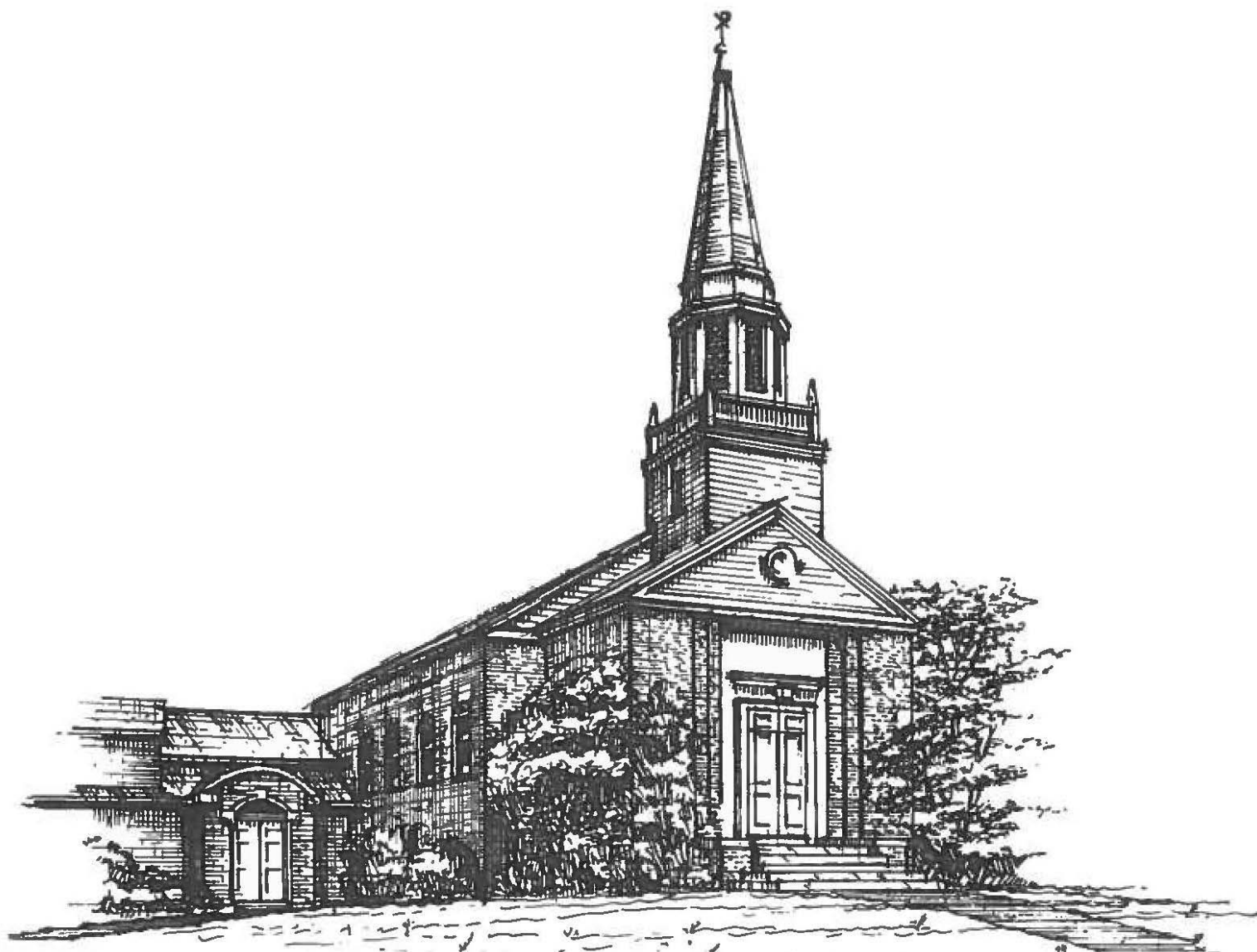


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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, March 3, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**Third Sunday in Lent
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: C Minor *Andante alla breve*

R. Führer
arr. Carlo Rossini

***OPENING HYMN:** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” **V325**

***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**

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 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

PSALM 19

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THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 2:13-22 Page 1237

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** "Forgive our Sins as We Forgive"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Exodus 20:1-17 Page 65

Then God spoke all these words,

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

"You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

“Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

“You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Give Me a Clean Heart*
Sung by the Chancel Choir

Margaret J. Douroux
arr. John Helgen

*Give me a clean heart
So I may serve thee
Lord fix my heart
So that I may be used by thee
For I’m not worthy
Of all these blessings
Give me a clean heart
And I’ll follow thee ://*

*I’m not asking for the riches of the land
I’m not asking for the proud to know my name
Please give me Lord a clean heart
That I may follow thee
Give me a clean heart
And I’ll follow thee*

*Sometimes I am up and sometimes I am down
Sometimes I am almost level to the ground
Please give me Lord a clean heart
That I may follow thee
Give me a clean heart
And I will follow thee.*

SERMON: “Bearing False Witness”

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation: “For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

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Invitation and Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!

*CLOSING HYMN: “Be Thou My Vision”

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: G Major *Maestoso*

V. Engel
arr. Carlo Rossini

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Nancy Mahoney. **Scripture Reader** is Heather Mastracchio.
Greeter is Beth Anderson. There will be **Fellowship Hour** after service.

Today's flowers are given by Carla Hill. These flowers are given in loving memory of both my brother, Brian James and my mother, Cindy James. Brian celebrated his 61st heavenly birthday on February 27 and today, March 3 my mother, Cindy, nine years ago was called home to be with our Lord. We think of you both and miss you both everyday. We thank you both for watching over us all.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Stephen Baraquin 03/03, Aaron Baraquin 03/03, Amelia Murphy 03/05, Jaclyn Murphy 03/05, Francis Dutko 03/06, Cheryl Dutko 03/06.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Fran & Cheryl Dutko 3/3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, the Mission Team Spotlight is the Music Mission Team.

The current members are Jeff Hutchins, Director of Music, Carol Mitchell, Barbara Massey, and Cathy Welch. The team is integral in planning, publicizing, and hosting the Pierpont Concerts, which can range from two to four per year. From finding artists to providing a hospitable "green room", to taking tickets, the team is very involved with the concerts. The team coordinates with Walt Mann of NHTV to produce videos of the concerts. The team coordinates with Julie regarding new and convenient ways of purchasing tickets to these concerts. The team is quick to respond to the requests of music staff and assist choir and other musicians in scheduling and planning special events. Members of the team are integral in maintaining the choral music library of the church. The team helps advocate for necessary purchases and budget requests. The team meets via Zoom, email, and text message, but also has occasional in-person meetings. Recently the Music Mission team met to discuss the February 11 concert of the North Haven High School Jazz and Vocal ensembles. Such a major community event requires many volunteers who are united on the mission! Since music plays such an important role in the life of the church, on both Sunday mornings and in the weekday church schedule, being involved with the Music Mission Team is very rewarding and fulfilling.

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	3/3	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	3/4	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Retired Federal Employees (CH)
Tuesday	3/5	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	3/6	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 6:00 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K) Lions Club (CH)
Thursday	3/7	6:30 p.m. 7:00	Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	3/8	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00pm 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Al-Ateen (CH) Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	3/9	9:00 a.m. 9:30 10:30 2:00 p.m.	Super Saturday (Sturbridge, MA) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Set-up St Patrick's Day Dinner (CH)
Sunday	3/10	9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER (CH)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

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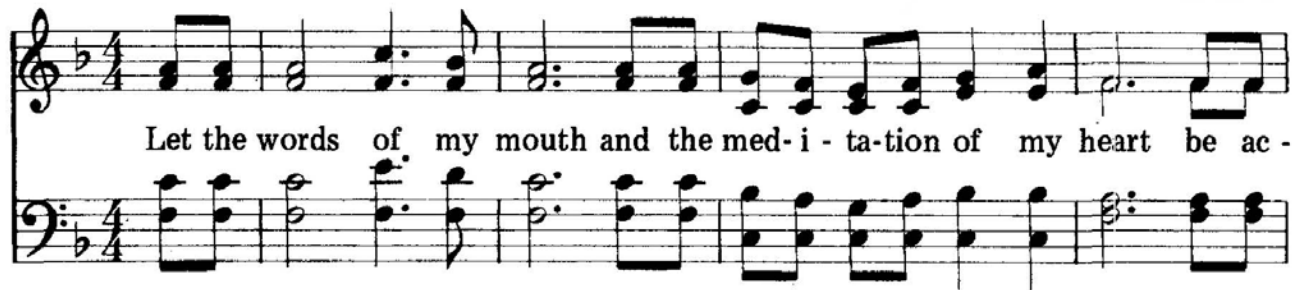
4 Laud and hon-our to the Fa-ther, laud and hon-our to the Son,

1 Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
 2 To this tem-ple where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, to-day;
 3 Here be-stow on all your ser-vants what they ask of you to gain,
 4 Laud and hon-our to the Fa-ther, laud and hon-our to the Son,

laud and hon-our to the Spir-it, ev-er three and ev-er one,
 cho-sen of the Lord, and pre-cious, bind-ing all the church in one,
 with your faith-ful lov-ing-kind-ness hear your ser-vants as they pray,
 what they gain from you for ev-er with the bless-ed to re-tain,
 laud and hon-our to the Spir-it, ev-er three and ev-er one,

one in might, and one in glo-ry, while un-end-ing a-ges run.
 ho-ly Zi-on's help for ev-er, and its con-fi-dence a-lone.
 and your full-est be-ne-dic-tion shed with-in its walls al-way.
 and here-af-ter in your glo-ry ev-er-more with you to reign.
 one in might, and one in glo-ry, while un-end-ing a-ges run.

PSALM 19



The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.

**One day speaks to another,
and night shares its knowledge with night,
and this without speech or language;
their voices are not heard.**

**But their sound goes out to all the lands,
their words to the ends of the earth. R**

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun
which comes out like a bridegroom from under the canopy,
like an athlete eager to run the race.

**Its rising is at one end of the sky, it runs its course to the o
and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat. R**

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul;
God's instruction is sure, giving wisdom to the simple;

God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart;
God's commandment is pure, giving light to the eyes;
God's fear is clean, enduring forever;
Gods judgements are true, every one of them righteous;
more desirable than gold, even much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey, pure honey from the comb. R

By them is your servant warned
for in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern unwitting sins?

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the
better of me. Then shall I be clean and innocent of great offence.

ALL:

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be
acceptable in your sight, O God, my strength and my redeemer.**

R

* HYMN: "Forgive our Sins as We Forgive"

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D A D G D G A D Bm A E A

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Christ, to pray;
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
 4 O cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;

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but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs, and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
 then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.

Hymn of Preparation: "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" V470

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Be Thou My Vision"

V642

Unison

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O joy of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, my calm in all strife;
 ♦ 3 Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for the fight;
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,
 5 Great God of heav - en, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me save that thou art,
 I ev - er with thee, and thou in my life;
 ♦ be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou lov - ing par - ent, thy child may I be,
 ♦ thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
 ♦ raise thou me heav - en - ward, O power of my power.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vis - ion, O rul - er 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.

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