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

Sunday, March 20, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Prelude on "Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten"

Max Reger

***OPENING HYMN:** "O God beyond All Praising"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: Everyone who thirsts:

All: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

One: All who are hungry for righteousness:

All: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.

One: All who need the help of God:

All: Come to the waters, seek the Lord, repent and return so that you may live.**

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

Holy and Gracious God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine. And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son. Lord have mercy.## Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you. You set before us a feast of blessing, but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy. You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world, but we indulge our own desires. We mistake our own desires for your ways, and our own thoughts for your will. We pray for your forgiveness for the times we have fallen short of your claim upon our lives. Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life. Be patient and offer us your guidance as we try to amend who we are, in the hope of becoming who you intend us to be. ** Trusting in your mercy, we come to you now in silent prayer.** 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

***HYMN: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"**

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THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-8

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Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 13:6-9

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Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *O God, you are my God alone*

(Psalm 63)

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Tune: Resignation, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835.

SERMON

Peggy Allen

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: "God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Fugue on the Kyrie

Francois Couperin

*Those who are able, please stand.

** *Feasting on the Word: Liturgies for Year C*, Volume 1

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The flowers are given by Sandy Carter, In Loving Memory of her Grandson Jack Viele on his 33rd birthday. Love, Grandma Sandy

Greeter today is Sue Compton. **Deacon** is Tim Peiffer. **At-Home Deacon** is Joan Bennett.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Hunter Coughlin 03/20, Ann Schneider 03/21, Lynn Lafleur 03/23, Elaine Burr 03/25, Herbert Schneider 03/25, Amanda Linsky 03/26, Sheree Alexander 03/27.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Peter & Cheryl Hall 3/27.

A Memorial Service for Eleanor Norback will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, April 1 at 11 a.m. The congregation is encouraged to attend. A reception will follow in Carroll Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

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)
Monday	3/21	6:00 p.m.	CT Record Club (CH)
Tuesday	3/22	9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00	Music Together (CH) PLP (Library) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	3/23	9:30 a.m. 10:00 5:30 p.m.	WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH)
Thursday	3/24	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR (In-Person)
Friday	3/25	9:30 a.m. 10:00	Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	3/26	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (CH) Music Together (CH)
Sunday	3/27	9:30 a.m. 10:30 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream) Church School Pre-K-Grade 7 (In-Person) FAITH FORMATION MT (Library) OASIS Bowling (TBD)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

***OPENING HYMN: "O God beyond All Praising"**

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Unison

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
 2 The flower of earth-ly splen-dour in time must sure-ly die,
 3 Then, hear O gra-cious Sav-iour, this song of praise we sing.

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you our God most high;
 May we, who know your fa-vour, our hum-ble ser-vice bring;

for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift you send,
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown,
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless-ings with-out num-ber and merc-ies with-out end:
 though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
 we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - our and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

*HYMN: "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

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D A D G D A7 D

1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
 2 Here I pause in my so-journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
 3 O, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I am drawn a-new!

D A D G D A7 D

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing call for songs of end-less praise.
 come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.

D G D G D G D G D F#m G A7 D

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove.
 Je-sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
 Prone to wan-der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:

D A D G D A7 D


Praise the mount, I'm fixed up-on it, mount of God's un-fail-ing love.
 came to res-cue me from dan-ger, pre-cious pres-ence, pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it, seal it for your ver-y own.



1. O God, you are my God a - lone, Whom
 2. Your faith - ful love sur - pass - es life, E -
 3. Through - out the night I lie in bed And




ea - ger - ly I seek, Though long - ing
 vok - ing all my praise. Through ev - 'ry
 call you, Lord, to mind; In dark - est



fills my soul with thirst And leaves my bod - y
 day, to bless your name, My hands in joy I'll
 hours I med - i - tate How God, my strength, is



weak. Just like a dry and bar - ren land A -
 raise. My deep - est needs you sat - is - fy As
 kind. Be - neath the shad - ow of your wing, I



waits a fresh - 'ning show'r, I long with - in your
 with a sump - tuous feast. So, on my lips and
 live and feel se - cure; And dai - ly as I



house to see Your glo - ry and your pow'r.
 in my heart, Your praise has nev - er ceased.
 fol - low close, Your right hand keeps me sure.

***CLOSING HYMN: "God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" V425**

1 God, dis-miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and a-do-ra-tion for your gos-pel's joy-ful sound;

let us each, your love pos-sess-ing, tri-umph in re-deem-ing grace;
may the fruits of your sal-va-tion in our hearts and lives a-bound;

O re-fresh us, O re-fresh us, trav-elling through the wil-der-ness.
may your pres-ence, may your pres-ence, with us ev-er-more be found.

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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.