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North Haven, Connecticut  
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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, February 19, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Last Sunday after Epiphany  
Transfiguration Sunday**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Prelude in C Major*

BWV 846 - J. S. Bach

**Choral Introit:** *We Are Standing on Holy Ground* Text and Music by  
Sung by the Chancel Choir Geron Davis

We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” V 232

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: We gather in the presence of an Extravagant God—

**MANY: Who spreads out the lushness of the cosmos, and blesses  
our becoming.**

One: We gather today changed by moments of Awe—

**MANY: The wonder we witness calls us to the work of mutuality,  
for we are siblings on our beautiful, heartbroken planet  
home.**

One: Let us praise the God of Transformation—

**ALL: God is creative in Their Way-Making Love!\*\***

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

To God be glory;

To the angels honor;

To Satan confusion;

To the cross reverence;

To the church exaltation;

To the departed quickening;

To the penitent acceptance;

To the sick a healing spirit;

And to the four quarters of the world great peace and tranquility;

And on us may the compassion and mercies of our God come, and  
may they overshadow us continually.## Amen. **NCH850**

(from the Old Syriac used by Christians in Turkey, Iran, and South India)

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*

Wonderful Mystery, ground our bodies in the present moment, that we might experience your Love in ordinary and extraordinary ways. We desire not to be cynics, but to nurture the sense of wonder that was innate to us when we were children. Soothe that within us that desires numbing-out, and awaken our senses to the miracle of being alive. 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.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Karlee Etter

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Exodus 24:12-18

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The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.****\* HYMN:** "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" vs 1-2

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Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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

**ANTHEM:** *The Storm Is Passing Over*

Text and music by Charles Albert Tindley

Sung by the Chancel Choir Music adapted by Donald Vails

Arranged by Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

Take courage, my soul, and let us journey on,  
Tho' the night is dark and I am far from home.  
Thanks be to God, the morning light appears.  
The storm is passing over,  
The storm is passing over,  
The storm is passing over Hallelujah!  
Refrain: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
The storm is passing over,  
Hallelujah!

**SERMON:** “Mountains of Possibility”

Bekah Anderson

**PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Choral Response

**THE OFFERTORY:** *Thou Art Worthy*

Pauline M. Mills

\*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:** “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” V 101

## **\*THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *All Hail King Jesus On Hallowed Ground* arr. Tim Dora

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**We welcome Bekah Anderson** as our preacher this morning. Bekah serves as the Director of Pastoral Care and Community Connections for the Julian Way, a ministry offering spiritual care to people with disabilities. Scott Morrow is on vacation.

**Deacon** is Peter Hall. **Scripture Reader** is Heather Mastracchio.

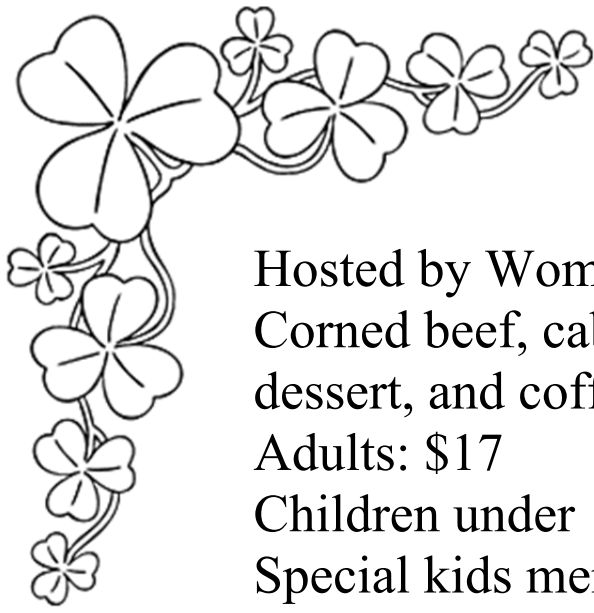
**Today's flowers** are given by John and Sue Tibor in loving memory of our beloved son Dino who began his new life in heaven 21 years ago. Memories are forever, love is eternal. .

**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:** Victoria Hummel 02/19, Laura Miller 02/20, Kathleen Mickolyzck 02/21, Jesse Morrow 02/22, Amy Morrow 02/22, Sean Carter 02/22, Eben Stewart 02/23, Florence Klemenz 02/24.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **St. Patrick's Day Fundraiser Meal Sunday, March 12th, at 3 p.m.**

Hosted by Women's & Men's Fellowship

Corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread, dessert, and coffee and tea

Adults: \$17

Children under 12: \$7

Special kids menu: chicken nuggets and mac & cheese

Reservations & payments **MUST** be made before **March 5th!**

Reservations and payments may be made during coffee hour.

Reservations may also be made by calling the church office at 203-239-5691. Payments may be made on the church website, by mail, or in person. Take out will be available; must be under reservation and prepaid! Available for pick up after 4 p.m.

There will also be a 50/50 raffle after dinner.

Come join us for this long overdue gathering.

Wear your green!

#### **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\***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/19</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP(In-Person &amp; Live Stream)</b> OASIS- Lent Kick-off Party (SGC)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 6:00 p.m.	<b>OFFICE CLOSED-PRESIDENTS DAY</b> <b>Music Together (Dbl)</b> Music Together (Dbl) CT Record Club (K)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2/21</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 6:00	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) B & G (H) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2/22</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m	<b>WINDOW MAILING</b> Music Together (Dbl) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl) ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2/23</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> 7:00	<b>Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K)</b> CHANCEL CHOIR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2/24</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30	<b>Music Together (Dbl)</b> FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2/25</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30	<b>Music Together (Dbl)</b> Music Together (Dbl)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/26</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 4:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP(In-Person &amp; Live Stream)</b> OASIS- Storytelling (SGC)

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**

\*OPENING HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

Descant

4 Mor - tals join the chor - us, hal - le - lu - jah!

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,  
 2 All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re -  
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing,  
 4 Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing

Hal - le - lu - jah! Love is reign - ing o'er us,

life and love; hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you,  
 flect your rays, stars and an - gels sing a - round you,  
 ev - er blest, well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,  
 stars be - gan; God's own love is reign - ing o'er us,

join - ing peo - ple hand in hand. Hal - le - lu - jah!

open - ing to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of  
 cen - tre of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,  
 o - cean depth of hap - py rest! Source of grace and  
 join - ing peo - ple hand in hand. Ev - er sing - ing,



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

D G D B Em A7 D

sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way;  
 vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 fount of bless - ing, let your light up - on us shine;  
 march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

G C G D7 G

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, sound their praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.  
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

\* HYMN: "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" vs 1-2

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Refrain (Unison)

D G A D Bm

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow thro' the wil - der - ness

Detailed description: This system contains the first two lines of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves. Chord symbols D, G, A, D, and Bm are placed above the treble staff.

E A D G A D

call - ing and free, Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

Detailed description: This system contains the next two lines of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves. Chord symbols E, A, D, G, A, and D are placed above the treble staff.

D Bm G A7 D G D Fine

stir me from plac - id - ness, Wind, Wind on the sea.

Detailed description: This system contains the final two lines of musical notation. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves. Chord symbols D, Bm, G, A7, D, G, and D are placed above the treble staff. A "Fine" marking is at the end of the system.

Verses

D G A G D

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,  
 2 You swept thro' the des - ert, you stung with the sand,  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes,

D Bm Bm7 E A

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
 then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
 from the bond - age of sor - row the cap - tives dream dreams,

D G A G

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each  
 and when they were blind - ed with their i - dols and  
 and down in the cit - y you called once a -  
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their

D Bm G

thing: — wake from your slum - bers  
 lies, then you spoke thro' your proph - ets  
 gain, when you blew thro' your peo - ple  
 eyes, with bold new de - ci - sions

A7 D G/A D A D.C.

and rise on your wings.  
 to o - pen their eyes.  
 on the rush of the wind.  
 your peo - ple a - rise.

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" V 101

1 Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise, Je - sus Christ, to you we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro - phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mir - rored in your ho - ly Word;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sag - es from a - far;  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest, in your God - head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
with your grace our lives en - dow, grace to im - i - tate you now,

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in your birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
that we like to you may be at your great e - piph - a - ny,

an - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.