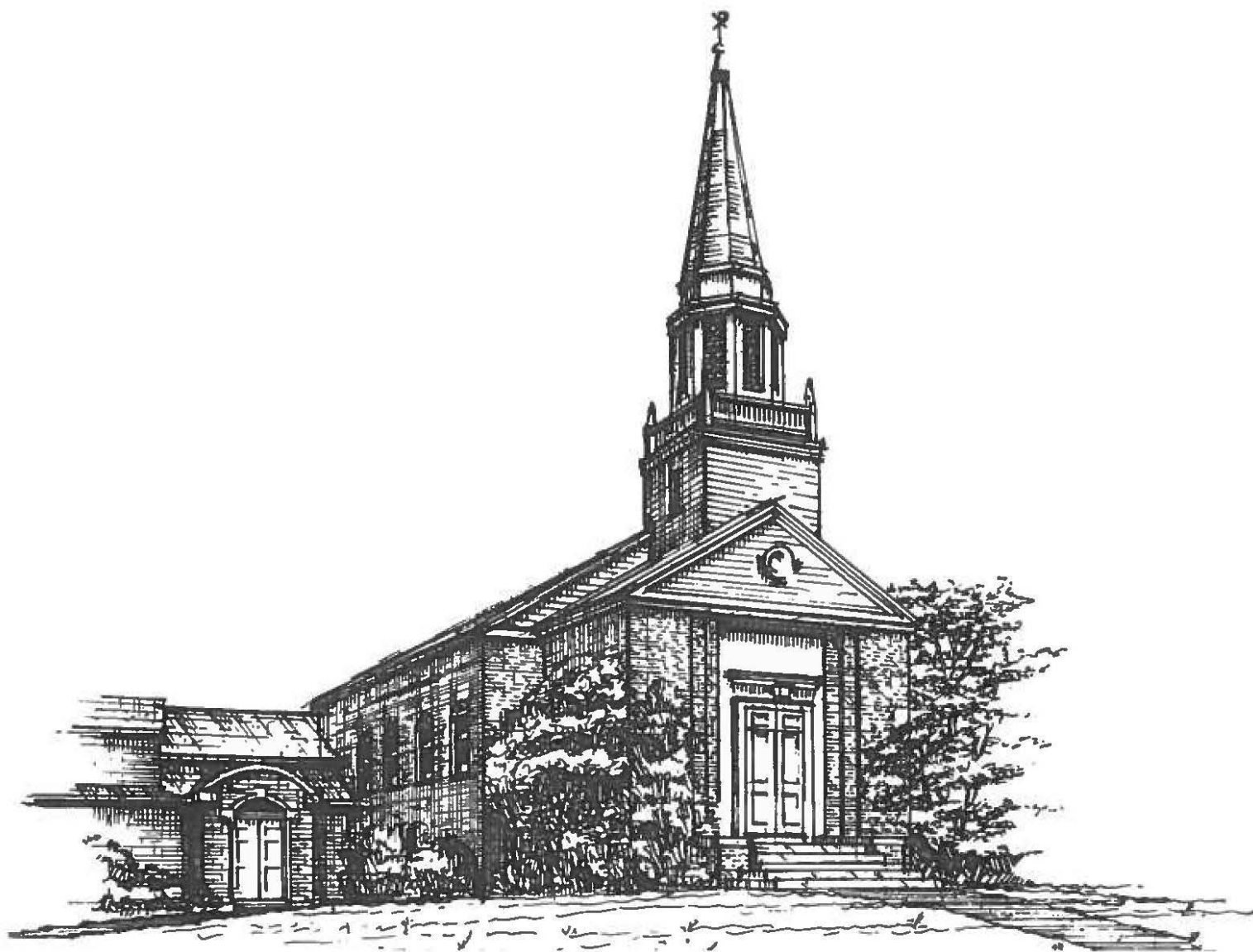


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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, January 14, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
Family Sunday-Noisy Offering**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: C Major Andante by. Ett arr. Carlo Rossini

***OPENING HYMN:** “As with Gladness Men of Old” **V 81**

***CHORAL INTROIT:** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*
Words and Music by Ken Medema
Sung by the Chancel Choir

***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 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 ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

With different gifts, with a variety of talents, with an array of interests, we come to worship you, our creating God. We are here to unite our spirits, to be made one in Jesus Christ, to be merged in hope as your children. Bless our differences, that the unique gifts and perceptions of each may strengthen our oneness. Drawn into your Spirit, we give you the thanks of our hearts, in the name of the Living Christ.** 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.

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) Page

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Then the Lord said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.”

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** “I Am the Light of the World”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 1:43-51

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The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: Here I am, Lord
Sung by All

Daniel Schutte
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SERMON: “Eli’s Gift”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY

*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:** “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: C Major Moderato by G.F. Handel arr. Carlo Rossini

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon & Scripture Reader is Jim Bennett. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson. **Poinsettias** have been donated to decorate the Sanctuary.

Fellowship Hour will be held in Carroll Hall after worship, please join us for coffee and fellowship.

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

Heather Meachen, Organist

Julie Schweickert, Office Manager

Dave Nelson, Interim Sexton

In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, David Gould, and Sarah.

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Suzanne & Nigel Light 01/18.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Breakfast on Jan.15

The 39th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, sponsored by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Heritage Foundation of Branford, will be held on Monday, January 15, at 8:30am at the First Congregational Church of Branford. This will be an in-person event. The keynote speaker will be Yvonne Renee Davis, addressing “The Impact of Silence.”

Tickets to the event are \$20 or \$5 for students. **Tickets are limited.**

For tickets and information go

to: [Facebook.com/MLKBreakfastCommittee](https://www.facebook.com/MLKBreakfastCommittee), or

email MLKHeritageFoundation@gmail.com.

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:

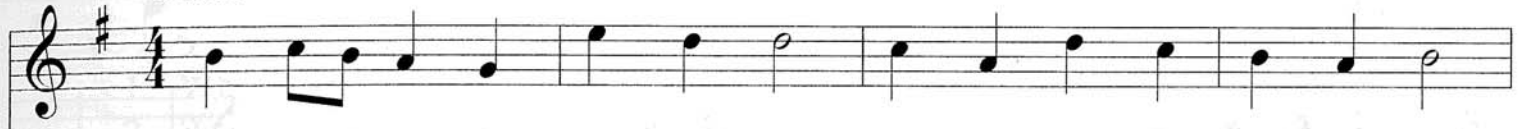
- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	1/14	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) OASIS: MLK Celebration. Bible Gospel Church, Hamden
Monday	1/15	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	OFFICE CLOSED (MLK Bday) Music Together (DBL) CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	1/16	9:30 a.m. 9:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (L) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) United Girls Choir (CH, Sanct.) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	1/17	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) MLB – BUDGET (L)
Thursday	1/18	4:00 p.m. 6:00 7:00	North Haven Youth Football & Cheerleading (CH) Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	1/19	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	1/20	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	1/21	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)

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

Descant



5 In the heaven-ly coun-try bright none shall need cre - a - ted light;



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold,
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, to that low-ly man-ger bed,
 ♦ 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at that man-ger crude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;
 5 In the heaven-ly coun-try bright none shall need cre - a - ted light;



you its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,
 there to bend the knee be-fore Christ, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 ♦ so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
 you its light, its joy, its crown, you its sun which goes not down;



there for ev-er may we sing hal-le-lu-jah to our King.



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more your splen-dour see.
 so may we with ea-ger pace ev-er seek your throne of grace.
 ♦ all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to you, our heaven-ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glo-ry hide.
 there for ev-er may we sing hal-le-lu-jah to our King.



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

Refrain (Unison)

"I am the light of the world! You people come and follow

me!" If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of

what you were meant to do and be.

1 When the song of the angels is

2 To find the lost and lonely

3 To free the prisoner from all

4 To bring hope to every task you

stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the

one, to heal the broken soul with love, to

chains, to make the powerful care, to

do, to dance at a baby'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!

* HYMN: "Here I am, Lord"

V 509

Unison

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain,
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them; they turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em7 Am7 Am/C Am G/B Am7/C Dsus-D

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

D/F# G Gsus G G/B Am7 G C/E D7 G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have

G Am G Am/C C Dsus D/F# D7

heard you call-ing in the night. I will

G Gsus G Am/G G C D7 G

go, Lord, if you lead me. I will

G C/G G Am7 C/D D G C/G D.C. G Fine

hold your peo - ple in my heart.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" V670

G D7 G C

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears, and the night draws near,

C#dim7 G D7 Em A7 D

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 when my life is al - most gone,
 and the day is past and gone,

G D7 G G7 C

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain C#dim7 G Em G D7 G

take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.