a worship service, please sign up on the Church website (Northhavenucc.org), there is a drop down menu under **WORSHIP SERVICES**. The online sign-up will provide a calendar showing which Sundays are available, and guide you to provide the information needed. If you have questions, please call the Church Office.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday Worship – This coming Wednesday, Feb. 17, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the season of Lent. I invite all of us to find a time for prayer and reflection on Wednesday. You may pick up a small packet of ashes at the Church on Tuesday or Wednesday. A short service of prayer and song will be pre-recorded and available for viewing on Wednesday. Please watch your email for more information.

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.

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.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	2/14	9:30 a.m. 11:00 12:00 p.m. 5:00	WORSHIP – Online CHURCH SCHOOL:PreK-Gr2 (Zoom) CHURCH SCHOOL:Gr3-Gr7 (Zoom) OASIS (Zoom)
Monday	2/15		OFFICE CLOSED (PRESIDENTS DAY)
Tuesday	2/16	6:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	2/17	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 7:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) REOPENING (Zoom)
Thursday	2/18	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	2/19	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	2/20	8:00 a.m.	MENS FELLOWSHIP (Zoom)
Sunday	2/21	9:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	WORSHIP – Online OASIS (Zoom)

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

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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 Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je-sus Christ, to you we raise,
 2 Man-i-fest at Jor-dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su-preme;
 3 Man-i-fest in mak-ing whole pal-sied limbs and faint-ing soul,
 4 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mir-rored in your ho-ly Word;

man-i-fest-ed by the star to the sag-es from a-far;
 and at Ca-na wed-ding guest, in your God-head man-i-fest;
 man-i-fest in val-iant fight, quell-ing all the dev-il's might;
 with your grace our lives en-dow, grace to im-i-tate you now,

branch of roy-al Da-vid's stem in your birth at Beth-le-hem;
 man-i-fest in power di-vine, chang-ing wa-ter in-to wine;
 man-i-fest in gra-cious will, ev-er bring-ing good from ill;
 that we like to you may be at your great e-piph-a-ny,

an-thems be to you ad-dressed, God in flesh made man-i-fest.

Unison

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
 ♦ 3 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,
 4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
 5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
 ♦ but with awe and won - der, and with ba - ted breath;
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true,
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

'tis our God's great plea - sure we should call him Lord,
 faith - ful - ly he bore it, spot - less to the last,
 ♦ he is God the Sav - iour, he is Christ the Lord,
 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
 ♦ ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.
 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.