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NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, March 12, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Thou Man of Grief, Remember Me* Gardner Read, P165
Tune: Kedron

***OPENING HYMN:** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" V651

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Moses saw a burning bush and took off his shoes,
expecting to be on holy ground.

**PEOPLE: We come to worship with shoes on and minds
distracted. How shall we find a toehold of holiness?**

Leader: As in Moses' time so with us now, God hears the peoples'
cries.

**PEOPLE: Our prayers are full of cries. How do we know God
listens?**

Leader: "I AM" God told Moses, and called him forth.

**ALL: In this time of worship may we hear God's name, and
feel God's call, in our hearts and in our feet.****

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

O mighty and righteous God
You call us to loose the bonds of injustice
To let the oppressed go free
To break every yoke.
Lead us to this transformation
God of life.
Lead us to peace.## Amen.

***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*

Eternal God, from the beginning of time you have called your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that like all the rest, we have turned to our own way and refused your love and grace. Restore us to the joy of knowing you, and of recognizing your reign among us, through Jesus Christ, bringer of your good news. ** Amen.

~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

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

NOISY OFFERING

PSALM 95

V814

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

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From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 4:5-30 Page 1239

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or,

“Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

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

GIFT OF MUSIC

SERMON: “Living Water”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* David Schack

*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:** "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

V669

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *In The Cross of Christ I Glory*

arr. John Carter

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Nancy Mahoney. **No Fellowship Hour** today, we will be setting up for our St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

Today's flowers are given by Beth Anderson, in memory of Phil DiPeri, much loved and admired son, father, husband, and friend who joined our Lord 10 years ago.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	3/12	9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream) ST. PATRICKS'S DAY DINNER (CH) OASIS- Accessibility Justice Day (SGC)
Monday	3/13	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl)
Tuesday	3/14	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:30 1:00 3:30 6:00 7:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) PLP (L) Organ Tuning: Foley Baker (Sanct) United Girls Choir (CH,DBL, Sanct.) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)
Wednesday	3/15	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	3/16	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	3/17	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (Dbl) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (Dbl)
Saturday	3/18	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (Dbl) Music Together (Dbl)
Sunday	3/19	9:30 a.m. 10:45 11:00 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream) FAITH FORMATION MT (K) FOOD DELIVERY - Catholic Church OASIS- Paint Night (SGC)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

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: Amy Mears 03/12, Ryan Weiss 03/12, Patricia Jennings 03/13, Kristen Mazziotti 03/17, Joseph Mulvey 03/17, Jeffrey Jennings 03/18, Catherine Dubail 03/19, Rich Mayhew 03/19.

Considering a 2023 On-Line Fundraising Auction

At our January annual meeting, our church members voted in a 2023 church budget that included budgeting \$5,000 income through fundraising.

The 2022 budget included \$3,600 for funds raised via fundraisers, and \$2,600 was actually raised, \$2,000 was from the 2022 (3rd annual) On-Line Fundraising Auction.

The first On-Line Fundraising Auction for our church was in 2020 in the beginning of the pandemic as a way to raise funds when in-person activities could not be held. We raised \$2,000 in that auction and in 2021, also over \$2,000 was raised for our church.

Two questions for you; Would you like to see us hold another On-Line Fundraising Auction? What might you donate to an auction that would do well in the on-line auction format? Items donated by church members that drew a lot of bids in our 2020, 2021 and 2022 auctions included a power lift chair, Karastan rugs, Old Town canoe, Thule car top carrier, fly rods, full length white fox coat, Lenox china, full length racoon coat, antique wagon, Pyrex with sought after design, sterling silver, gold jewelry and Beatles albums. The past auctions have benefited the church, drawn interest from within and outside Connecticut, and people often remarked that it helped with things no longer used or needed in the home. A successful auction would need to include a few of the items as described above, but also smaller items. The smaller items help with the large items, and the large items help with the smaller items, in that if a bidder has an eye on something, they will often then bid on multiple items.

Please provide your feedback to a member of the Auction B Team, (Priscilla B., Patience B., Martin B., or Martha B.), or provide your feedback to a member of the Ministry Leadership Board (MLB).

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 1 Gui - de - moi, Ber - ger fi - dè - le, en ce mon - de
 2 Christ, tu es la sour - ce vi - ve des bi - ens les

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y,
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
 pè - le - rin, prends à toi mon coeur re - bel - le,
 plus pré - cieux fais que pour toi seul je vi - ve,

hold me with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer,
 gui - de - moi, sois mon sou - tien, pain de vi - e,
 gui - de - moi du haut des cieux, viens, pro - tè - ge,

bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no more,
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and shield,
 pain de vi - e, de ta grâ - ce nour - ris - moi,
 viens pro - tè - ge, sois mon roc, mon bou - cli - er,

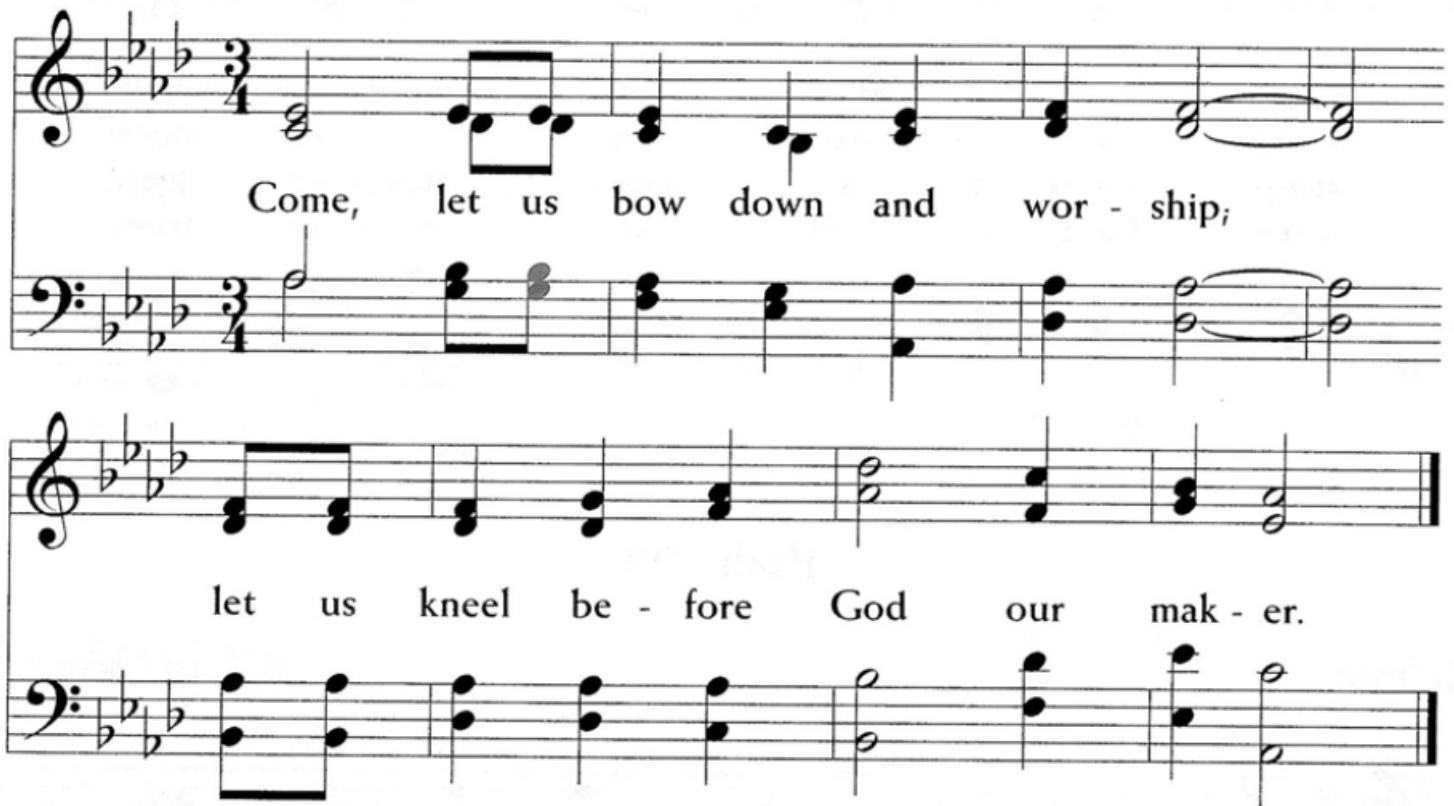
feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield.
 de ta grâ - ce nour - ris - moi.
 sois mon roc, mon bou - cli - er.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside;
 death of death, and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on Canaan's side:
 songs of praises, songs of praises
 I will ever give to thee
 I will ever give to thee.

3 Du Jourdain je suis les rives;
 quand j'ai peur, rassure-moi.
 À Sion, qu'enfin j'arrive,
 affermis ma faible foi;
 tes louanges, tes louanges,
 à jamais je chanterai,
 à jamais je chanterai.

Refrain

R. Gerald Hobbs 1993



Come, let us bow down and wor - ship;
let us kneel be - fore God our mak - er.

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Part One (1-7)

O come, let us sing to God,
let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyously shout to God with songs of praise. R

For you are a great God,
high sovereign above all gods.
In your hand are the depths of the earth;
to you belong the heights of the mountains.
The sea is yours, for you made it;
your hands also formed the dry land.
You are indeed our God;
we are your people, the flock that you shepherd. R

Part Two (8-11)

(may be read by one or all)

O that today you would listen to God's voice;
"Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the wilderness;
when your forebears tried me, and put me to the test,
though they had seen my works.
Forty years I loathed that generation, and said,
"They are a people whose hearts are perverse,
for they give no heed to my ways."
Then, I vowed in my anger:
they shall not enter my rest." R

1 If you will trust in God to guide you, and hope in
 2 God will embrace your pain and weep - ing, your help - less
 3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing; so do your

God through all your ways, God will give strength, what - ever be -
 an - ger and dis - tress. If you are in God's care and
 own part faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word; though un - de -

tide you, and bear you through the e - vil days. Who trusts in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will God love you less? For Christ, who
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. God nev - er

God's un - chang - ing love builds on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross, will bring you safe through ev - ery loss.
 will for - sake in need the soul that trusts in God in - deed.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

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1 Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,
 2 Oth - er re - fuge have I none; hangs my help-less soul on thee.
 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find.
 4 Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high.
 Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone; still sup - port and com-fort me.
 Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in.

Hide me, O my Sav - iour, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is thy name, I am all un - righ - teous - ness:
 Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.
 co - ver my de - fence - less head with the sha - dow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart; rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.



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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