

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

Sunday, March 29, 2020

9:30 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
Online Worship - Livestreamed**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Mixolydian Prelude*

Flor Peeters

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Sometimes we are a dry bones people, a people without hope.

PEOPLE: God raises us from living graves and fills us with Spirit.

Leader: sometimes we are cut off from one another, and our sources of joy are dried up.

PEOPLE: God makes a home for us with one another where we live with celebration.

Leader: Sometimes we come to worship aimless and fearful.

**ALL: God gives hope, strange dreams, the promise of life.
Let us worship God.****

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

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
Let your people sing with joy.
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.
Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us by your Holy Spirit.##
Amen.

--- Book of Common Prayer 1979

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~*unison*

God, you seek us and we flee. You offer us an easy yoke, and we tie ourselves with cares and burdens. You forgive us, and we hoard our complaints against our sisters and brothers. Give us conversion that turns us into the light; teach us a repentance alive in works of love; lead us into the narrow path; guide us through the valley of the shadow. Call us to follow Jesus Christ and in his way to live and suffer, die and rise again.** Amen.

~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

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, forever. Amen.

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jesus Visits his Friends

(Based on John 11:1-15)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Ezekiel 7:1-14

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ANTHEM: *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You*

Words & Music by Jay Althouse

Recorded remotely by the North Haven Congregational Church Music staff

March 24, 2020; Gary Snowbeck, piano

Jeffrey Hutchins, vocalist Assisted by Jeff's wife Nicole Brewer, soprano

This anthem was to be offered by the full North Haven Congregational Church's Chancel Choir this Sunday. This recording is intended to represent the full choir in a spirit of faith, musicianship, and fellowship as we walk this Lenten journey together.

**Lord, I stretch my hands to You
No other help I know,
If You should leave me all alone,
Where then shall I go?**

**O Lord, I stretch my hands to You
I seek Your care and love.
No other blessings do I need
but those from You above.**

**Lord I ask You:
Give me faith, and help me understand.
And Lord, when I this life shall leave
Just hold me in Your hand.**

**Lord, I stretch my hands to You
No other help I know,
If You should leave me all alone,
Where then shall I go?
O Lord, I stretch my hands you you.
Amen.**

SERMON: "Breathe"

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Organ Response

GREETING OF PEACE

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *When on the Cross the Savior Hung* v. 5

Samuel Scheidt

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The flowers this morning are given by Cathy Welch to the glory of God in celebration of her beloved husband Ken, who would have been 76 today.

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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.

A Thought to Ponder

Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you: love, prayer, and forgiveness. H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	March 29	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – online livestream
Monday	March 30		
Tuesday	March 31	6:00	Bible Study online via ZOOM
Wednesday	April 1		
Thursday	April 2		
Friday	April 3		
Saturday	April 4		
Sunday	April 5	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – online livestream

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, David Bellonio, Marlene Bellonio, Stefan McKosky, Rose Monaco, Francis Dutko, Sabrina Selmer, Dot Pierce, Kathie Gant, and Linda Shannon.

****SOLDIERS: Deployed:**

Conor Quinn, 82nd Airborne, deployed to Iraq.

Ashleigh Powers, deployed to Kuwait.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mark Bessette 03/29, Charlotte Shea 03/31, Janelly Ane Santiago 03/31, Anthony Solecki 04/03, Tanner Dubail 04/04.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Robbie & Bruno Juliano 03/29.

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

We are running low on the following items: Baked Beans, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Cake / Brownie Mixes, Mayonnaise, Coffee, Tea, Crackers and Granola/Protein Bars. If you would like to support the Food Pantry with a monetary donation, we have volunteers willing to do the shopping. Please bring your donations to the church between 8:00 and 2:30 Monday – Friday. Thank you for your support.

PICK UP PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY!

We will celebrate Palm Sunday next Sunday. There are palms here at the church, and we would like for you to have some. The palms will be available for pick up this Friday from 8:30-2:30 or by appointment. Please come and pick up palms for our online worship.

The first lesson this morning is based upon John 11:1-45.

Jesus Visits His Friends

Jesus' friend Lazarus lived in a small town called Bethany with his two sisters, Mary and Martha. Lazarus became very sick and he died. His sisters were so sad. They cried as they wrapped his body in cloth and buried him in a cave. (Wrap one of the figures in cloth strips, place inside a cup lying on its side, and place the cardboard circle in front of the opening.)

Soon after that Jesus went to Bethany. When he arrived, Jesus heard that Lazarus had been dead for four days. Everyone was very sad. Martha came out to meet Jesus. (Place the figure representing Jesus next to the one representing Martha.)

"Oh, Jesus," she said, "if only you had been here, Lazarus wouldn't have died.

"Martha, your brother will live again," Jesus replied gently. "I can bring new life, just as God brings new life. Can you believe that?"

"Yes," said Martha, "I do believe." She went back into the house to call Mary, her sister. Mary came out of the house to see Jesus. She was crying, too. (Place the figure representing Mary next to Martha and Jesus.) Jesus asked to see where Lazarus was buried. So Mary and Martha showed him the cave where they had put Lazarus's body. There was a big stone across the entrance. A group of people gathered around the tomb with them. They were all very sad. (Place the figures of Jesus, Mary, Martha, and the crowd next to the tomb.)

Jesus cried. He was sad that Lazarus was dead. "Open up this tomb," said Jesus. "Take the stone away from the entrance."

"We shouldn't do that," said Martha. "He has been dead for four days. His body will smell."

But they did as Jesus asked and took away the stone. (Take the stone away.)

Jesus knew that God was with him in this sad time, and prayed, "Please, God, hear me." Then Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

Suddenly everyone gasped. A figure hobbled out of the cave (move the figure of Lazarus out of the tomb). It was wrapped up in white cloth from head to toe, and could hardly move. Was it a ghost?

"Unwrap those grave clothes," said Jesus. "Let Lazarus go free."

Mary and Martha unwound the grave clothes (unwrap the figure of Lazarus); they could hardly believe their eyes. It was Lazarus...and he was alive!

What a celebration there was in Bethany that day! Everyone had to tell the story over and over again. Nobody would ever forget what had happened.

The Second lesson this morning is taken from the book of Ezekial starting at the 7th chapter beginning at the 1st verse.

The word of the LORD came to me: You, O mortal, thus says the Lord GOD to the land of Israel:

An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land.

Now the end is upon you, I will let loose my anger upon you;

I will judge you according to your ways, I will punish you for all your abominations.

My eye will not spare you, I will have no pity.

I will punish you for your ways, while your abominations are among you.

Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

Thus says the Lord GOD:

Disaster after disaster! See, it comes. An end has come, the end has come.

It has awakened against you; see, it comes!

Your doom has come to you, O inhabitant of the land.

The time has come, the day is near—of tumult, not of reveling on the mountains.

Soon now I will pour out my wrath upon you; I will spend my anger against you.

I will judge you according to your ways, and punish you for all your abominations.

My eye will not spare; I will have no pity.

I will punish you according to your ways, while your abominations are among you.

Then you shall know that it is I the LORD who strike.

See, the day! See, it comes!

Your doom has gone out.

The rod has blossomed, pride has budded. Violence has grown into a rod of wickedness.

None of them shall remain, not their abundance, not their wealth; no pre-eminence among them.

The time has come, the day draws near; let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn,

for wrath is upon all their multitude.

For the sellers shall not return to what has been sold as long as they remain alive. For the vision concerns all their multitude; it shall not be revoked. Because of their iniquity, they cannot maintain their lives.

They have blown the horn and made everything ready; but no one goes to battle,

for my wrath is upon all their multitude.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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(Souffle du Dieu vivant)

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with notes and a bass clef staff with chords. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, Bb, Bbm, F, Bb, G7, C. The second system also has a treble clef staff with notes and a bass clef staff with chords. Chords are indicated above the treble staff: F, (C), F, Bb, Gm, F, C7, F. The lyrics are printed between the two systems of music.

1 Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 1 Souf - fle du Dieu vi - vant, a - ni - me tout en moi,
 2 Souf - fle du Dieu vi - vant, viens pu - ri - fier ma foi,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til my will is one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
 que ton a - mour me rende ai - mant, ser - vant ain - si que toi.
 que ce soit ton vou - loir puis - sant qui s'ac - com - plisse en moi.

3 Breathe on me, breath of God,
 till I am wholly thine,
 until this earthly part of me
 glows with thy fire divine.

3 Souffle du Dieu vivant,
 mets ton feu dans mon coeur;
 que tout en moi soit rayonnant
 de ton éclat, Seigneur.

4 Breathe on me, breath of God:
 so shall I never die,
 but live with thee the perfect life
 of thine eternity.

4 Souffle du Dieu vivant,
 écarte enfin la mort,
 que pour jamais, dès maintenant,
 j'appartienne au Dieu fort.