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NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, February 6, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany The Sacrament of Communion

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude in E Major

W. Wolstenholme

CORAL INTROIT: Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying

Words & Music by

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Ken Medema (b. 1943)

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: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

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*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God, the Holy One, whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

PEOPLE: Beside the sea, along ordinary paths, in our daily work, God calls us.

Leader: We respond with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks.

PEOPLE: In steadfast love, God fulfills the divine purposes for our lives. **

ALL: Let us worship God together!

*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~unison

Show us, good Lord,

The peace we should seek,

The peace we must give,

The peace we can keep,

The peace we must forego,

And the peace you have given in Jesus our Lord.## Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

Organ Amen

O God, though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve and deliver us. Though our lips are not clean and our hearts are not pure, you call us. Forgive us, we pray, when we wander away from you, lost and at risk. Forgive us when our lives do not reflect your glory and the purposes you intend. Help us to comprehend your ways in the world. We long to feel your grace and glory, for in you, Emmanuel, we can be healed and set free. Hear us now as we pray in this moment of silence. ~ silence ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.' Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed."

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle,

because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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.

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.

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.

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.

MEDITATION

Rev. Peggy Allen

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

Organ Response

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.

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

^{*}Prayer of Dedication

THE GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

*CLOSING HYMN: "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing" V169

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: March Solonelle William Stickles

*Those who are able, please stand.

** Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Year C, volume 1

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We welcome the Rev. Peggy Allen as our worship leader and preacher this morning. Peggy served as the Christian Education Director and then Associate Pastor of the North Guilford Congregational Church and, most recently, as the Pastor of the Milton Congregational Church in Litchfield. Scott Morrow is on vacation.

The Flowers are given by Patience and Martin in memory of Virginia "Ginny" Whitcomb who would have celebrated her 100th birthday on February 5th. She passed peacefully on February 2nd.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Shannon, Betsy Gumbart, Marcia Foulds, Martha Swarney, Marlene Bellonio, Lorraine Burdge, Shirley Ryan, Kerry Stewart, Joyce Bellonio, the life of Joe Eckner, and the life of Ginny Whitcomb.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Walter Kaercher 02/06, Emma Alden 02/08, David Gould 02/09, Tom Glynn 02/09, Daniel Mickolyzck 02/10, Hunter Conley 02/11, Mattison Mondene 02/11, Joshua Peiffer 02/13.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The "Diaper Bags for Babies" drive has begun! There is a large box in the elevator entryway, just waiting to accept your donations of the following baby items:

Diaper bags Hats

Diapers size newborn and up

Onesies size newborn-12 months

Baby shampoo
Baby lotion

Sleepers size newborn-12 months Diaper rash ointment

Socks Baby wipes

Monetary donations are also welcome, checks payable to Women's Fellowship.

Women's Fellowship thanks you for your support!

^{##}From Contemporary Prayers for Public Worship, ed. Caryl Micklem

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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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

| Sunday | 2/6 | 9:30 a.m. | WORSHIP (Live Stream) |
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| Monday | 2/7 | | |
| Tuesday | 2/8 | 9:30 a.m. | Music Together (CH) |
| | | 6:00 p.m. | BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) |
| Wednesday | 2/9 | 9:30 a.m. | Music Together (CH) |
| | | 10:00 | FOOD PANTRY OPEN |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | MLB (CH) |
| Thursday | 2/10 | 7:00 p.m. | CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom) |
| Friday | 2/11 | 9:30 a.m. | Music Together (CH) |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | FOOD PANTRY OPEN |
| Saturday | 2/12 | 9:30 a.m. | Music Together (CH) |
| | | 10:30 | Music Together (CH) |
| Sunday | 2/13 | 9:30 a.m. | WORSHIP (Live Stream) |
| | | 11:00 | Church School Grade 3-5 (Zoom) |
| | | 11:45 | Church School Pre-K-Grade 3 (Zoom) |
| | | 1:00 p.m. | Church School Grade 6-7 (Zoom) |

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.



