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

**Sunday, February 11, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Last Sunday in Epiphany – Transfiguration  
Scout Sunday  
The Noisy Offering**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** G Major Moderato

by V. Engel  
arr. Carlo Rossini

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “All Praise to Thee”

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**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The glory of God transfigures the everyday!

**PEOPLE: The light of God transfigures familiar faces!**

Leader: At the heights of our worship, may God’s presence shine  
through the commonplace.

**PEOPLE: At the depths of our pain and struggle, may God’s  
presence give us courage and peace.**

**ALL: May God’s light, shining in the face of Christ, illumine  
all our days! Amen\*\***

*Ruth C. Duck*

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

Now I say to you in conclusion, life is hard,  
at times as hard as crucible steel.

It has its bleak and difficult moments. Like the ever-flowing waters of  
the river, life has its moments of drought and its moments of flood.

Like the ever-changing cycle of the seasons, life has the soothing  
warmth of its summers and the piercing chill of its winters.

But if one will hold on,

he will discover that God walks with him, and that God is able to lift  
you from the fatigue of despair to the buoyancy of hope,  
and transform dark and desolate valleys into sunlit paths of inner  
peace.## Amen. *Eulogy for the martyred children*

– Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. 1963

**\*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*

Mighty God, stay with us always, not only in our worship, but as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage.

Your glory shines in the face of Christ; shine in our hearts and lives. May your name be praised, glorious God! Amen. *Ruth C Duck*

## **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.

## **CELEBRATING SCOUTS**

## **THE NOISY OFFERING**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Karlee Etter

## **THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** 2 Kings 2:1-12

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Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing, yet if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

\* **HYMN:** “At the Name of Jesus”

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**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Mark 9:2-9 Page 1189

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Graham Kendrick

Sung by the Chancel Choir

**SERMON:** “Mended and Transformed”

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: “Fairest Lord Jesus”

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## \*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Eb Major Allegro

by Fr. Walczynski

Arr. Carlo Rossini

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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## **WORLD PRAYERS** –[www.worldprayers.org](http://www.worldprayers.org) - retrieved 7/24/15

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**Deacon and Scripture Reader** is Jim Bennett.

**Greeter** is Beth Anderson.

**Today is a special day for two families in our congregation.**

**Today's flowers** are given by both

**Tom and Wendy Glynn** in loving memory of Wendy's brother, Tom Jahoda, who left us suddenly and heartbroken one year ago. His physical presence is missed more than words could ever explain but his loving spirit lives on in all that knew and loved him.

And

**Kim and Rob Natoli** in honor of Kim's father-in-law/Rob's father on his one year heavenly anniversary. And in memory of Frank Natoli remembering him on the one year anniversary of his passing, 2/10/23.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Today is Scout Sunday**

We will observe celebrate the Scouting program for boys and girls.



### **Pancake Breakfast**

Women's/Men's Fellowship "Pancake Breakfast" fundraiser is this Sunday, February 11th, immediately following the service!

Menu:

Pancakes with your choice of fresh strawberries or blueberries  
Whipped cream, butter, and syrup  
Sausage links  
Orange juice, coffee, and tea

***FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED!***

***There will also be a raffle to add to the fun. THREE separate bags filled with Valentine surprises. One includes a bottle of Baileys Chocolate Liqueur! Another bag includes a variety of chocolate and a gift card to the movies! There is also a bag filled with candy especially for the kids!***

***Tickets will be \$5.00 for 10 tickets!***

***Drawing will take place before the end of the breakfast.***

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

Ash Wednesday falls on February 14<sup>th</sup> this year, along with another familiar observance. There will be a service at noon on Ash Wednesday. Please come to the in-person service if you are able. The service will be livestreamed, and a recording will be available if you would like to watch later.

### **Communications Coffee Hour**

Come join us on Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup> after Worship to celebrate the accomplishments of the Communications Mission Team and plan for the future.

## **Mission Team Spotlight**

This week our Mission Team Spotlight is Abraham's Tent. A program of Columbus House Shelter of New Haven, Abraham's Tent provides support for up to 10 adult men during the winter months. On a weekly rotating basis, volunteers from local churches provide meals and fellowship during the early evening each day for one week. Our church's week is March 11 - 17. This year the program is operated out of Columbus House Wallingford Emergency Shelter building. Prior to the pandemic, the ten men moved from church to church each week, now the churches each provide one week of support at one location. If you are interested in helping with either volunteer support or a financial contribution, contact Priscilla Bradford or John Tibor.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Hunter Conley 02/11, Mattison Mondene 02/11, Joshua Peiffer 02/13, Richard Gherlone 02/14, Joy Gillen 02/14, Shayna DeLuca 02/14, Jim Bennett 02/16, Aidan Nottingham 02/17.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Linda & William Tosetti 02/14.

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/11</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 10:45 4:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)</b> PANCAKE BREAKFAST FORMATION MT (K) OASIS – Love & Ashes Party
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/12</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2/13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 3:30 6:00 7:30	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> Music Together (DBL) PLP (L) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) United Girls Choir (CH, Sanct.) Bible Study (Zoom) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2/14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 12:00pm  7:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (Sanctuary) AL-ANON District (CH)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2/15</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> 7:00	<b>Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K)</b> CHANCEL CHOIR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2/16</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2/17</b>	7:00 a.m. 9:30 10:30	<b>MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH)</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/18</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)</b>

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**



\*OPENING HYMN: "All Praise to Thee"

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Unison

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,  
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;  
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou  
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,  
by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought,  
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,  
art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,  
in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

that in our trou - bled hearts thy grace might shine:  
and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought:  
3 — hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry:  
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:  
and God e - ter - nal be by all a - dored:

hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le - lu - jah!

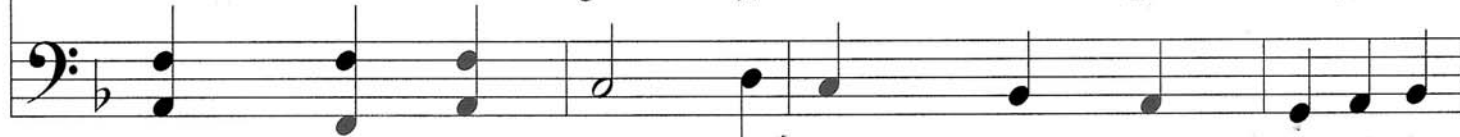
Unison



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
 2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name  
 ♦ 3 Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,  
 4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
 5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,



ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
 from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
 ♦ but with awe and won - der, and with ba - ted breath;  
 all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true;  
 with his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



'tis our God's great plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
 faith - ful - ly he bore it, spot - less to the last,  
 ♦ he is God the Sav - iour, he is Christ the Lord,  
 crown him as your Cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
 for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
 brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.  
 ♦ ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.  
 let his will en - fold you in its light and power.  
 and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.



D G A D G A D G

1 \*Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture, O thou of  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and fair the  
 4 All fair - est beau - ty heav - en - ly and earth - ly, won - drous - ly,

A D G D Asus4 A D B Em

God to earth come down: thee will I cher - ish,  
 bloom - ing garb of spring; Je - sus is fair - er,  
 twink - ling, star - ry host; Je - sus shines bright - er,  
 Je - sus, is found in thee; none can be near - er,

Em A D Bm D Em D A7 D

thee will I hon - our, thou my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the trou - bled heart to sing.  
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
 fair - er or dear - er than thou, my Sav - iour, art to me.

## **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  
Heather Meachen, Organist  
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager  
Dave Nelson, Interim Sexton