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North Haven, Connecticut  
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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, February 27, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**Transfiguration  
Last Sunday after Epiphany**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Meditation*

L. Jacob

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The glory of God transfigures the everyday!

**PEOPLE: The light of God transfigures familiar faces!**

Leader: At the heights of our worship, may God's presence shine through the commonplace.

**PEOPLE: At the depths of our pain and struggle, may God's presence give us courage and peace.**

**ALL: May God's light, shining in the face of Christ, illumine all our days!  
Amen.\*\***

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

Great God, who has told us "Vengeance is mine," save us from ourselves,  
save us from the vengeance in our hearts and the acid in our souls.

Give us the strength it takes to listen rather than to judge, to trust rather than to fear,  
to try again and again to make peace even when peace eludes us.

We ask, O God, for the grace to be our best selves.

We ask for the humility as a people to understand the fears and hopes of other peoples.

Give us the depth of soul, O God, to constrain our might, to resist the temptations of  
power, to refuse to attack the attackable,

to understand that vengeance begets violence,  
and to bring peace--not war--wherever we go.

For You, O God, have been merciful to us.

For You, O God, have been patient with us.

For You, O God, have been gracious to us.

And so may we be merciful, and patient, and gracious  
and trusting with these others whom you also love.

This we ask through Jesus, the one without vengeance in his heart.

This we ask forever and ever. <sup>##</sup> Amen.

Sister Joan Chittister - Benedictine Sisters of Erie

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

Mighty God, stay with us always, not only in our worship, but as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage. Your glory shines in the face of Christ; shine in our hearts and lives, May your name be praised, glorious God!\*\* 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:** Exodus 34:29-35

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Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)

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Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

While everyone was amazed at all that he was doing, he said to his disciples,  
**HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

Text: Latin 15th cent.

Trans. John Mason Neale

Tune: Deo Gracias/The Agincourt Song

Sung by Jeff Hutchins

1 O wondrous sight, O vision fair  
of glory that the church shall share,  
which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
where brighter than the sun he glows!

2 From age to age the tale declare,  
how with the three disciples there,  
where Moses and Elijah meet,  
the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

3 The law and prophets there have place,  
two chosen witnesses of a grace;  
the Father's voice from out the cloud  
proclaims his only Son aloud.

4 With shining face and bright array  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
what glory shall be theirs above  
who joy in God with perfect love.

5 And faithful hearts are raised on high  
by this great vision's mystery,  
for which in joyful strains we raise  
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

**SERMON:** "Transforming Glory"

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: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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\*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Festal Postlude*

Stephan Otis

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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## **WORLD PRAYERS** –[www.worldprayers.org](http://www.worldprayers.org) - retrieved 6/12/15

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<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)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/28</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3/1</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 6:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (CH)</b> BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3/2</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:30 p.m. 5:30 7:00	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Library) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH) ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (In-Person & Live Stream)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b> 6:30 7:00	<b>Girl Scout (CH)</b> Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR (In-Person)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 6:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (CH)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Girl Scout (CH)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3/5</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30	<b>MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH)</b> Music Together (CH) Music Together (CH)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/6</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person &amp; Live Stream)</b> Church School Pre-K-Grade 7 (In-Person) OASIS (Spring Glen Church)

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**

Descant

4 Be this while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ening cries:  
 2 To God, the Word on high, the hosts of an - gels cry:

1 Quand le so - leil se lè - ve et quand le jour s'a - chè - ve:  
 2 Au Cré - a - teur l'ou - vra - ge de ses mains rend hom - ma - ge:

may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let mor - tals, too, up - raise

bé - ni soit Jé - sus Christ! Pour dire son al - lé - gres - se  
 bé - ni soit Jé - sus Christ! L'É - glise en sa pré - sen - ce

through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 their voice in hymns of praise: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

mon coeur à Dieu s'a - dres - se: bé - ni soit Jé - sus Christ!  
 chan - te l'a - mour im - men - se: bé - ni soit Jé - sus Christ!

3 Let all of humankind  
 in this their concord find:  
 may Jesus Christ be praised!  
 Let all the earth around  
 ring joyous with the sound:  
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

3 C'est le chœur de louanges  
 qu'entonnent tous les anges:  
 béni soit Jésus Christ!  
 Et que la terre entière  
 répète la prière:  
 béni soit Jésus Christ!

4 Be this, while life is mine,  
 my canticle divine:  
 may Jesus Christ be praised!  
 Be this th' eternal song,  
 through all the ages long:  
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Qu'en joie comme en détresse  
 nos chants disent sans cesse:  
 béni soit Jésus Christ!  
 Que dans tous les langages  
 ce soit le chant des âges:  
 béni soit Jésus Christ!



F (Fdim F) C Dm Gm C

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ev - er near;  
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you,

F G7 C (F C) G7 C

re - main for ev - er near me, my Sav - iour and my friend:  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear;  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

C7 F (D7) Gm (D7 Gm)

I shall not fear the jour - ney if you are by my side,  
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to hast - en or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end,

Unison Bb C Harmony F Bb F C7 F

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Sav - iour and my friend.

## 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.

**The Flowers** are given by Carla Hill, in memory of her brother, Brian James. Happy 59th Birthday to you.

**Greeters** today are Doris Ferner and Sue Compton. **Deacon** is Nancy Mahoney. **At-Home Deacon** is 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:** Doris Vigliotto 02/27, Mark Butterworth 02/28, Julie Schweickert 03/02, Stephen Baraquin 03/03, Aaron Baraquin 03/03, Sophia Keeler, 03/03, Amelia Murphy 03/05, Jaclyn Murphy 03/05, Francis Dutko 03/06, Cheryl Dutko 03/06.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Fran & Cheryl Dutko 3/3.