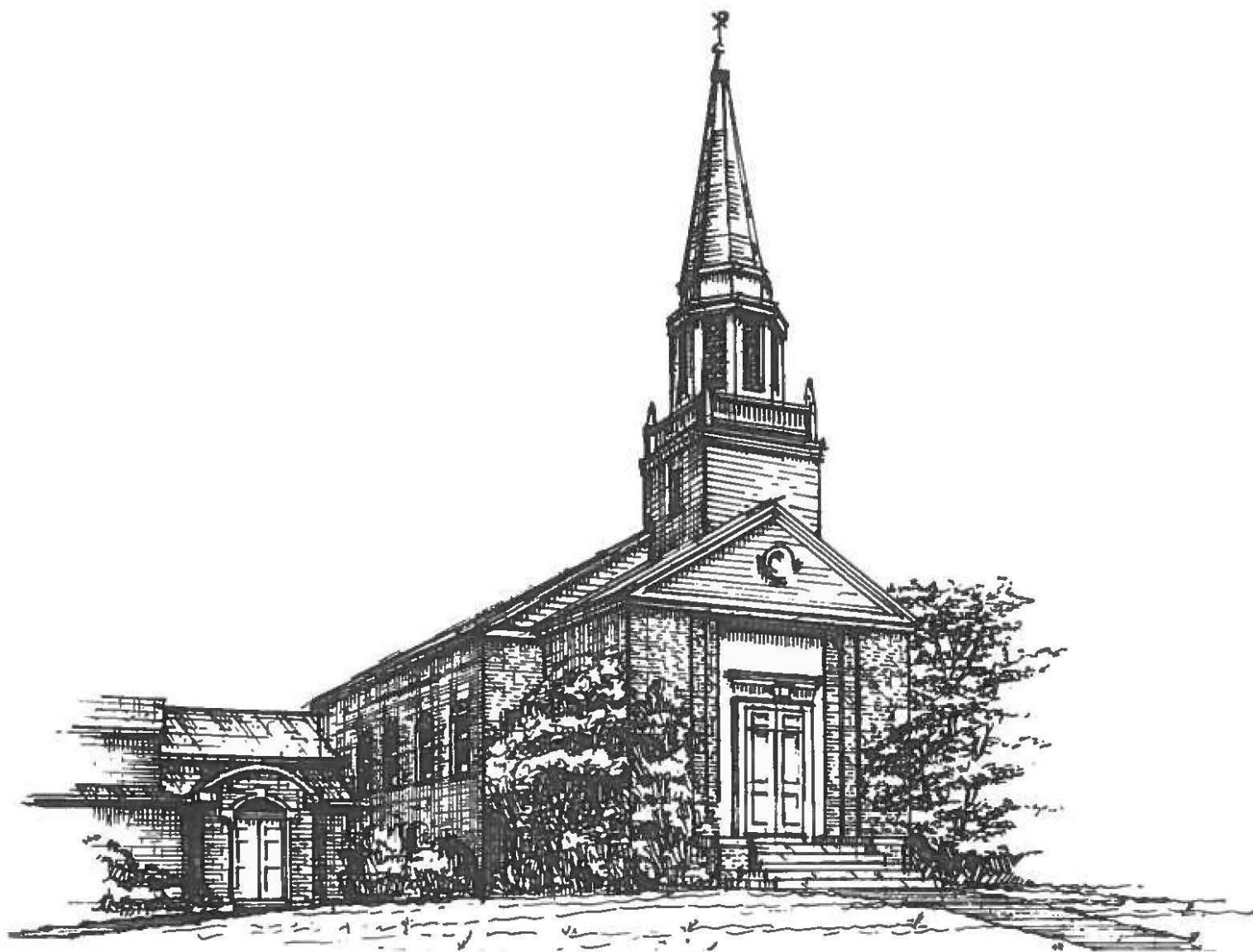


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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, February 25, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**Second Sunday in Lent
The Noisy Offering**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: C Minor Mosso

by J. Blied
arr. Carlo Rossini

***OPENING HYMN:** “Lord, I Want To Be a Christian”

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The voice of God proclaims, “Your faith has made you well.”

PEOPLE: We, too, are God’s beloved children, loved and embraced.

Leader: With all the voices reminding us we that we are not enough or don’t belong, it is tempting to forget what makes us well. We call from the roadside of life, “Look at me.”

PEOPLE: We rejoice in God’s hearing.

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

Come...God of wisdom and grace;

Fill our hearts with Your peace, open our eyes that we may see the wonders of Your loving presence all around us- and deep within us.

May we be dazzled and drenched by Your loving compassion and reflect this radiant peace to the world.## 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

God of waters and deserts, God of hope and healing, we celebrate your presence among us and among all your people. You have proclaimed that Jesus was beloved and, and tenderly, you have claimed us as your own. Open our hearts, open the skies. Open our eyes, break through the hurts, the storms, the clouds. Let your eyes fall softly on our shoulders and call our names. For this day, and each day, no matter what other voices may say, we are your beloved and we rejoice in the inbreaking of your kingdom. Amen and 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.

THE NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

PSALM 30

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THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 30:1-5

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I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** "There is a Balm in Gilead"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 5:21-43

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When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who

touched my cloak?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, “Do not be afraid; only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the synagogue leader’s house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. Taking her by the hand, he said to her, “Talitha kum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Keith Green
Sung by the Chancel Choir & Congregation

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right Spirit within me. (Repeat)*
*Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. (Repeat)*
*Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and renew a right Spirit within me. (Repeat from beginning)*

SERMON: “Grab and Go” Ed Cornell

GIFT OF MUSIC: “Touch the Hem of His Garment”
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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:** “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: A Minor Maestoso

by E. Heyer
arr. Carlo Rossini

*Those who are able, please stand.

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We welcome the **Rev. Ed Cornell** as our guest preacher and worship
leader this morning.

Deacon is Cathy Welch. **Scripture Reader** is Heather Mastracchio.

Greeter is Beth Anderson. **Camera Operator** is Damon Quinn.

Fellowship Hour is hosted by the Communications Mission Team,
Come join us to celebrate the accomplishments of the Communications
Mission Team and plan for the future.

Today's flowers are given by Peter and Cheryl Hall in memory of
Cheryls family.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Doris Vigliotto 02/27, Mark Butterworth 02/28, Julie Schweickert 03/02, Stephen Baraquin 03/03, Aaron Baraquin 03/03.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Fran & Cheryl Dutko 3/3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week our Mission Team Spotlight is the Communications Team.

The Communications Team has been adding to our Facebook Content in creative ways and has added Instagram to our church's on-line presence. We are seeking ways to improve communications and augmenting information provided in the monthly Window newsletter and the Sunday morning bulletin. We are using software tools such as Canva. We have encouraged all communications, whether verbal or written to include information on the who, what, why, where when for the clearest communications. We are currently updating our church's mission team lists and spotlighting one mission team each Sunday. We are seeking to provide information in the local newspapers on church happenings. Current members of the Communications Team are: Steve Simonson, Scott Morrow, Karlee Etter, Jeff Hutchins, Patience Benassi, Cynthia Campos, Jeanne Mecca We currently are meeting the first Wednesday of the month via zoom at 5:15 p.m. The Communications Team is hosting coffee hour today, stop by to hear more of our efforts, and to share what you'd like to know and what communication methods you prefer, e-mail, newsletter, on-line, Sunday morning announcements, etc.

St Patrick's Day Dinner Sunday March 10, 3:00 p.m.

Adults, \$17; children under 12, \$7.

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

Reservations and payment **MUST** be made before March 4, by calling the church office (203 239-5691). Payment may be made by check, online, or in person; Venmo accepted.

Takeout also available; must be under reservation and prepaid. Available for pickup after 4:00 p.m. Come join us!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	2/25	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	2/26	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN New Haven Camera Club (CH)
Tuesday	2/27	9:30 a.m. 9:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (L) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	2/28	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 1:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Danish Sisterhood (K)
Thursday	2/29	2:30 p.m. 6:00 7:00	WINDOW MAILING Food Council (L) Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	3/1	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 4:00pm 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Decorate for Shower (CH) Al-Anon Area (K)
Saturday	3/2	7:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m.	MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Baby Shower (CH)
Sunday	3/3	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

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, Sexton

*OPENING HYMN: "Lord, I Want To Be a Christian"

insert

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart,
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart,
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart,
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart,

in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be more lov - ing
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be more ho - ly
 in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Je - sus

in my heart. In my heart,
 (in my heart) (in my heart)

in my heart, Lord, I want to
 (in my heart)

be a Chris-tian in my heart. (in my heart)
 be more lov - ing in my heart. (in my heart)
 be more ho - ly in my heart. (in my heart)
 be like Je - sus in my heart. (in my heart)

Refrain

Norman L. Warren 1969



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I will extol you, O God, for you have lifted me up;
 you have not let my enemies triumph over me.
 O God, my God, I cried to you for help,
 and you restored my health.
 You brought me back from the dead;
 you saved my life as I was going down to the Grave.
 Let all your servants sing praises to you,
 and give thanks to your holy name.
 Your anger is but for a moment,
 but your kindness is life eternal. R

In my prosperity I said,
 "I shall never be shaken;
 your favour, O God,
 has made me as firm as any strong mountain."
 You turned your face away from me,
 and I was greatly dismayed.
 I called to you; I made my appeal:
 "What profit is there in my death,
 in my going down to the Grave?
 Will the dust give you praise?
 Will it proclaim your faithfulness?
 Hear, O God, and be gracious to me;
 O God, be my helper." R

You turned my mourning into dancing;
 you stripped off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
 so that my heart will sing your praise without ceasing.
 O God, my God, I will give thanks to you forever. R

* HYMN: "There is a Balm in Gilead"

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Refrain (Unison)

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole.

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
2 If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.
tell the love of Je-sus and say, "He died for all."

D.C.

***CLOSING HYMN: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"**

insert

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God
2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

to Refrain

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.
one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.