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

Sunday, January 30, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude in E Major

W. Wolstenholme

CORAL INTROIT: Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

Words & Music by
Ken Medema (b. 1943)

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

***OPENING HYMN:** "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come, all who are poor in spirit;
come, all who mourn;
come, all who are meek;
come all who hunger and thirst after righteousness.

**PEOPLE: Come, all who would be merciful;
come, all who would be pure in heart;
come, all who would be peacemakers.**

Leader: Let us come together – the weak and the simple,
the powerless and the foolish.

ALL: Let us confess that God of every blessing**

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

Spirit of God, we long to mend the broken circle,
to heal the fractures in the world around us and within our own souls.
We long to see as reality a world pulsing with justice and truth,
a society where everyone sits down at the great banquet and eats until filled.
Spirit of God, we recommit ourselves to building the Beloved Community
as brothers and sisters working together.## Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

We have come before you, God, like those who gathered around Jesus on a faraway hill, long ago, to find new meaning for our lives. We want our lives to sound in harmony with your song of love. We want to live with integrity and wisdom, with a spirit of truth. Do not disappoint us, God, but allow us to know your presence and hear your voice. Come among us, holy God, for we pray in the name of Jesus.** 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: Jeremiah 1:4-10

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Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”
But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 4:21-30

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Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Give To The Winds Your Fears* Tune: Harmonia Sacra 5th ed. 1851
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Sung by Jeff Hutchins and members of the NHCC Choir Text: John Wesley

1 Give to the winds your fears.
Hope and be undismayed.
God hears your sighs and counts your tears.
God shall lift up your head,
God shall lift up your head.

3 Even though you do not rule,
yet heaven and earth and hell
proclaim God sits upon the throne,
and rules o'er all things well,
and rules o'er all things well.

2 Through waves and clouds and storms,
God gently clears your way.
Wait for the time, so shall this night
soon end in joyous day,
soon end in joyous day.

4 Your everlasting truth,
O God, your ceaseless love,
sees all your children's wants, and knows
what best for each will prove,
what best for each will prove.

SERMON: "Sharing the Faith"

Scott 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:** "How Firm a Foundation"

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: March Solonelle

William Stickles

*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, Shirley Ryan, Kerry Stewart, Joyce Bellonio, and the life of Joe Eckner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held today at 10:45am by Zoom.

Register for the 9th Annual Chili Bowl sponsored by Sleeping Giant Build, our local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity. The Chili Bowl will be held Sat. Feb. 12 from 6:30-8:30pm. You can order meat or vegetarian chili and pick it up at Spring Glen Church earlier that afternoon, or simply purchase a ticket for the entertainment. Visit sleepinggiantbuild.org/chilibowl to learn more and to register.

Registration deadline is February 5!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Craig Miller 01/31, Sophie Grant 02/04, Walter Kaercher 02/06.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	1/30	9:30 a.m. 10:45	WORSHIP (Live Stream) ANNUAL MEETING (ZOOM)
Monday	1/31		
Tuesday	2/1	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Music Together (CH) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	2/2	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Thursday	2/3	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	2/4	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	2/5	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (CH) Music Together (CH)
Sunday	2/6	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (Live Stream)

*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.

***OPENING HYMN: "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"**

Unison

G Am G C/G G D/F#

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo- ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo- ple's pain,
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

G Em Am7 C Am (F/G) D D/C

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them; they turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

G Am/G G C/G G D/F#

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro- vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em7 Am7 Am/C Am G/B Am7/C Dsus-D

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

D/F# G Gsus G G/B Am7 G C/E D7 G



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have



G Am G Am/C C Dsus D/F# D7



heard you call-ing in the night. I will



G Gsus G Am/G G C D7 G



go, Lord, if you lead me. I will



G C/G G Am7 C/D D G C/G D.C. G *Fine*



hold your peo - ple in my heart.



*CLOSING HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation"

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you ser - vants of God,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed!
 ♦ 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 ♦ the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow,
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply:
 I will not — I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can be said than to you has been said,
 ♦ I'll strength - en and help you, and cause you to stand,
 for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you, I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - our to shake,

to you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous om - ni - po - tent hand.
 ♦ and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 your dross to con - sume, and your gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er — no, nev - er — no, nev - er for - sake!"