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

Sunday, February 5, 2023

9:30 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Hanson Place*

Sam Batt Owens

***OPENING HYMN:** "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"

V421

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We have been called the salt of the earth.

PEOPLE: Let us remain hidden and distinctive.

Leader: We have been called the light of the world.

PEOPLE: Let us shine brightly in the midst of pain or confusion.

Leader: We have been called a city set on a hill.

**ALL: Let us, like Jerusalem, lift our gates, lift our hearts, lift
our voices in the worship of God.****

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

Creator, open our hearts
to peace and healing between all people.

Creator, open our hearts
to provide and protect for all children of the earth.

Creator, open our hearts
to respect for the earth, and all the gifts of the earth.

Creator, open our hearts
to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all.

Thank-you for the gifts of this day and every day.## Amen.

Native American - Micmac - Alycia Longriver - 1995

***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 CONFESSION:~unison

You are our light, O God. In your presence our way becomes clearer.
Like small candles lit from the Christ candle, we can shine with love
and hope because of you. Yet we confess to you, O God, that we often
hide our light. Not trusting our perceptions, we do not speak our truth.
Not trusting our abilities, we do not share our gifts. Fearful, we do not
reach out in friendship, we do not raise issues that should be raised, we
do not break the silence of anger to give or seek forgiveness. Help us

to trust you where we cannot trust ourselves. Radiate through us with your holy love and wisdom, healing the hurts of that past, giving us courage for the future, through Jesus Christ, our light. Amen.**
Amen.

~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-12 Page 677

Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments; they want God on their side. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day and oppress all your workers. You fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong, and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 5:13-20 Page 1150

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

Text & Music by Jim Strathdee

Tune: MOON

Sung by the choir

Paraphrase of Micah 6:8

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

MEDITATION: “Integrity”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY: *My Soul, Now Bless Thy Maker*

Albert Beck

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation: "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

V479

Invitation and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

*CLOSING HYMN: "I Am the Light of the World"

V87

*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Prelude and Fugue in G-moll* BWV 558

J. S. Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Cathy Welch. **Scripture Reader** is Heather Mastracchio.

Today's flowers are given by Cheryl and Peter Hall in memory of Cheryl's family for their birthdays. Cheryl's parents Betty & Hobart Smith and brother Jock Smith.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newcomers Discussions February 5 & 12

We will have Newcomers Discussions following worship TODAY and next Sunday in the Church Library. These Discussions are opportunities 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.

Jazz Concert: February 11th at 7:00pm

Set a reminder: This coming Saturday, February 11, 2023, 7:00pm. The Concerts return! The February Concert will feature the super-talented North Haven High School and North Haven Middle School Jazz Ensembles. This concert and reception will be the first of a new line up of performances by local groups. Please come and enjoy a very fun evening at church. There should be lots of people at this concert! Tickets are still \$10 and they benefit both the church and the North Haven students' travel fund. Please see the February Window for full details on getting tickets and supporting this event. See you there!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	2/5	9:30 a.m. 11:00 12:00 p.m.	WORSHIP– (In-Person & Live Stream) NEWCOMERS CLASS OASIS- Werewolf Marathon (SGC)
Monday	2/6	9:30 a.m. 10:30 5:30 p.m.	Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) Country Line Dancing (CH)
Tuesday	2/7	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	2/8	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (Dbl) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl) MLB (L)
Thursday	2/9	5:15 p.m. 7:00 7:00	Girl Scout Troop 60151 (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR Garden Club (CH)
Friday	2/10	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (Dbl) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl) ORGANIST SEARCH (Zoom) Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	2/11	9:30 a.m. 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) NHHS & NHMS Jazz Ensembles
Sunday	2/12	9:30 a.m. 11:00 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream) NEWCOMERS CLASS OASIS- Escape Room (SGC)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Walter Kaercher 02/06, Emma Alden 02/08,
David Gould 02/09, Tom Glynn 02/09, Daniel Mickolyzck 02/10,
Hunter Conley 02/11, Mattison Mondene 02/11.

C F C C7 F C7 G

1 Lead on, O cloud of Pres - ence, the ex - o - dus is come.
 2 Lead on, O fier - y Pil - lar, we fol - low yet with fears,
 3 Lead on, O God of free - dom, and guide us on our way,

G7 C C7 F C G D7 G

In wil - der - ness and des - ert our tribe shall make its home.
 but we shall come re - joic - ing though joy be born of tears.
 and help us trust the prom - ise through strug - gle and de - lay.

G7 C C7 F A7 D G

Our slav - ery left be - hind us, new hopes with - in us grow.
 We are not lost, though wan - dering, for by your light we come,
 We pray our sons and daugh - ters may jour - ney to that land

G7 C C7 F C G7 G C

We seek the land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.
 and we are still God's peo - ple. The jour - ney is our home.
 where jus - tice dwells with mer - cy, and love is law's de - mand.

F C7 F Bb F C7 F

1 Ask me what great thing I know that de - lights and stirs me so,
 2 Who de - feats my fierc - est foes? Who con - soles my sad - dest woes?
 3 Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be?
 4 This is that great thing I know; this de - lights and stirs me so:

F C Fsus4 F Bb F

what the high re - ward I win, whose the name I
 Who re - vives my faint - ing heart, heal - ing all that
 Who holds all my days se - cure, in God's heart where
 faith in Christ who died to save, Christ who tri - umphed

C F C Dm C F Bb F C F

glo - ry in:
 grief im - parts? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
 love is sure?
 o'er the grave,

1 Draw us in the Spir- it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to -
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing,

geth - er, you are in the midst of them. Hal - le -
 Giv - er break the bread and bless the cup. Hal - le -
 giv - ing, we may be dis - ci - ples true. Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! So now bind our friend - ship up.
 lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! In our ser - vice faith re - new.

*CLOSING HYMN: "I am the light of the world"

Refrain (Unison)

"I am the light of the world! You peo-ple come and fol-low
 mel!" If you fol-low and love you'll learn the mys-te-ry of
 what you were meant to do and be.

1 When the song of the an-gels is
 2 — To find the lost and lone-ly
 3 — To free the pris-oner from all
 4 To bring hope to ev-ery task you

stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the
 one, to heal the bro-ken soul with love, to
 chains, to make the pow-er-ful care, to
 do, to dance at a ba-by's new birth, to

kings and the shep-herds have found their way home, the
 feed the hun-gry child-ren with warmth and good food, to
 re-build the na-tions with strength of good will, to
 make mu-sic in an old per-son's heart, and

work of Christ-mas is be-gun:
 feel the earth be-low, the sky a-bove!
 see God's chil-dren ev-ery-where!
 sing to the col-ours of the earth!

Fmc

D.C.

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