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

Sunday, March 6, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**First Sunday in Lent
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude on *Jesu Kreuz, Leiden und Pein*

J. G. Walther

***OPENING HYMN:** "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

V114

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Friends in Christ, Lent is a time to prepare and to renew our life. We mark this season

PEOPLE: by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel.

Leader: We are invited, in the name of Christ, to observe a holy Lent

ALL: by self-examination and penitence,
by prayer and fasting,
by works of love,
and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.**

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

During this time of Lent, O God
You call us to loose the bonds of injustice
To let the oppressed go free, to break every yoke.
Lead us in this work of Peace,
For the time is now...
And we are here, O God!### Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

Merciful God, what a gentle and healing balm it is to come to you with our secret thoughts, our sad discouragements, and our noblest dreams, and find you here to listen, to forgive, and to renew us! We confess our reluctance to understand your will and our hesitancy to act upon it. We are quick to blame others and slow to accept responsibility for ourselves. We wish for signs of your power even while we take for granted the beauty and love with which you have surrounded us. We desire some guarantee of your favor and, at the same time, shudder to think about the suffering of the cross and what it portends for us and for our world. Submerge us in your Spirit and grant us faith to perceive good arising from evil and to sense your immediate presence within the solitude of endless space.*** Amen. ~ silence ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***HYMN:** “On Eagle’s Wings” (Ps 91)

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MEDITATION: “All Are Welcome”

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

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

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

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***THE BENEDICTION**~unison

POSTLUDE: Fugetta in G Minor

Gustav Merkel

*Those who are able, please stand.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	3/6	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream) Church School Pre-K-Grade 7 (In-Person) OASIS (Spring Glen Church)
Monday	3/7		
Tuesday	3/8	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00	Music Together (CH) BUILDING & GROUNDS (Library) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	3/9	9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:30 p.m. 5:30 7:00	Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH) MLB (CH)
Thursday	3/10	7:00 p.m. 7:00	Garden Club (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR (In-Person)
Friday	3/11	9:30 a.m. 10:00	Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	3/12	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (CH) Music Together (CH)
Sunday	3/13	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream) Church School Pre-K-Grade 7 (In-Person) OASIS (Spring Glen Church)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

*OPENING HYMN: "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

V114

Dm A7 Dm Gm A Dm Am Dm6 E A

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights you were fast - ing in the wild,
 2 Sun - beams scorch - ing all the day, chil - ly dew - drops night - ly shed,
 ♦ 3 Shall not we your tri - al share, and from earth - ly joys ab - stain,
 4 If temp - ta - tions, vex - ing sore, flesh or spir - it should as - sail,
 5 Keep, oh keep us, Sav - iour dear, ev - er con - stant by your side;

D Gm C F C Dm Am A Dm

for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 prowling beasts a - bout your way; stones your pil - low, earth your bed.
 ♦ fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with you to suf - fer pain?
 you their van - quish - er be - fore, grant we may not faint nor fail.
 that with you we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Solo or choir G D7/F# G

1 You who dwell in the shel- ter of our God, who a- bid in this shad- ow for

D7/F# F Dm Bb Gm Asus4

life, say to the Lord: "My ref- uge, my Rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain % A7 D Em A7

All "And I will raise you up on ea- gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

D D7 G A7 Bm F#m Em A7 D

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

after last refrain (Solo or choir)

A7 Bm F#m Em A7 D

And hold you, hold you in the palm of my hand.

G D7/F#

[2] The snare of the fowl- er will nev- er cap- ture you, and

G D7/F# F 3

fam- ine will bring you no fear: un- der God's wings your

Dm F Gm Asus4 D.S.

ref- uge, God's faith- ful- ness your shield.

D G 3 D7/F#

[3] You need not fear the ter- ror of the night, nor the

G D7/F# F

ar- row that flies by day; though thou- sands fall a -

Dm F Gm Asus4 D.S.

bout you, near you it shall not come.

4 For to God's an-gels is giv-en a com-mand to
guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-gainst a stone.

***CLOSING HYMN: "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"**

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1 Sing praise to God, who reigns a-bove, the God of all cre-
2 What God's al-might-y power hath made, God's gra-cious mer-cy
3 Our God is nev-er far a-way, but through all grief dis-
4 Thus all my glad-some way a-long, I sing a-loud thy
a-tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of
keep-eth: by morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch-ful
tress-ing, an ev-er-pres-ent help and stay, our peace, and
prais-es that all may hear the grate-ful song my voice un-
our sal-va-tion; with heal-ing balm my soul is filled, and
eye ne'er sleep-eth; with-in the shel-ter of God's might, lo!
joy, and bless-ing; as with a moth-er's ten-der hand, God
wea-ried rais-es. Be joy-ful in your God, my heart! Both
ev-ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:
all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo-ry!
gent-ly leads the cho-sen band:
soul and bod-y take your part:

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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 and Jim & Joan Bennett.

Carla's flowers are in memory of her mother, Cynthia James. We know you are watching over us each day. We think of you, miss you each day. We know you are with our Lord as well as Dad and Brian.

Jim & Joan's flowers are given to celebrate the birthdays of Fran and Cheryl Dutko on March 6th and their 4th anniversary on March 3rd.

Greeter today is Carol Amico. **Deacon** is Jim Bennett. **At-Home Deacon** is Cathy Welch.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Francis Dutko 03/06, Cheryl Dutko 03/06, Amy Mears 03/12, Ryan Weiss 03/12, Patricia Jennings 03/13.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Kerry & Eben Stewart 03/08.