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

Sunday, January 21, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Third Sunday after Epiphany

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: G Major Verso [III]

by Zipolo

***OPENING HYMN:** "Come Down, O Love Divine"

V 367

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God has made this day.

PEOPLE: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Let us worship the living God!

PEOPLE: To God, Fountain of Life,

Leader: Living Word, and Spirit of Holiness,

ALL: To God be praise in all the earth!**

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

O Lord,

You love justice and You establish peace on earth. We bring before You the disunity of today's world; the absurd violence, and the many wars, which are breaking the courage of the peoples of the world; human greed and injustice, which breed hatred and strife. Send Your spirit and renew the face of the earth; teach us to be compassionate towards the whole human family; strengthen the will of all those who fight for justice and for peace, and give us that peace which the world cannot give.## 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 ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people. We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call. You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ, you have touched us with your Spirit; and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved. We call upon your holy name, empower us to worship and serve you, walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Page 849

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

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

* **HYMN:** "Jesus Calls Us"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 1:14-20 Page 1180

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore*

Words and Music: Cesáριο Gabaráin (1936-1991)

Sung by the Chancel Choir

SERMON: “Wayfinding with Jesus”

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:** “Jesus Christ is Waiting”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: G Major Verso [IV]

by Zipolo

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Rev. Bridget Fidler, worship leader at NHCC 6/7/15

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Deacon is Nancy Mahoney. **Scripture Reader** is Susan Compton.

Poinsettias have been donated to decorate the Sanctuary.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: James Dockendorff 01/22, Lillian Flodquist 01/25, Lynn Reardon 01/27, Hazel Jokl 01/27, Samuel Jokl 01/27.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held next Sunday, January 28, directly following the worship service. The business of the Meeting will include receiving reports regarding program and mission activities and finances, and election of Officers and Ministry Leadership Board members. Copies of the Annual Report are available in the Narthex. Please plan to stay for the Meeting and participate in the discussion and decisions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	1/21	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	1/22	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) New Haven Camera Club (CH)
Tuesday	1/23	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	1/24	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 6:00 p.m. 7:00	WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) OASIS: Worship Wednesday (Zoom)
Thursday	1/25	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	1/26	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	1/27	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	1/28	9:30 a.m. 10:45	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) ANNUAL MEETING (Sanctuary)

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

***OPENING HYMN: "Come Down, O Love Divine" V 367**

Descant

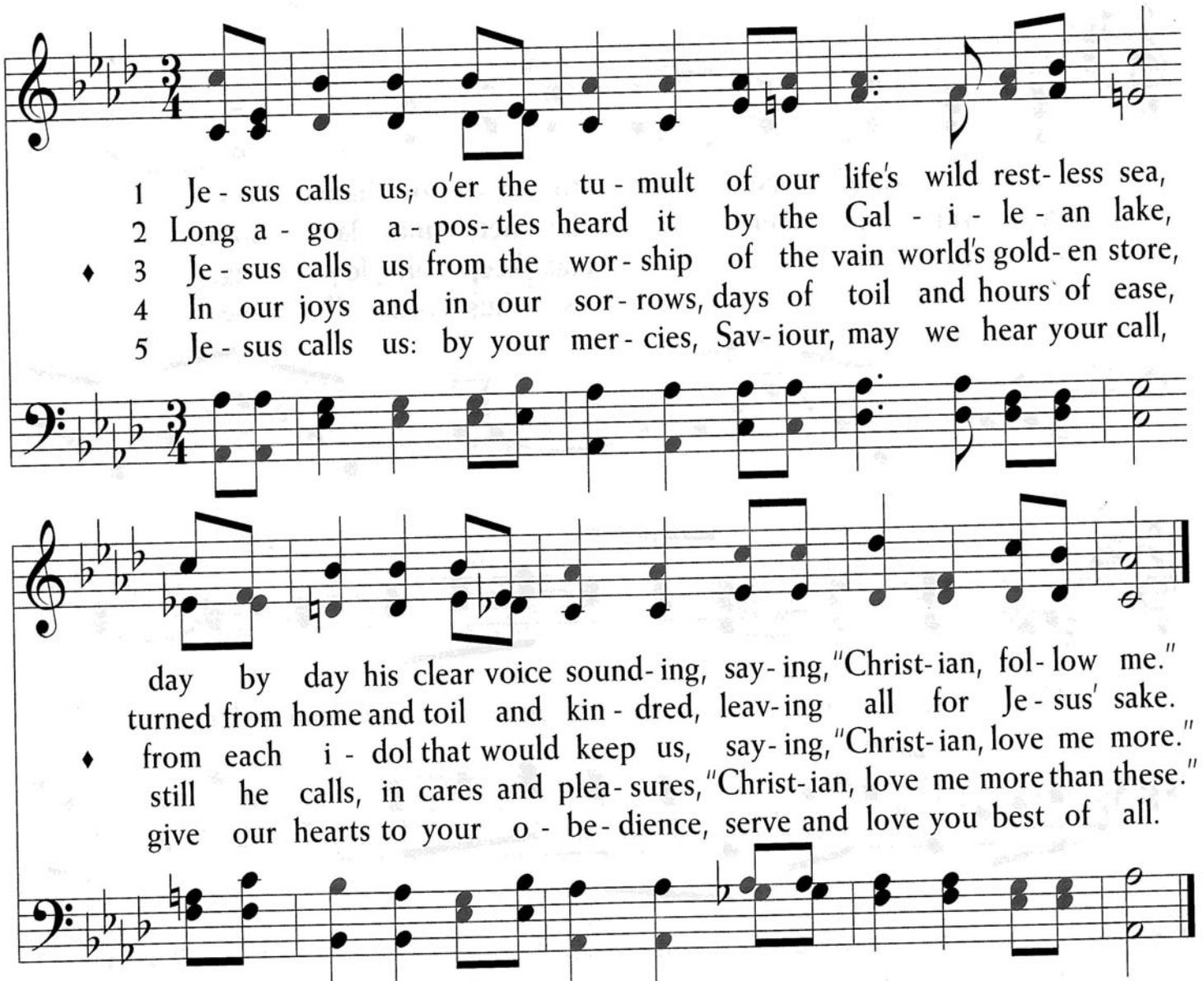
3 The year - ing strong, with which the soul will long

1 Come down, O love di - vine, seek now this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the year - ing strong with which the soul will long

shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;
 and vis - it it with your own ar - dour glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

for none can guess its grace, till love cre - ates the place
 O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till love cre - ates the place

where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes its dwell - ing.
 and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, my on - ward path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes its dwell - ing.



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild rest - less sea,
 2 Long a - go a - pos - tles heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,
 ♦ 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the vain world's gold - en store,
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
 5 Je - sus calls us: by your mer - cies, Sav - iour, may we hear your call,

day by day his clear voice sound - ing, say - ing, "Christ - ian, fol - low me."
 turned from home and toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 ♦ from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Christ - ian, love me more."
 still he calls, in cares and plea - sures, "Christ - ian, love me more than these."
 give our hearts to your o - be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

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.

Em A Em Am B7 Em

1 Je - sus Christ is wait - ing, wait - ing in the streets;
 2 Je - sus Christ is rag - ing, rag - ing in the streets,
 ♦ 3 Je - sus Christ is heal - ing, heal - ing in the streets;
 4 Je - sus Christ is danc - ing, danc - ing in the streets,
 5 Je - sus Christ is call - ing, call - ing in the streets,

Em A Em Am B7 Em

no one is his neigh - bour, all a - lone he eats.
 where in - just - ice spi - rals and real hope re - treats.
 ♦ cur - ing those who suf - fer, touch - ing those he greets.
 where each sign of hat - red he, with love, de - feats.
 "Who will join my jour - ney? I will guide their feet."

Em A D B Em A D B7

*Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I am lone - ly too.
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I am an - gry too.
 ♦ Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I have pit - y too.
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, I should tri - umph too.
 Lis - ten, Lord Je - sus, let my fears be few.

Em A Em Am B7 Em

Make me, friend or stran - ger, fit to wait on you.
 In the King - dom's caus - es let me rage with you.
 ♦ Let my care be ac - tive, heal - ing just like you.
 On sus - pi - cion's grave - yard let me dance with you.
 Walk one step be - fore me; I will fol - low you.