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

Sunday, January 15, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Anna Laura Page

***OPENING HYMN:** “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Your love, O God, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

PEOPLE: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice is like the great deep.

Leader: Earth’s children, high and low, take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

PEOPLE: We feast on the abundance of your house; you give us drink from your river of delights.

ALL: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Glory be to you, O God, our life and our light!**

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

Oh God, maker of all things new, You call us. Your servants..., to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untraveled, through perils and joys still unknown.

Give us faith, oh God, to do all we are called to with courage, with hearts full of hope, with You, bearing your peace, even though we do not know where we will land.

Still, this is our assurance...that Your love holds us and Your hand leads us...always! Through Jesus Christ.## Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

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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

God, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus.

Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and love our neighbors as we love ourselves, even our enemy neighbors.

And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension, when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail, to be with us in our going out and our coming in, in our rising up and in our lying down,

in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow,
until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn. Amen.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Amos 5:21-24

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I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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

***HYMN:** "For the Healing of the Nations"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 18:9-14

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He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other, for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

Words and Music by John Ylvisaker (1985)

Sung by The Chancel Choir

*"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold."*

SERMON: “Just Worship, or JUST Worship?”

Rev. Marilyn Baugh Kendrix

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY *There Is A Redeemer*

arr. Tim Doran

*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 of Freedom, God of Justice”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Faith of Our Fathers*

David H. Hegarty

*Those who are able, please stand.

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We welcome the Reverend Marilyn Baugh Kendrix as our guest preacher today.

Deacon is Tim Peiffer.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Suzanne & Nigel Light 01/18.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Diane Lacobelli 01/15, Joanne Nottingham 01/15, Kayla Leyerzapf 01/17, Michael Masnato 01/18, James Dockendorff 01/22.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for Sunday, January 29, and the Annual Report will be available on Sunday, January 22.

38th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration on Jan.16

The Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration sponsored by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Heritage Foundation of Branford, will be held on Monday, January 16, at 8:30am. This will be a virtual event. The keynote speaker will be newly appointed U.S. Attorney for the State of CT Vanessa Roberts Avery. She will discuss “Learning to Live Together ” with Keith Kountz, News Channel 8. Atty. Avery, a New Haven native, is the first African American woman to hold this position. For tickets go to: [Facebook.com/MLKBreakfastCommittee](https://www.facebook.com/MLKBreakfastCommittee), or email MLKHeritageFoundation@gmail.com.

On-line Link: [MLK Day - Buy Tickets Now](#)

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*

Sunday	1/15	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP– (In-Person & Live Stream) Guest Preacher: Reverend Marilyn Baugh Kendrix OASIS Justice Night (Rivival Church)
Monday	1/16	9:30 a.m. 10:30 6:00 p.m.	OFFICE CLOSED (MLK DAY) Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) CT Record Club (CH)
Tuesday	1/17	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:30 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) PLP (L) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	1/18	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 6:00 p.m. 7:00	WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (Dbl) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K) MLB (L)
Thursday	1/19	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	ENDOWMENT MEETING (H) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	1/20	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (Dbl) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl)
Saturday	1/21	7:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30	MENS FELLOWSHIP Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl)
Sunday	1/22	9:30 a.m. 10:45 2:00 p.m.	WORSHIP– (In-Person & Live Stream) CONFIRMATION ICE SKATING (Ralph Walker Rink)

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

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

1 The church of Christ in every age, be -
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street the
♦ 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a
4 For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in

set by change but Spi - rit led, must claim and test its
vic - tims of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
♦ car - ing church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
cure the fev - er in our blood, and teach us how to
full o - bed - ience to our Lord: to care for all with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live un - til they die.
♦ sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve and spread Christ's lib - er - at - ing word.

Descant

4 You, Cre - a - tor - God, have writ - ten your great name on

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom, from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor - God, have writ - ten your great name on

hu - man - kind, for our grow - ing in your like - ness

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease; that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind, for our grow - ing in your like - ness

bring the life of Christ to mind, that, by our re -

of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that, by our re -

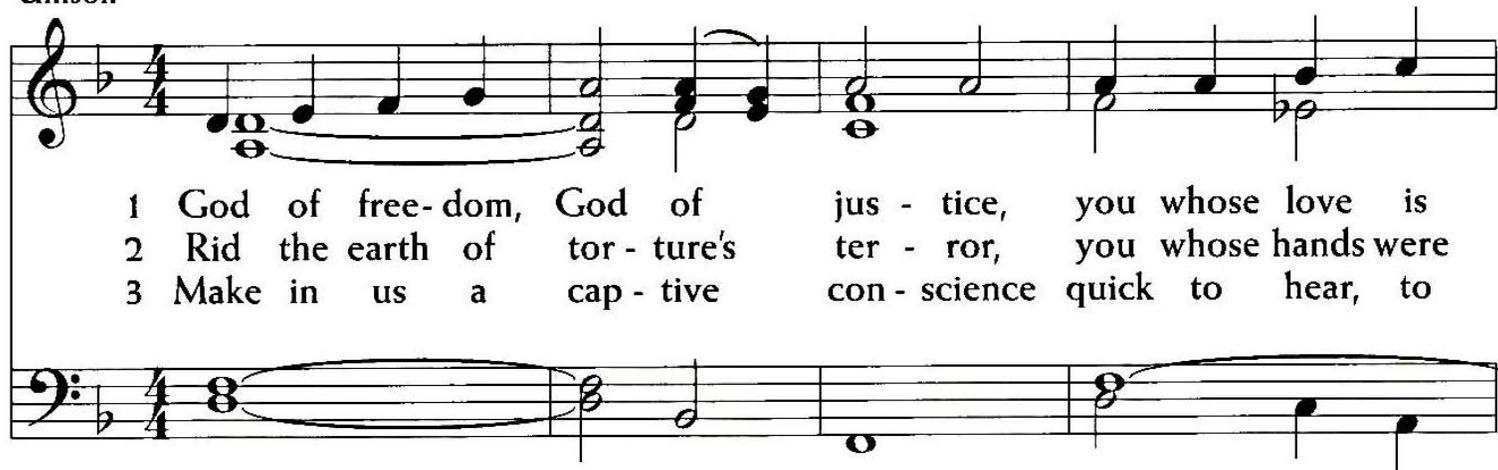
sponse and ser - vice, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

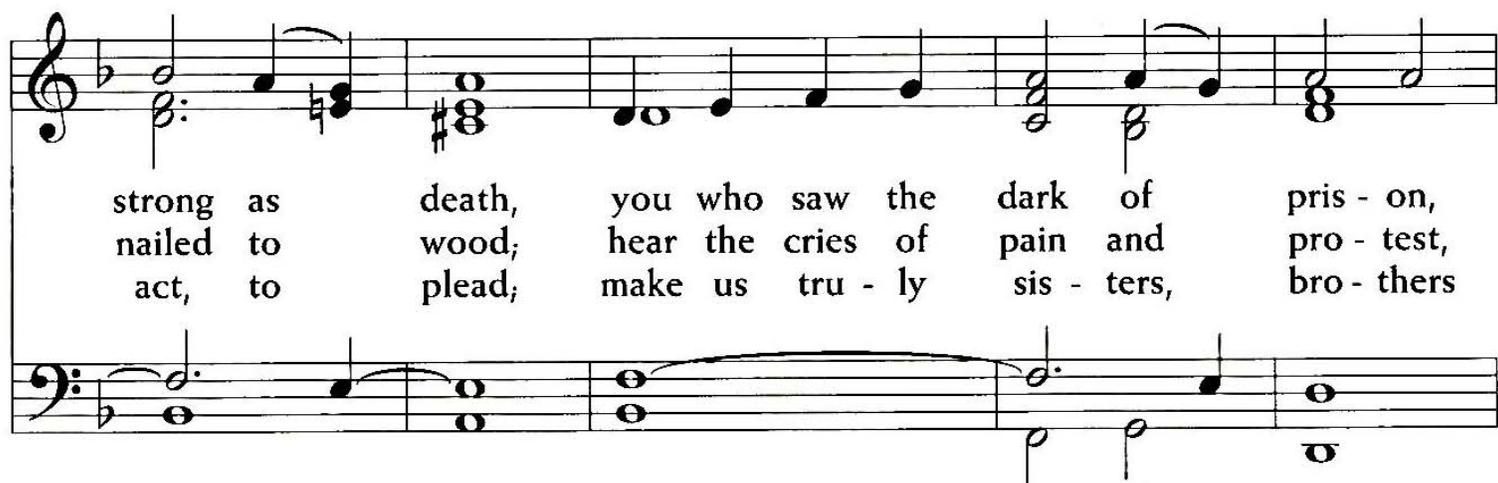
*CLOSING HYMN: "God of Freedom, God of Justice"

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Unison



1 God of free-dom, God of jus - tice, you whose love is
2 Rid the earth of tor - ture's ter - ror, you whose hands were
3 Make in us a cap - tive con - science quick to hear, to



strong as death, you who saw the dark of pris - on,
nailed to wood; hear the cries of pain and pro - test,
act, to plead; make us tru - ly sis - ters, bro - thers



you who knew the price of faith: touch our world of sad op -
you who shed the tears and blood: move in us the power of
of what - ev - er race or creed: teach us to be ful - ly



pres - sion with your Spir - it's heal - ing breath.
pit - y rest - less for the com - mon good.
hu - man, o - pen to each oth - er's need.

Suggested Reading For Learning More About A More Inclusive American History

1. *Slavery by Another Name: The re-enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II* by Douglas A. Blackmon · 2012
In this groundbreaking historical expose, Douglas A. Blackmon brings to light one of the most shameful chapters in American history: an Age of Neoslavery that thrived from the aftermath of the Civil War through the dawn of World War II.
2. *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together* By Heather McGhee · 2021
McGhee embarks on a deeply personal journey across the country from Maine to Mississippi to California, tallying what we lose when we buy into the zero-sum paradigm—the idea that progress for some of us must come at the expense of others.
3. *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* By Isabel Wilkerson · 2011
From 1915 to 1970, this exodus of almost six million people changed the face of America. Wilkerson compares this epic migration to the migrations of other peoples in history. She interviewed more than a thousand people, and gained access to new data and official records, to write this definitive and vividly dramatic account of how these American journeys unfolded, altering our cities, our country, and ourselves.
4. *Capitol Men: The Epic Story of Reconstruction Through the Lives of the First Black Congressmen* By Philip Dray · 2008
Reconstruction was a time of idealism and sweeping change, as the victorious Union created citizenship rights for the freed slaves and granted the vote to black men. Sixteen black Southerners, elected to the U.S. Congress, arrived in Washington to advocate reforms such as public education, equal rights, land distribution, and the suppression of the Ku Klux Klan. But these men faced astounding odds. They were belittled as corrupt and inadequate by their white political opponents, who used legislative trickery, libel, bribery, and the brutal intimidation of their constituents to rob them of their base of support.

5. *Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America, 1619-2019* By Ibram X. Kendi, Keisha N. Blain · 2022
Four Hundred Souls is a unique one-volume “community” history of African Americans. The editors, Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain, have assembled ninety brilliant writers, each of whom takes on a five-year period of that four-hundred-year span. The writers explore their periods through a variety of techniques: historical essays, short stories, personal vignettes, and fiery polemics.
6. *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* By Ibram X. Kendi · 2016
In this deeply researched and fast-moving narrative, Kendi chronicles the entire story of anti-Black racist ideas and their staggering power over the course of American history. *Stamped from the Beginning* uses the lives of five major American intellectuals to offer a window into the contentious debates between assimilationists and segregationists and between racists and antiracists.
7. *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story* By The New York Times Magazine – Created by Nikole Hannah-Jones · 2021
In late August 1619, a ship arrived in the British colony of Virginia bearing a cargo of twenty to thirty enslaved people from Africa. Their arrival led to the barbaric and unprecedented system of American chattel slavery that would last for the next 250 years. This is sometimes referred to as the country’s original sin, but it is more than that: It is the source of so much that still defines the United States.
8. *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* By Isabel Wilkerson – 2020
This book points to our entire social structure as an unrecognized caste system. Most people see America as racist, and Wilkerson agrees that it is indeed racist. She points out that we tend to refer to slavery as a “sad, dark chapter” in America when in fact it lasted for hundreds of years—but in order to maintain the social order, it was necessary to give Black people the lowest possible status. Whites in turn got top status. In between came the middle castes of “Asians, Latinos, indigenous people, and immigrants of African descent” to fill out the originally bipolar hierarchy.

9. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*
By Michelle Alexander - 2012

Alexander argues that the War on Drugs and policies that deny convicted felons equal access to employment, housing, education, and public benefits create a permanent under caste based largely on race. Argues that the War on Drugs and policies that deny convicted felons equal access to employment, housing, education, and public benefits create a permanent under caste based largely on race.

10. *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America*
By Richard Rothstein – 2017

Rothstein explodes the myth that America's cities came to be racially divided through *de facto segregation* – that is, through individual prejudices, income differences or the actions of private institutions like banks and real estate agencies. Rather, he makes clear that it was *de jure segregation* – the laws and policy decisions passed by local, state and federal governments – that actually promoted the discriminatory patterns that continue to this day.

11. *Critical Race Theory: Why It Matters & Why You Should Care*
By Victor Ray – 2022

Ray draws upon the radical thinking of giants such as Ida B. Wells, W.E.B. Du Bois, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to clearly trace the foundations of critical race theory in the Black intellectual traditions of emancipation and the civil rights movement. From these foundations, Ray explores the many facets of our society that critical race theory interrogates, from deeply embedded structural racism to the historical connection between whiteness and property, ownership, and more.

12. *Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of Our Nation*
By Linda Villarosa – 2022

Villarosa lays bare the forces in the American health-care system and in American society that cause Black people to “live sicker and die quicker” compared to their white counterparts. Today's medical texts and instruments still carry fallacious slavery-era assumptions that Black bodies are fundamentally different from white bodies. Study after study of medical settings show worse treatment and outcomes for Black patients. Villarosa tells us why.