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NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, February 13, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Melody*

Julius Andre

***OPENING HYMN:** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Let us praise God, who gives living water, through which the faithful flourish.

PEOPLE: Like trees planted by the water, God, are those who trust in you.

Leader: Like trees with deep roots are those who place their faith in you.

PEOPLE: Like green trees in winter are those who receive their life from you.

ALL: We praise you, God, for life that has no end, through Jesus our risen Christ!**

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

God of Peace, be with those who guide the destinies of the world,
so that an end may come to boasting and arrogance.

Give them the courage to speak the truth and the humility to listen.

Help us to put the good of others above our own ambition,

so that we may be freed from the burden of fear, the weight of suspicion,
and may come to trust each other and live in peace.## Amen

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

O God, it is good to be here in your presence, among your people. Make us radiant with the light of your Christ. Help us to worship with reverence, and serve you with joy in the world. May our words, our songs, and our thoughts, be pleasing to you, O God, for we pray in the name of Jesus our Sovereign.** 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.

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Words: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

Music: J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

Pre-recorded by Gary Snowbeck, Jeffrey Hutchins, and members of the NHCC Chancel Choir
This hymn's first performance was in Jacksonville, Florida on February 12, 1900. It was included in a children's musical celebration of the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (born February 12, 1809).

Lift Every Voice and Sing is regarded by many Americans as a "national anthem" because of its profound association with the struggle for equality and civil rights in the USA.

SERMON: "Blessing and Curse"

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:** "If You Will Trust in God to Guide You"

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Concluding Voluntary in C Major

Charles Vincent

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The Flowers are given by Carla Hill in loving memory of her brother, Brian, who passed over one year ago, February 12, 2021. We think of you, miss you every day. Be at peace with Mom and Dad in Heaven.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Joshua Peiffer 02/13, Richard Gherlone 02/14, Joy Gillen 02/14, Shayna DeLuca 02/14, Jim Bennett 02/16, Aidan Nottingham 02/17, Virginia Gould 02/17, Victoria Hummel 02/19, Laura Miller 02/20.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Linda & William Tosetti 02/14.

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:

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| Diaper bags | Hats |
| Diapers size newborn and up | Baby shampoo |
| Onesies size newborn-12 months | 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!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

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|------------------|-------------|---|--|
| Sunday | 2/13 | 9:30 a.m. 11:00 11:45 1:00 p.m. 4:00 | WORSHIP (Live Stream) Church School Grade 3-5 (Zoom) Church School Pre-K-Grade 3 (Zoom) Church School Grade 6-7 (Zoom) OASIS & Tidepool-Creativity (Zoom) |
| Monday | 2/14 | | |
| Tuesday | 2/15 | 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. | Music Together (CH) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) |
| Wednesday | 2/16 | 9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:30 p.m. 5:30 | WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Library) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH) |
| Thursday | 2/17 | 5:00 p.m. 7:00 | Girl Scout (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom) |
| Friday | 2/18 | 9:30 a.m. 10:00 6:00 p.m. | Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Girl Scout (CH) |
| Saturday | 2/19 | 8:00 a.m. 9:30 10:30 | MENS FELLOWSHIP (Zoom) Music Together (CH) Music Together (CH) |
| Sunday | 2/20 | 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream) BOOK CLUB (Zoom) |

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

Descant

4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come
 C G C Am Em F C (G7 C) G

1 Re - joice the Lord is King! Your ris - en Lord a - dore!
 2 Je - sus the Sav - iour reigns, the God of truth and love,
 3 God's king - dom can - not fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven,
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come

to glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home.
 C Am G D G C G D G

Re - joice, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our sins, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 to glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home.

We soon shall hear the arch - an - gel's voice,
 C F Dm6 Am C G C F

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
 We soon shall hear the arch - an - gel's voice,

the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!
 C F Dm6 (C F) C G G7 C

re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice!
 re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice!
 re - joice; a - gain I say, re - joice!
 the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!



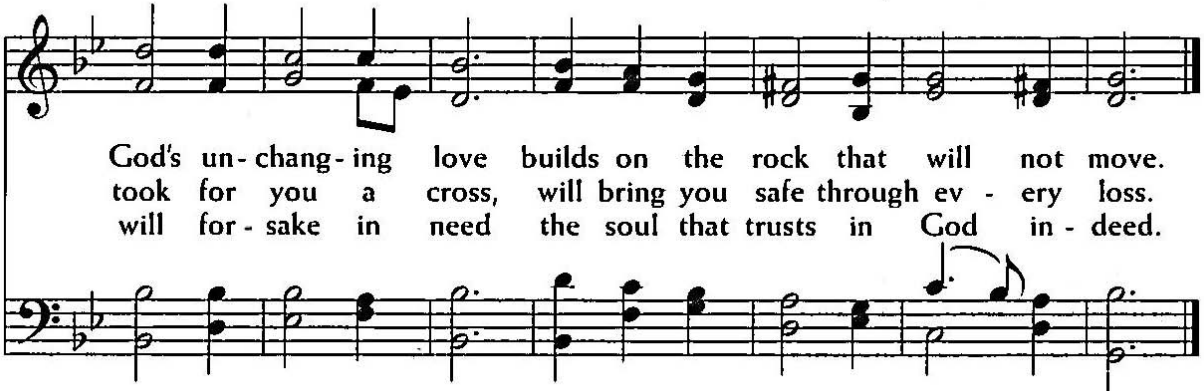
1 If you will trust in God to guide you, and hope in
2 God will embrace your pain and weep - ing, your help - less
3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing; so do your



God through all your ways, God will give strength, what - ever be -
an - ger and dis - tress. If you are in God's care and
own part faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word; though un - de -



tide you, and bear you through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
keep - ing, in sor - row will God love you less? For Christ, who
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. God nev - er



God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross, will bring you safe through ev - ery loss.
will for - sake in need the soul that trusts in God in - deed.

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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.

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 Ginny Whitcomb.