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

Sunday, December 25, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Christmas Day

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Angels We Have Heard on Silent Night* John R. Cowell

***OPENING HYMN:** “Angels, From the Realms of Glory” V36

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill toward all.

PEOPLE: **For out of God’s own being, Jesus has come to bring light and love to all people.**

Leader: Jesus is Emmanuel, God-with-us, come to gather our tears and laughter, our work and our play, into God’s loving embrace.

ALL: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill to all.****

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

O Everlasting God, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace,
You are the Joy of Christmas. Let us bring Joy to the world!
You are the Good News. Let us speak good news to the world
You are the promise of peace. Let us work for peace in the world.##
Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

O Jesus, Christ and Redeemer, we greet your morning with joy. We lift our spirits with thanksgiving for all your mercies to us that your sharing of our human situation brings. We thank you for Christmas joy – for toys and for friendship renewed and for hearts warmed by the love of dear ones and the greeting of strangers. We thank you for this Christian community that has become Bethlehem for us this morning. Even as we greet this morning with joy, we ask you to transform our joy into new lives as we find ourselves and each other in the new life of Christ Jesus.*** Amen.

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.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns.” Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices; together they shout for joy, for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth; shout together for joy, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***HYMN:** “Still, Still, Still”

V47

THE CHRISTMAS STORY: Luke 2:1-20

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In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 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.

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

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.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the

shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Titus 3:4-7 Page 1357

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

CHRISTMAS CAROLS *Congregation's Choice*

A STORY FOR CHRISTMAS

Scott Morrow

CHRISTMAS CAROLS *Congregation's Choice*

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY *O Sleep, Dear Holy Baby*

Carson P. Cooman

*Doxology

Tune: O Tannenbaum

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, in every generation.
Praise God, all creatures here below, who gives to us salvation.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Let all creation praise the Lord with love and adoration.

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** "See amid the Winter's Snow"

V76

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *O Come, Let Us Adore Him*

arr. Marilyn Arison

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Jim Bennett. **Guest Organist** is Gail DeBoer.

Poinsettias decorate the sanctuary in memory of family and friends of NHCC.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Stephen Simonson 12/26, John Tibor 12/27, Raymond Geissler 12/29, Heather Tolisano 12/29 Edward Collett 12/29, Sandy Mayhew 12/29, Elfie Hummel 12/30, Tanner DiVito 12/30, Alec DiVito 12/30, Bill Rose 12/31, Evan Schweickert 01/01.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Bill & Robin Rose 12/26.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27. If you should have an urgent pastoral need, please leave a message at the church in the “Pastoral Emergency” voice-mail box which is checked regularly each day.

Family in Need after house fire – please bring donations to the church office.



Family in need of clothing:

Mom-Shirt:Large, Pants:Large, Shoes 7.5

Dad-Shirt:2XL, Pants: 38/30, Shoes 11

Two Sons:Young Adults- Shirt M/L, Pants L (32/30) Shoes 10.5-11

Daughter:18 yr old-Shirt M, Pants M, Shoes 8-8.5

Grandma:Shirt 1X, Pants 1x, Shoes 8.5 wide

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	12/25	9:30 a.m.	CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP– (In-Person & Live Stream)
Monday	12/26	9:30 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED AA (K)
Tuesday	12/27	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 3:30	OFFICE CLOSED Al-Anon (K) Danish Sisterhood (K) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, Sanct)
Wednesday	12/28	9:30 a.m.	WINDOW MAILING CLEANING (Sang)
Thursday	12/29	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	12/30		
Saturday	12/31		
Sunday	1/1	9:30 a.m.	CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP– (In-Person & Live Stream)
Monday	1/2	9:30 a.m.	OFFICE CLOSED AA (K)

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

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.

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
Todd Swarney, Sexton

Descant

4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
 all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,
 beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear, sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

in his tem - ple shall ap - pear: come and wor - ship,
 now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant Light: come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.
 come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three systems. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and a melody line with various chords indicated above the staff.

System 1:

Chords: Eb, Cm, Fm, Bb7

Lyrics:

1 Still, still, still: the night is calm and
 2 Sleep, sleep, sleep: sweet Je - sus, soft - ly
 3 Joy, joy, joy; glad tid - ings of great

System 2:

Chords: Eb, Bb, Eb

Lyrics:

still. The Christ - child in his crib lies sleep - ing,
 sleep, while Ma - ry sings and gent - ly holds you,
 joy! For through God's ho - ly in - car - na - tion

System 3:

Chords: Bb, Eb

Lyrics:

an - gels round him watch are keep - ing.
 safe - ly in her arms en - folds you.
 Christ is born for our sal - va - tion.

System 4:

Chords: Eb, Cm, Fm, Bb7, Eb

Lyrics:

Still, still, still: the night is calm and still.
 Sleep, sleep, sleep: sweet Je - sus soft - ly sleep.
 Joy, joy, joy; glad tid - ings of great joy!

The score concludes with a final chord of Eb and a double bar line.

Unison G Am7 Bm C G G C G D

1 See a - mid the win - ter's snow, born for us on earth be - low,
 2 Lo, with - in a man - ger lies God who built the star - ry skies,
 3 Say, ye ho - ly shep - herds, say what your joy - ful news to - day;

G Am7 Bm C G Em G C D G

see, the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, prom - ised from e - ter - nal years.
 who en - throned in height sub - lime sits a - mid the cher - u - bim.
 where - fore have ye left your sheep on the lone - ly moun - tain steep?

Refrain (Harmony) C G D G D G C G Am G D

Hail, thou ev - er - bless - ed morn; hail, re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn;

Em A Bm Em A D G C Am Bm D7 G

sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.

4 "As we watched at dead of night,
 lo, we saw a wondrous light;
 angels singing 'Peace on earth'
 told us of the Saviour's birth."

Refrain

5 Sacred infant, all divine,
 what a mighty love was thine,
 thus to come from highest bliss
 down to such a world as this!

Refrain



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