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

Sunday, March 13, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude on "Erbarm' dich mein"

Johann Ludwig Krebs

***OPENING HYMN:** "All Praise to Thee"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We gather this day to worship our God, whose words and ways challenge us.

PEOPLE: God invites us to lose our selfishness to find ourselves.

Leader: God calls us to be fools in the world to show forth the wisdom of Christ.

PEOPLE: God urges us to empty ourselves to discover life's fullness.

Leader: God bids us to be obedient to a divine will so we might know true freedom.

PEOPLE: We come to worship our Creator, seeking to have our faith challenged into growth.

ALL: We root our faith in worship, seeking to find nourishment for our spirits in this growing season of Lent.**

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

Come...God of wisdom and grace;

Fill our hearts with Your peace, open our eyes that we may see the wonders of Your loving presence all around us- and deep within us.

May we be dazzled and drenched by Your loving compassion and reflect this radiant peace to the world.### Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

O God, we confess that we often come to you reluctantly, afraid of what we might have to give up or change when we enter your presence. In our reluctance, we often miss opportunities for your grace to touch us, and through us to touch others. Touch us that we might be healed; forgive us that we might be born again. Amen.*** ~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.” But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates...”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON: "Start Your Future Now"

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 Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Prelude on "Erbarm' dich mein"

Johann Nicolaus Hanff

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The Flowers are given by Carol Castro, celebrating Herb and Ann Schneider's birthdays in March. Herb 90 and Ann 87.

Greeters today are Doris Ferner and Lori Murphy. **Deacon** is Tim Peiffer. **At-Home Deacon** is Sue Compton.

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: Patricia Jennings 03/13, Kristen Mazziotti 03/17, Joseph Mulvey 03/17, Jeffrey Jennings 03/18, Catherine Dubail 03/19, Rich Mayhew 03/19, Hunter Coughlin 03/20.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

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) Service Project!
Monday	3/14	6:45 p.m.	GFWC (K)
Tuesday	3/15	9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00	Music Together (CH) PLP (Library) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	3/16	9:30 a.m. 10:00 5:30 p.m.	Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH)
Thursday	3/17	5:00 p.m. 7:00	Girl Scouts (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR (In-Person)
Friday	3/18	9:30 a.m. 10:00 6:00 p.m.	Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Girl Scouts (CH)
Saturday	3/19	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (Hook & Ladder, BW) Music Together (CH) Music Together (CH)
Sunday	3/20	9:30 a.m. 11:15 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream) Church School Pre-K-Grade 7 (In-Person) Food Delivery OASIS (Spring Glen Church)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

Unison

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
 ♦ 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought,
 ♦ who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord,

that in our trou - bled hearts thy grace might shine:
 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought:
 ♦ — hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry:
 and given the name to which all knees shall bow:
 and God e - ter - nal be by all a - dored:

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah

*CLOSING HYMN: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

D G D Em E A A Bm7 A7

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move with some clear,
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee, in clos - er,
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

D Bm7 E7 A A7 Em A7 D

paths of ser - vice free; teach me thy se - cret,
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

G D A D A7 Bm A7 D Em A D

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sure and strong, in trust that tri - umphs ov - er wrong,
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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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.