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

Sunday, December 11, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen*

Johannes Brahms

CHORAL INTROIT: *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

Sung by Chancel Choir Words and Music by Bob McGee

“... God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.”

***OPENING HYMN:** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” V326

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God has shown love among us by coming into the world in
Christ,

PEOPLE: that all people might live.

Leader: My friends, if God has so loved us,

PEOPLE: we also ought to love one another,

Leader: for if we love one another,

PEOPLE: God dwells in us.

**ALL: Let us worship the Holy One and seek to love as we have
been loved.****

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

Compass my soul, O God, Center of the Universe.

Awake my senses to your gravitational pull.

Open me to the preciousness of each moment
as it enfolds.....in peace.

Yes, compass my soul home.## Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

O Holy God, our Advent waiting is a confession. We wait for a
Messiah because the proud are still powerful, the mighty are still
exalted, and hungry people stand unheard at the door. We wait for
your incarnation in human form because we have not recognized you
in our sister, we have not loved you in our brother, we have not
served you in our neighbor. In the stillness of the Advent love and
light, heal us and make us new through the good tidings of your
presence in our lives. Amen. *** ~ silence ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

Choral 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 LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Victor Maldonado, Priscilla Noriega, Bella, Hunter, Liam & Lucas

Scripture: Luke 2:7-15

⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

Lighting the Candle of **Joy**

Prayer-*unison*

O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. You, O God, will live and reign forever. Amen.

Sung Response: "A Candle is Burning" v. 3

V6

A candle is burning, a candle of joy,

A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.

Our hearts fill with wonder, and eyes light and glow

As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp; the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God’s people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***HYMN:** “To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary”

V14

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 1:46b-55

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And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: Song of Mary
to the hymn tune, New Britain ("Amazing Grace")
Text by Miriam Therese Winter 1978,1987
Harmonization by Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919)
Sung by Chancel Choir arr. Gail E. DeBoer 2001

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| My soul gives glory to my God, My heart pours out its praise. God lifted up my lowliness In many marvelous ways. | Love casts the mighty from their thrones, Promotes the insecure, Leaves hungry spirits satisfied; The rich seem suddenly poor. |
| My God has done great things for me: Yes, holy is God's Name. All people will declare me blessed, And blessings they shall claim. | Praise God, whose loving covenant Supports those in distress, Remembering past promises With present faithfulness. |
| From age to age to all who fear, Such mercy love imparts, Dispensing justice far and near, Dismissing selfish hearts. | |

SERMON: "Is Our God Too Small?" Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS
PASTORAL PRAYER Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY: *The Journey to Bethlehem* Cesar Franck
*Doxology Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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 Christ is Waiting" V117

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Magmofocat* Jean Francois D'Andrieu

*Those who are able, please stand.
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Deacon is Jim Bennett. **Greeter** is Lori Murphy. **Guest Organist** is Gail DeBoer. **Fellowship Hour** will be available after service hosted by John and Sue Tibor, please come enjoy.

The flowers today are given by Tom and Wendy Glynn in loving memory of Wendy's Dad, Richard Jahoda, who found his peace (and quiet) in the arms of our Lord 23 years ago. He left us all his love of life and wonderful sense of humor. We miss him more and more everyday!

In Our Prayers This Week are: Ed Collett, Mabel Peterson, Stephen Simonson, Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, and Ellen Robert.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Merrilee Gladkosky 12/11, Linda Silk 12/14, Carol Mitchell 12/15, Cynthia Boerma Campos 12/18.

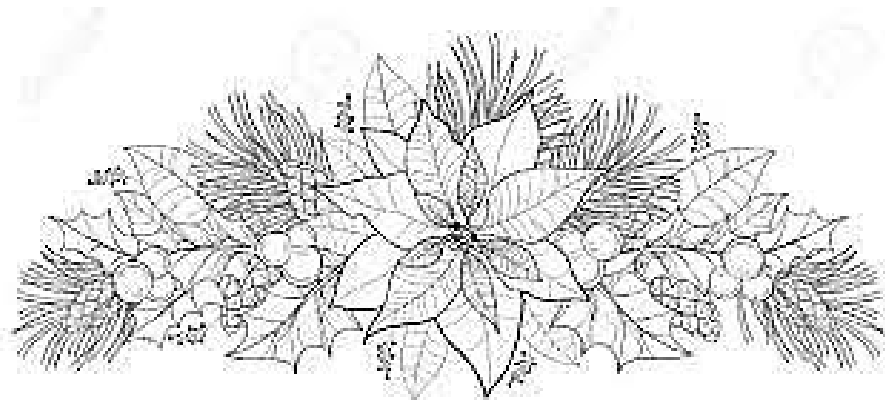
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Sally & Anthony Pallatto 12/14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Angel Tree: All gifts will need to be in the church office by December 15th. Thank you for your generosity.

Poinsettias Fund

We will be purchasing poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary during the Advent season. Contributions may be put into the poinsettias envelopes found in the pews and placed in the offering plates or left in the church office. The contributions that exceed the cost of the poinsettias will be donated to Outreach for urgent community needs. Please make a note if the donation is made in memory of a loved one.



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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

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| Sunday | 12/11 | 9:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m. | WORSHIP– (In-Person & Live Stream) Music Together – Jingle Jam Holiday Concert (DBL) |
| Monday | 12/12 | 4:30 p.m. 6:30 | Girl Scout Troop 60151 –boxes (RR) New Haven Camera Club (CH) |
| Tuesday | 12/13 | 9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:30 3:30 6:00 7:15 7:30 | Al-Anon (K) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) PLP (Library) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) DEACONS (Zoom) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH) |
| Wednesday | 12/14 | 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. | CLEANING (Sang) MLB (L) |
| Thursday | 12/15 | 2:00 p.m. 5:15 7:00 | PACKING FOOD BOXES (CH) Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR |
| Friday | 12/16 | 12:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. | SORTING/PACKING PRODUCE (CH) PACKING FOOD BOXES (CH) |
| Saturday | 12/17 | 8:00a.m. 9:00 | PACKING DAIRY (CH) CHRISTMAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION |
| Sunday | 12/18 | 9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m. | WORSHIP– (In-Person & Live Stream) OASIS CHRISTMAS PARTY (CH) |

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

G D G Em D

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
 ♦ 3 He speaks, and lis - tening to his voice, new
 4 Hear him, you deaf; you voice - less ones, your
 5 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -

G D7 G D G

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
 ♦ life the dead re - ceive, the mourn - ful bro - ken
 tongues a - gain em - ploy; you blind, be - hold your
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the

C G D7 G

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 ♦ hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 Sav - iour comes, and leap, you lame, for joy!
 earth a - broad the hon - ours of your name.



1 To a maid whose name was Ma - ry, the
 2 "For you are high - ly fa - voured by
 3 But Mar - y was most trou - bled to
 4 "Fear not, for God is with you, and

an - gel Gab - riel came. "Fear not," the an - gel
 God the Lord of all, who ev - en now is
 hear the an - gel's word. What was the an - gel
 you shall bear a child. His name shall be called

told her, "I come to bring good news, good
 with you. You are on earth most blest, you
 say - ing? It trou - bled her to hear, to
 Je - sus, God's off - spring from on high. And

news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news.
 are most blest, most bless - ed, God chose you, you are blest!"
 hear the an - gel's mes - sage, it trou - bled her to hear.
 he shall reign for - ev - er, for - ev - er reign on high."

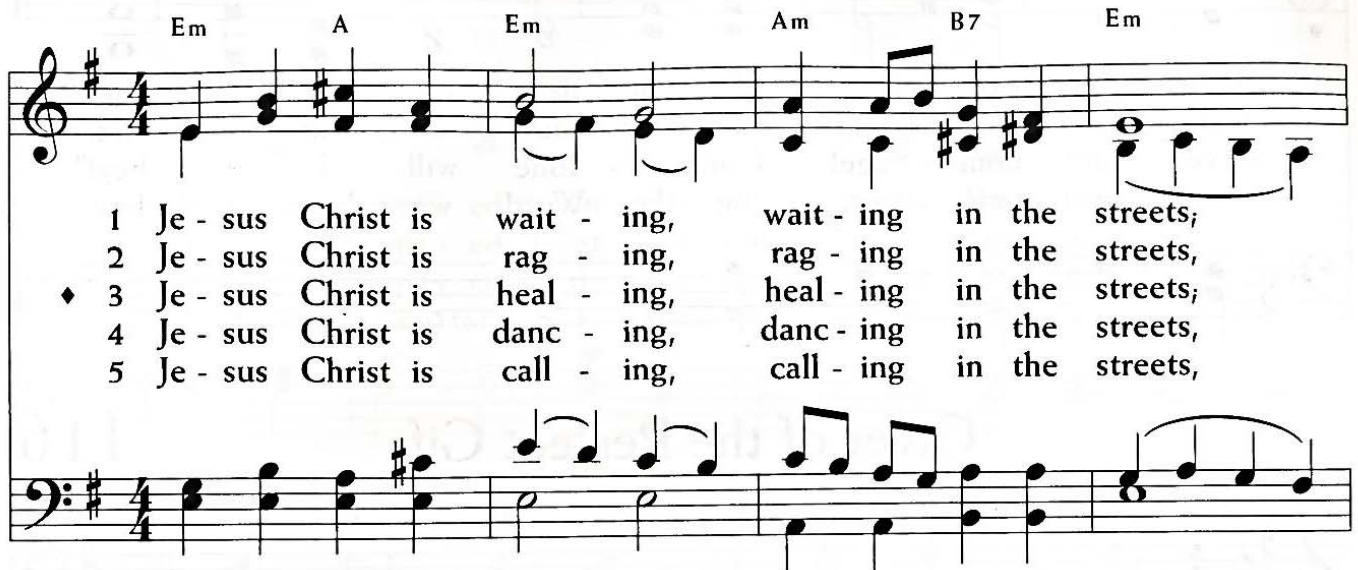
5 "How shall this be" said Mary,
 "that I should be with child?"
 The angel answered quickly,
 "The power of the Most High
 will come upon you shortly,
 your child shall be God's child."

6 As Mary heard the angel,
 she wondered at his words.
 "Behold, I am your handmaid,"
 she said unto her God.
 "So be it; I am ready
 according to your word."

*CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus Christ is Waiting"

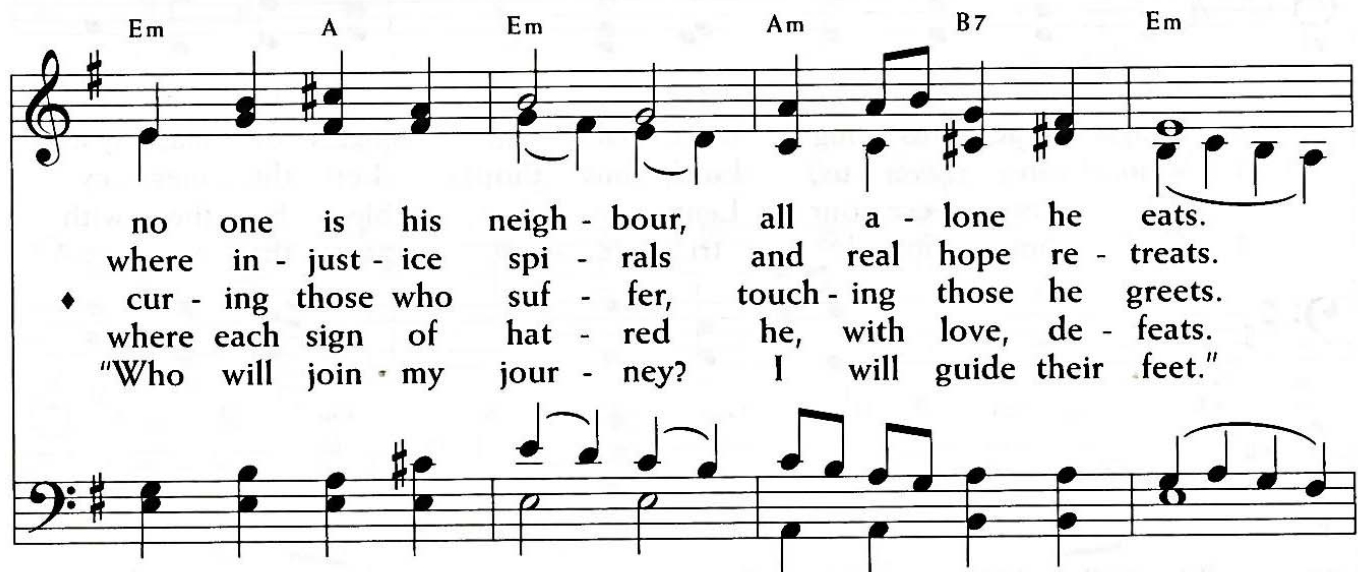
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Em A Em Am B7 Em



1 Je - sus Christ is wait - ing, wait - ing in the streets;
 2 Je - sus Christ is rag - ing, rag - ing in the streets,
 ♦ 3 Je - sus Christ is heal - ing, heal - ing in the streets;
 4 Je - sus Christ is danc - ing, danc - ing in the streets,
 5 Je - sus Christ is call - ing, call - ing in the streets,

Em A Em Am B7 Em



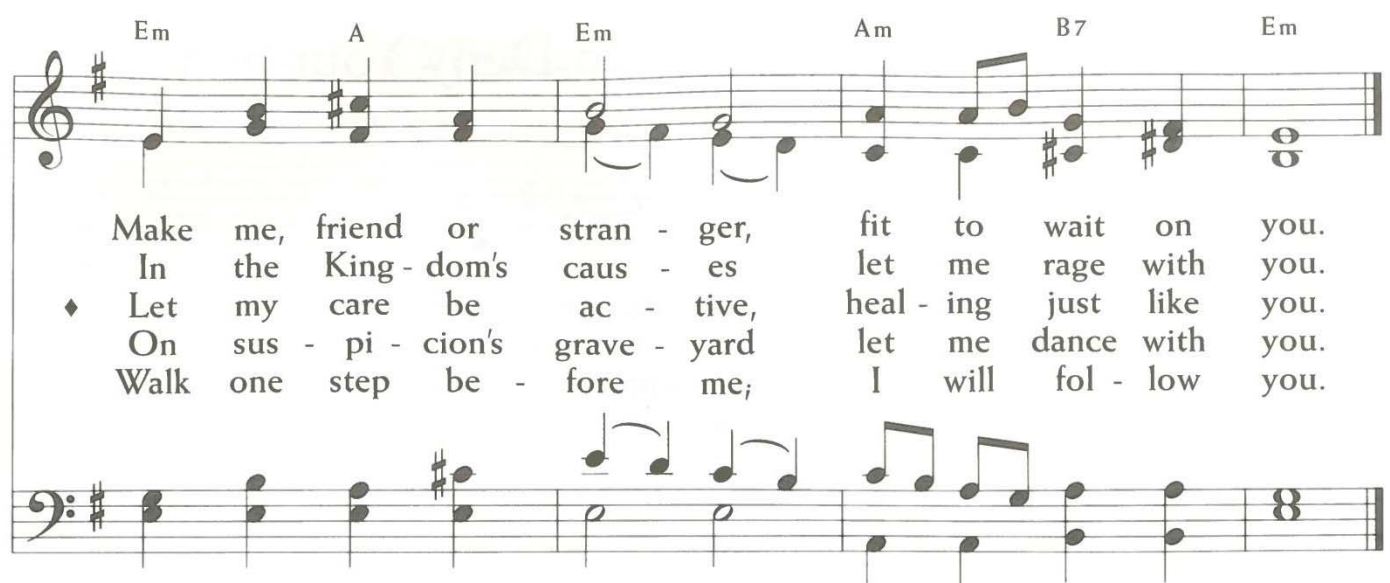
no one is his neigh - bour, all a - lone he eats.
 where in - just - ice spi - rals and real hope re - treats.
 ♦ cur - ing those who suf - fer, touch - ing those he greets.
 where each sign of hat - red he, with love, de - feats.
 "Who will join - my jour - ney? I will guide their feet."

Em A D B Em A D B7



*Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I am lone - ly too.
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I am an - gry too.
 ♦ Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I have pit - y too.
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I should tri - umph too.
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, let my fears be few.

Em A Em Am B7 Em



Make me, friend or stran - ger, fit to wait on you.
 In the King - dom's caus - es let me rage with you.
 ♦ Let my care be ac - tive, heal - ing just like you.
 On sus - pi - cion's grave - yard let me dance with you.
 Walk one step be - fore me; I will fol - low you.



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