

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

**Sunday, March 22, 2020**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
The Noisy Offering  
Online Worship - Livestreamed**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Prelude on *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

G. Snowbeck

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "He Leadeth Me"

**V657**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We have gathered in the presence of God our creator, who sets before us the ways of life and death

**PEOPLE:** We have gathered in the presence of Jesus the Christ, who call us to accept the cost of discipleship that we may know its joy.

Leader: We have gathered in the presence of the Spirit, who sustains us in trial and rejoicing.

**PEOPLE:** In our living and in our dying, we belong to God.

**ALL:** In the shadow of God's wings, we sing for joy.\*\* Let us worship God!

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

We pray for all whose lives have been touched by tragedy,  
whether by accident or a deliberate act.

For those who mourn, immerse them in your love  
and lead them through this darkness into your arms, and light.

For those who comfort, be in both the words they use  
and all that's left unspoken; fill each heart with love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, whose own suffering brought us life,  
here and for eternity.## Amen.

John Birch

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI (sung in unison)**

**P513**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison**

We confess, gracious God, that we are not worthy of your love for us. You lead us out of the land of slavery; yet when the journey is hard, we long to return to the comfort of our chains. You speak to us through your prophets, telling us how our rebellion hurts and angers you; yet we harden our hearts and close our ears. You come to us in Jesus, revealing your love for all people and suffering pain for us; still we do not turn in love and obedience to you. We do that which we ought not to do, and we leave undone those things we ought to do. Sinful and rebellious as we are, we cannot trust in ourselves and the things that we do; we can trust only in your grace. Speak the word, O God, and we shall be made free. Forgive us, receive us, and give us courage to serve you with renewed hearts and wills; through the grace of Jesus Christ.\*\* Amen. ~ silence ~

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

Organ Amen

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, for ever. Amen.

## THE NOISY OFFERING

### PSALM 23

## The LORD's My Shepherd



1 The LORD's my shep - herd; I'll not want. He  
makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he  
lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by; he  
lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. **R**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever. **R**

King James Version (KJV)

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13

p. 257

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** John 9:1-41

p. 1247

**SERMON:** "I Will Send You"

Scott Morrow

**PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Organ Response

**GREETING OF PEACE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**V326**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *"When on the Cross the Savior Hung", vs. 4*

Samuel Scheidt

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**\*\*SOLDIERS:**

**Killed in Action:**

Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Diego D. Pongo

Marine Corps Capt. Moises A. Navas

Air Force Staff Sgt. Marshal D. Roberts

Army Spc. Juan Mendez Covarrubias

**Deployed:**

Conor Quinn, 82nd Airborne, deployed to Iraq.

Ashleigh Powers, deployed to Kuwait.

## **A Thought to Ponder**

*Lent is about both emptying ourselves and offering ourselves as empty vessels. Lent is an opportunity to God to fill up our longing for love, justice, and shalom.*

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 22</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP – online livestream</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 23</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 24</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Bible Study online via ZOOM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 25</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 26</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Red Cross Blood Drive (CH)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 27</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 28</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 29</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP – online livestream</b>

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Lynn Lafleur 03/23, Elaine Burr 03/25, Herbert Schneider 03/25, Amanda Linsky 03/26, Sheree Alexander 03/27, Mark Bessette 03/29.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Peter & Cheryl Hall 3/27, Bernie & Elfie Hummel 03/28, Robbie & Bruno Juliano 03/29.

### **LENTEN STUDY TO CONTINUE**

Let's find a way to continue our Lenten Study! Copies of the booklet "The Jesus Diaries", produced by the UCC Still Speaking Writers Group, are still available. If you would like to continue the Lenten Study, by email or online through ZOOM, please contact Julie in the Church Office.

### **DEMAND IS HIGH AND THE FOOD PANTRY IS LOW!!!**

We are running low on the following items: Baked Beans, Jelly, Cake / Brownie Mixes, Mayonnaise, Coffee, and Crackers. Please bring your donations to the church between 8:00 and 11:00 Monday – Friday. Thank you for your support.

D G D

1 He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O words with  
 2 Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some - times where  
 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er  
 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy

D A D

heaven - ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, where -  
 E - den's bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters calm, o'er  
 mur - mur nor re - pine, con - tent, what - ev - er  
 grace the vic - tory's won, even death's cold wave I

G D Bm D A7 D

'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.  
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis his hand that lead - eth me.  
 lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.  
 will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain D A D G D Bm D A

He lead - eth me! He lead - eth me! By his own hand he lead - eth me!

A7 D A A/G D A7 D G D Bm D A7 D

His faith - ful fol - lower I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me!

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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G D G Em D

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that  
 ♦ 3 He speaks, and lis - tening to his voice, new  
 4 Hear him, you deaf; you voice - less ones, your  
 5 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -

G D7 G D G

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the  
 ♦ life the dead re - ceive, the mourn - ful bro - ken  
 tongues a - gain em - ploy; you blind, be - hold your  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the

C G D7 G

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 ♦ hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 Sav - iour comes, and leap, you lame, for joy!  
 earth a - broad the hon - ours of your name.

Words: Charles Wesley 1739, alt.

Music: Carl Gottlieb Gläser ca. 1828, adapt. and harm. Lowell Mason 1839

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Alt. tune: Richmond