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

**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Third Sunday in Lent  
The Sacrament of Communion**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Communion, Op. 204 No. 4

Alexandre Bruneau

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "The Living God Be Praised"

**V255**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: May the God of grace be welcomed in our midst.

**PEOPLE: May we receive the power and peace of divine love.**

Leader: Come let us worship with our hearts and minds and bodies.

**PEOPLE: Let us become one seeking justice and compassion.**

Leader: Blessed be God who challenges, heals, and unites us.

**PEOPLE: Blessed be our learning and blessed be our vision.**

**ALL: Blessed be God who inspires all things to be new.\*\***

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

O God of overflowing love and unimaginable bounty,

O God of great graciousness and perfect beauty!

Help us to love ourselves as we are loved by You

And to love others as You love them.

Then we shall live in joy, we shall live in peace!### Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison**

Eternal God, from the beginning of time you have called your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that like all the rest, we have turned to our own way and refused your love and grace. Restore us to the joy of knowing you, and of recognizing your reign among us, through Jesus Christ, bringer of your good news.\*\*\* Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17**

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Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** John 2:13-22

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The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake*

attr. Richard Farrant (1530-1585)

Sung by Jeffrey Hutchins

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,  
lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past,  
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.  
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,  
now and evermore. Amen.

**MEDITATION:** "Attending to God"

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

#### THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### GREETING OF PEACE

\*CLOSING HYMN: God of Grace and God of Glory

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\*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Prelude in D Minor

J. S. Bach

\*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 Bellonio, Stefan McKosky, Rose Monaco, Linda Shannon, Elaine Burr, Joyce Bellonio, and Betsy Gumbart.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Amy Mears 03/12, Ryan Weiss 03/12, Patricia Jennings 03/13.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Kerry & Eben Stewart 03/08.



## **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>

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** The One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be received and celebrated next Sunday, March 14. This offering is received across the whole United Church of Christ, and in many other Protestant denominations. The offering is used to support worldwide efforts to supply clean drinking water, food, education and health care. It is also used to support both domestic and international disaster preparedness and response. Funds from this offering often support the very first outside response in large disasters around the world. Please give prayerfully and generously!

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/7</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP – Online (LiveStream)</b> <b>OASIS (Zoom)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3/8</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3/9</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b> <b>6:00</b>	<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS (Zoom)</b> <b>BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3/10</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>1:30 p.m.</b> <b>7:00</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b> <b>STAFF MEETING (Zoom)</b> <b>REOPENING (Zoom)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3/11</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3/12</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3/13</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>11:00</b> <b>12:00 p.m.</b> <b>5:00</b>	<b>Daylight Saving Time Starts</b> <b>WORSHIP – Online (LiveStream)</b> <b>CHURCH SCHOOL:PreK-Gr2 (Zoom)</b> <b>CHURCH SCHOOL:Gr3-Gr7 (Zoom)</b> <b>OASIS (Zoom)</b>

\*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 The liv - ing God be praised, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
 2 Your spi - rit still flows free, high surg - ing where it will;  
 3 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

an - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love.  
 in pro - phet's words you spoke of old and you speak still.  
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

Je - ho - vah, great I Am! By earth and heaven con-fessed,  
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,  
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name;

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.  
 in - scribed up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, or land.  
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On thy pec - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
 4 Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that  
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour thy power; Crown thine an - cient church's sto - ry; Bring her bud to  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to  
 thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, Rich in things and  
 they may be Arm - ored with all Christ - like gra - ces In the fight to  
 we de - plore; Let the search for thy sal - va - tion Be our glo - ry

glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 set men free. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,  
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, Grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
 Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 That we fail not man nor thee, That we fail not man nor thee.  
 Serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, Serv - ing thee whom we a - dore. A - men.