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

Sunday, February 12, 2023

9:30 a.m.

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
Scout Sunday**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Praeludium*

BWV 539 - J. S. Bach

***OPENING HYMN:** "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" **V559**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Let us praise God, who gives living water, through which the faithful flourish.

PEOPLE: Like trees planted by the water, God, are those who trust in you.

Leader: Like trees with deep roots are those who place their faith in you.

PEOPLE: Like green trees in winter are those who receive their life from you.

ALL: We praise you, God, for life that has no end, through Jesus our risen Christ!**

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

O God of many names, lover of all nations,
we pray for peace
in our hearts,
in our homes,
in our nations,
in our world.

For the peace you willed, we pray. ^{##} Amen.

George Appleton V693

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

P513

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

O God, it is good to be here in your presence, among your people. Make us radiant with the light of your Christ. Help us to worship with reverence and serve you with joy in the world. May our words, our songs, and our thoughts, be pleasing to you, O God, for we pray in the name of Jesus our Sovereign.** 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.

CELEBRATING SCOUTS

THE NOISY OFFERING

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 p. 185

“See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** “In Christ There Is No East or West”

V606

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 5:21-37 p. 1150

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him,

or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you: Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Christ, Be Our Light*

Words & Music by Bernadette Farrell, 1993

Sung by Chancel Choir

Tim Peiffer, guitar

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts,
shine through the darkness.*

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed.

Christ, be our light! [Refrain]

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

Christ, be our light! [Refrain]

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

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SERMON: “Reconciliation”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY: *My Savior's Love*

arr. Marilyn Arison

*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. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels” **V604**

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Postludium*

Philip G. Kreckel

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Tim Peiffer. **Scripture Readers** are Priscilla Noriega and Victor Maldonado. **Fellowship Hour** is hosted by Bernie & Elfie Hummel.

Today's flowers are given by Dot Pierce in loving memory of our son, Stephen who went home to be with the Lord 26 years ago on Feb 9th! He is missed and loved by many! Forever in our hearts!

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

In Our Prayers This Week are: In Our Prayers This Week are: Merrilee & George Gladkosky, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, & Ellen Robert.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Joshua Peiffer 02/13, Richard Gherlone 02/14, Joy Gillen 02/14, Shayna DeLuca 02/14, Jim Bennett 02/16, Aidan Nottingham 02/17, Virginia Gould 02/17, Victoria Hummel 02/19.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Linda & William Tosetti 02/14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newcomers Discussions Today

We will have a Newcomers Discussion following worship TODAY in the Church Library. This Discussion is an opportunity to meet some other members of the church and learn about how the church works and what membership means. The gatherings are hosted by the Deacons and Pastor Scott. All who are interested are welcome to attend.

St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Meal

Sponsored by: NHCC Women's and Men's Fellowship

Date: Sunday, March 12, 2023 Time: 3:00 pm

\$17.00 adult, \$7.00 children 12 and under, \$35.00 Family

Reservations and payment must be made by March 5, 2023.

Call the Church Office (203 239-5691) for details

50/50 Raffle to be held after the meal! \$5.00 per ticket

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	2/12	9:30 a.m. 11:00 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream) NEWCOMERS CLASS OASIS- Escape Room (SGC)
Monday	2/13	9:30 a.m. 10:30 5:30 p.m.	Music Together (DbI) Music Together (DbI) Country Line Dancing (CH)
Tuesday	2/14	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:30 3:30 6:00 7:30	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DbI) Music Together (DbI) B & G (H) PLP (L) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)
Wednesday	2/15	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 6:00 p.m. 7:00	WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (DbI) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DbI) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K) MLB (L)
Thursday	2/16	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	2/17	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DbI) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DbI)
Saturday	2/18	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DbI) Music Together (DbI)
Sunday	2/19	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream) OASIS- Lent Kick-off Party (SGC)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

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

V559

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.

C G C F7 Bb F

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
 2 In him shall true hearts ev - ery - where
 3 Join hands, then, peo - ple of the faith,
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,

C F Am Dm7 G7 C F C

in him no south or north,
 their high com - mun - ion find;
 what - e'er your race may be;
 in him meet south and north;

C Am C Bdim Em7 G7 C

but one great fam - i - ly of love
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord
 all child - ren of the liv - ing God
 all Christ - like souls are one in him

F C C G7 C

through - out the whole wide earth.
 close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 are sure - ly kin to me.
 through - out the whole wide earth.

***CLOSING HYMN: "Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels" V604**

Unison



1 Not for tongues of heav-en's an - gels, not for wis-dom to dis -
2 Love is hum - ble, love is gen - tle, love is ten - der, true, and
3 Nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er self - ish, love will not re - joice in
4 In the day this world is fad - ing faith and hope will play their



cern, not for faith that con - quers moun - tains; for this
kind; love is gra - cious, ev - er pa - tient, gen - er -
wrong; nev - er boast - ful nor re - sent - ful, love be -
part; but when Christ is seen in glo - ry love shall



bet - ter gift we yearn:
ous of heart and mind: may love be ours, O Lord.
lieves and suf - fers long:
reign in ev - ery heart:

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.