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

Sunday, January 9, 2022

9:30 a.m.

First Sunday after Epiphany

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude on *Christ unser Herr zur Jordan kam*

Johann Pachelbel

***OPENING HYMN:** "O Splendour of God's Glory Bright"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We join in worship this morning in search of light to guide our way.

PEOPLE: We seek to exchange the ashes of mourning for the garland of joy.

Leader: We come because we have seen the light afar off and desire to come closer.

PEOPLE: We want to join with others walking in the light so we may enjoy true human communion.

Leader: We worship that our light may shine and draw others to God's light.

ALL: In Christ, the light has come into the world, the bright expression of God among us. Let us worship God!!**

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

Radiant God, light for all people and all places, by the guidance of a star you led the Magi to worship the Christ Child. By the light of faith lead us to worship you in peace and love, and guide us in your way. We pray in the name of Christ, light of the world.## Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

We thank you, God, that you have spoken to people of faith at many times and in many ways, and that in Jesus, your living Word, you have revealed yourself among us. We come longing once more to know your presence and to hear your word. We come eager to follow Jesus. We rejoice that you are with us always when we gather in Christ's name.*** Amen.

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: Isaiah 60:1-6

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Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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ANTHEM: *The Three Kings*

Text and Tune by Peter Cornelius (1824-1874)

Incorporating *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* by Phillip Nicolai (1599)

Chorale and Solo sung by Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music

1. Three Kings from Persian lands afar
To Jordan follow the pointing star:
And this the quest of the travelers three,
Where the new-born King of the Jews may be.
Full royal gifts they bear for the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

How brightly shines the morning star!
With grace and truth from heaven afar
Our Jesse tree now bloweth.

2. The star shines out with a steadfast ray;
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
As Mary’s child in her lap they see;
Their royal gifts they show to the King;
Gold, incense, myrrh are their offering.

Of Jacob’s stem and David’s line,
For thee, my Bridegroom, King divine,
My soul with love o’er floweth.

3. Thou child of man, lo, to Bethlehem
The Kings are travelling, travel with them!
The star of mercy, the star of grace,
Shall lead thy heart to its resting place.
Gold, incense, myrrh thou canst not bring;
Offer thy heart to the infant King.

Thy word, Jesu, Inly feeds us,
Rightly leads us, Life bestowing.
Praise, O praise such love o’er flowing. Offer thy
heart.

SERMON: “The Light of the World”

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Organ Response

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 ~unison

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

*CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign"

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Wie schoen leuchtet der Morganstern*

setting by Max Reger

*Those who are able, please stand.

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In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Shannon, Betsy Gumbart, Marcia Foulds, Martha Swarney, Marlene Bellonio, Lorraine Burdge, Herb Schneider, Shirley Ryan, and Kerry Stewart.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Kyle Brock 01/09, Joyce Bellonio 01/12, Neil Reardon 01/13, Diane Lacobelli 01/15, Joanne Nottingham 01/15, Lorraine Burdge 01/15.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School: There is no Church School today or next Sunday. Classes will shift to ZOOM for Sundays Jan, 23 and 30, with times to be determined.

Ministry Leadership Board: There are several openings on the Ministry Leadership Board: **Moderator** (one year, renews for second year), **At-Large** (2-year term), **At-Large** (3-year term). If you are interested in serving, or wish to nominate someone who is willing to serve, please contact an MLB member or the Church Office.

Lorraine Burdge will celebrate her **95th** birthday on January 15th. Let's help her celebrate by sending her a card! Send cards to Lorraine c/o Nancy Fallon, 14 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 05405.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	01/09	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP - Live Stream
		4:00 p.m.	OASIS & Tidepool (Spring Glen Church)
Monday	01/10		
Tuesday	01/11	12:00 p.m.	BUILDING & GROUNDS
		6:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	01/12	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
		1:00 p.m.	STAFF MEETING (Zoom)
Thursday	01/13	11:00 a.m.	ENDOWMENT MEETING
		7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	01/14	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	01/15	7:30 a.m.	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (Hook & Ladder)
Sunday	01/16	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream
		4:00 p.m.	OASIS & Tidepool (Spring Glen Church)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

*OPENING HYMN: "O Splendour of God's Glory Bright"

D Bm A D G D A D G D

1 O splen - dour of God's glo - ry bright, from light e -
 2 come, Ho - ly Sun of heav - en - ly love, pour down your
 3 O joy - ful be the pass - ing day with thoughts as
 4 O Christ, with each re - turn - ing morn your im - age

A D G D A Bm E7 A D

ter - nal bring - ing light, O light of life, light's
 ra - diance from a - bove, and to our in - ward
 clear as morn - ing's ray, with faith like noon - tide
 to our hearts is born, O may we ev - er

G D Em A D A D G A D

liv - ing spring, true day, all days il - lu - min - ing:
 hearts con - vey the Ho - ly Spir - it's cloud - less ray.
 shin - ing bright, our souls un - shad - owed by the night.
 see a - new our Sav - iour and our God in you!

Descant

4 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 3 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; and pris - oners
 4 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

hon - ours to our King, an - gels de - scend with

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ours to our King, an - gels de - scend with

songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - ment

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - ment

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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.