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North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Andantino*

Gustav Merkel

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Take My Life and Let It Be"

V506

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We are a people created to sing praise to the Holy One.

**PEOPLE:** We praise the Maker who gives rivers in the desert.

Leader: We worship Jesus Christ, who in his coming has said "Yes" to humanity.

**PEOPLE:** We give thanks to the Spirit, who pours divine love into our hearts.

**ALL:** **Glory be to God, giver of all good gifts.\*\***

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

In this time of beginnings, O God, we ask your blessing on the congregation, the people of North Haven Congregational Church.

We pray for patience and courage as we seek a new hope

and continue to walk the path of justice and peace, compassion and welcome.

Fill our hearts with song and our house with joy as we journey together.<sup>##</sup> Amen.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:** *~unison*

Steadfast Lover of humanity, we come to you searching for ways to love more wisely, more genuinely, more steadily. Fill us with the love of Christ, that each day we may be passionate and patient, faithful and forgiving, growing in love for one another and this world of many peoples. Through your Spirit, build your church into a living temple, a sign of your presence on earth, through Jesus Christ, our foundation.\*\* 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.

Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

**HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**\*HYMN:** “For the Fruit of All Creation”

V227

**SERMON:** “Unreasonable, Faithful Love”

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:** “Jesus Calls Us”

V562

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Recessional*

John Wiegand

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**The Flowers** are given by Sue and John Tibor in loving memory of our beloved son Dino, who began his new life in heaven 20 years ago. Our precious memories are forever, and God's love is eternal.

**Greeters** today are Doris Ferner and Carol Amico.

**In Our Prayers This Week are:** Linda Shannon, Betsy Gumbart, Marcia Foulds, Martha Swarney, Marlene Bellonio, Lorraine Burdge, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert and Treffle Robert.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Laura Miller 02/20, Kathleen Mickolyzck 02/21, Jesse Morrow 02/22, Amy Morrow 02/22, Sean Carter 02/22, Eben Stewart 02/23, Florence Klemenz 02/24, Doris Vigliotto 02/27.

Descant

5 Take my love: and I will pour at thy

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se -  
 2 Take my hands, and let them move at the  
 3 Take my lips, and let them be filled with  
 4 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall  
 5 Take my love: and I will pour at thy

feet its trea - sure store; take my - self, and

cra - ted, all for thee; take my mo - ments  
 im - pulse of thy love; take my feet, and  
 mes - sag - es from thee; take my in - tel -  
 be no long - er mine; take my heart, it  
 feet its trea - sure store; take my - self, and

I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 let them be swift and pur - pose - ful for thee.  
 lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.  
 is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
 I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

G C (G) Am D (G) C D7 G

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bour, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

G C (G) Am D (G) C D7 G

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bour, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

C (G) C G (C) Dm C Em Am (G Am) Em Am9

For the plough - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

G D G C (G) Am D (G) C D7 G

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild rest - less sea,  
 2 Long a - go a - pos - tles heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,  
 ♦ 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the vain world's gold - en store,  
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
 5 Je - sus calls us: by your mer - cies, Sav - iour, may we hear your call,  
 day by day his clear voice sound - ing, say - ing, "Christ - ian, fol - low me."  
 turned from home and toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 ♦ from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Christ - ian, love me more."  
 still he calls, in cares and plea - sures, "Christ - ian, love me more than these."  
 give our hearts to your o - be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 4:00 7:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person &amp; Live Stream)</b> Church School Pre-K-Grade 7 (In-Person) OASIS & TIDEPOOL In-Person – Art Night SGC BOOK CLUB (Zoom)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/21</b>		<b>OFFICE CLOSED – PRESIDENT’S DAY</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2/22</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (CH)</b> BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2/23</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:30 p.m. 5:15 5:30	<b>WINDOW MAILING</b> Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Library) PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2/24</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2/25</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00	<b>Music Together (CH)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2/26</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30	<b>Music Together (CH)</b> Music Together (CH)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/27</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person &amp; Live Stream)</b> Church School Pre-K-Grade 7 (In-Person)

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**

## Church Office Staff:

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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.

## **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

Diapers size newborn and up

Onesies size newborn-12 months

Sleepers size newborn-12 months

Socks

Hats

Baby shampoo

Baby lotion

Diaper rash ointment

Baby wipes

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

Women’s Fellowship thanks you for your support!