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

Sunday, February 21, 2021

9:30 a.m.

**First Sunday in Lent**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Prelude on *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Paul Bunjes

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

V114

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Friends in Christ, Lent is a time to prepare and to renew our life. We mark this holy season

**PEOPLE: by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel.**

Leader: We are invited, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent:

**PEOPLE: by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love,**

**ALL: and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.\*\***

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

During this time of Lent, O God  
You call us to loose the bonds of injustice  
To let the oppressed go free, to break every yoke.  
Lead us in this work of Peace,  
For the time is now...  
And we are here, O God!## Amen

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison**

Merciful God, what a gentle and healing balm it is to come to you with our secret thoughts, our sad discouragements, and our noblest dreams, and find you here to listen, to forgive, and to renew us! We confess our reluctance to understand your will and our hesitancy to act upon it. We are quick to blame others and slow to accept responsibility for ourselves. We wish for signs of your power even while we take for granted the beauty and love with which you have surrounded us. We desire some guarantee of your favor and, at the same time, shudder to think about the suffering of the cross and what it portends for us and for our world. Submerge us in your Spirit and grant us faith to perceive good arising from evil and to sense your immediate presence within the solitude of endless space.\*\*\* Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

ALL: Thanks be to God

**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 1:9-15

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In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Psalm 25:1-10

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To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.  
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

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

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *On Christ the Solid Rock*  
Sung by Jeff Hutchins

Words: Edward Mote (1797-1874)  
Music: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

**SERMON:** “Navigating Along the Lord’s Way”

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:** “My Song Is Love Unknown”

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\***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Praeludium*

Girolamo Frescobaldi

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**The flowers this morning are given by** John and Sue Tibor. *In loving memory of our beloved son Dino, who began his new life in heaven 19 years ago today. He is always in our hearts.*

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Kathleen Mickolyzck 02/21, Jesse Morrow 02/22, Amy Morrow 02/22, Eben Stewart 02/23, Florence Klemenz 02/24, Doris Vigliotto 02/27, Mark Butterworth 02/28.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Podcast for Lent** I want to share a project by Rev. Doug Clark, a retired UCC pastor and colleague of mine. This may be of interest to you during Lent.

Are you concerned about the urgency of the climate crisis? Would you like to explore some faith-based resources for taking action? You're invited to join Jenna Van Donselaar, from Young Evangelicals for Climate Action, and Doug Clark, retired UCC pastor and environmental theologian, for a six-week podcast series around the theme of a "Fossil Fuel Free Lent." We'll be connecting the traditional Lenten practices of fasting and prayer with fasting from our use of fossil fuels and engaging in prayerful study of the creation narratives in the biblical book of Genesis.

To listen to the podcast, search "Creation Care Conversations" wherever you get your podcasts, or: <https://open.spotify.com/show/4Q0C08CaI65Rib26bL8FWK?si=Xbf9UwVRTCuJXA2fpUq23g>  
The first episode is now available [here](#).

**Pastor Scott will be on vacation** this coming week, so **next Sunday's worship service, Feb. 28, will be pre-recorded.** This means there will not be an opportunity to email prayer requests or to text your names for inclusion in the worship service next Sunday.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/21</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 5:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP – Online</b> OASIS (Zoom)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/22</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2/23</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2/24</b>	10:00 a.m.	<b>WINDOW MAILING</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2/25</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2/26</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2/27</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/28</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 11:00 12:00 p.m. 5:00	<b>WORSHIP – Online (Pre-Recorded)</b> CHURCH SCHOOL:PreK-Gr2 (Zoom) CHURCH SCHOOL:Gr3-Gr7 (Zoom) 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.

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1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild;  
 2 Sun - beams scorch - ing all the day, chil - ly dew - drops night - ly shed;  
 ♦ 3 Shall not we your tri - al share, and from earth - ly joys ab - stain,  
 4 If temp - ta - tions, vex - ing sore, flesh or spir - it should as - sail,  
 5 Keep, oh keep us, Sav - iour dear, ev - er con - stant by your side;

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for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
 prowling beasts a - bout your way; stones your pil - low, earth your bed.  
 ♦ fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?  
 you their van - quish - er be - fore, grant we may not faint nor fail.  
 that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - iour's love to me, love  
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but  
3 Some - times they strew his way, and his sweet prais - es sing, re -  
4 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so div - ine, nev -

to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be.  
peo - ple scorned, and none the longed - for Christ would know.  
sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.  
er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like thine!

O who am I that for my sake  
But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed,  
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise

my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
who at my need his life did spend  
and for his death they thirst and cry.  
I all my days could glad - ly spend.