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

Sunday, January 19, 2025

9:30 a.m.

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
Family Sunday**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Arioso*

Daniel G. Turk

***OPENING HYMN:** “The Church’s One Foundation”

V331

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Beloved, let us love one another,

PEOPLE: because love is from God.

Leader: God’s love was revealed among us in this way,

PEOPLE: Jesus Christ came into the world.

Leader: Since God loved us so much,

ALL: we are called to love one another. Come,

Let us worship God.**

***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, they will discover that God walks with them, 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 – martin luther king, jr. 1963*

***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

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.

Larry L. Kleiman

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: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 P. 1327

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be ignorant. You know that when you were gentiles you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

V500

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet.” So they took it. When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

Text: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

Tune: J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

Sung by Chancel Choir and Congregation

SERMON: “Blessing – Unanticipated and Extravagant” Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY *Sanctuary*

Carrie Newcomer
arr. Gary Walters

Carol Amico, vocalist

Heather Meachen, keyboardist

*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:** “As a Fire Is Meant for Burning” V578

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Minuet in C Major W.A. Mozart

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Sandy Carter. **Scripture Reader** is Susan Compton.

Greeter is Beth Anderson. **Pancake Breakfast** is hosted by Men’s and Women’s Fellowship to raise money for the new Parking Lot. Please join us in Carroll Hall after worship.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Audrey Tilley, John (Laurel Gray Bessette’s brother), Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider, Sarah, and Melissa.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Joseph Mickolyzck 01/19, James Dockendorff 01/22, Matt Goldfuss 01/24, Lillian Flodquist 01/25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting – The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for Sunday, January 26 immediately following worship. Annual Reports are available to pick-up today in the Narthex.

Pancake Breakfast– Today after worship NHCC Women’s and Men’s Fellowships invite you to attend a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, Free Will Offering. Proceeds will go to the Parking Lot Project.

Serving: Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Yogurt, Coffee, and Juice.



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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.

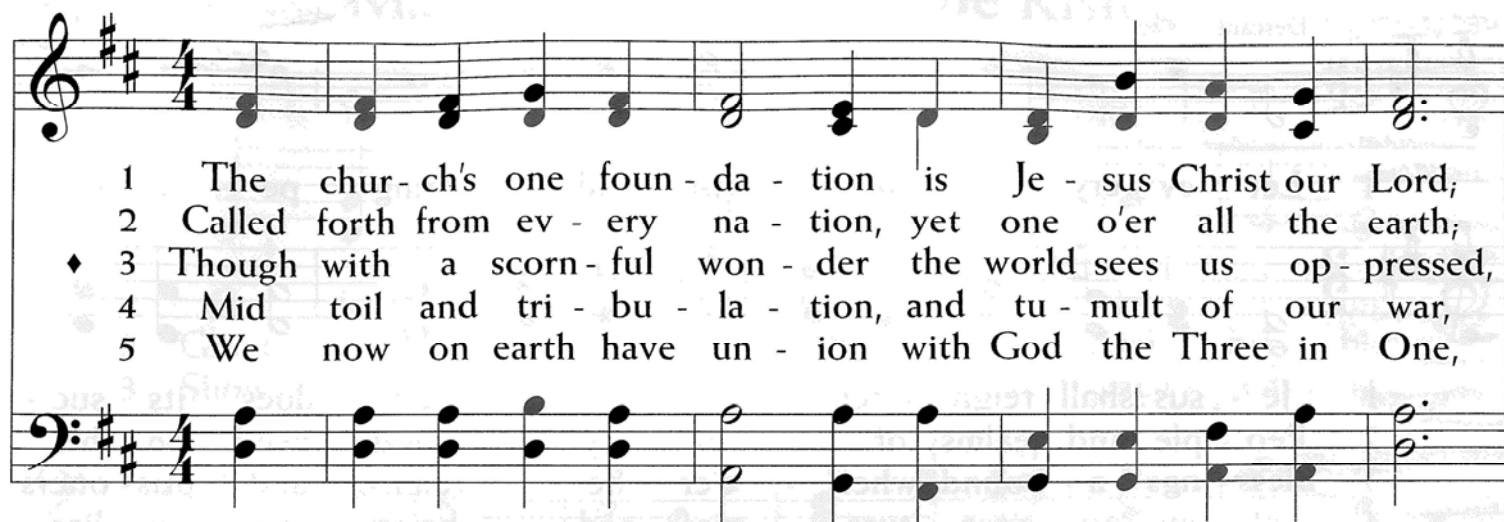
Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Heather Meachen, Organist
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
Dave Nelson, Sexton

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

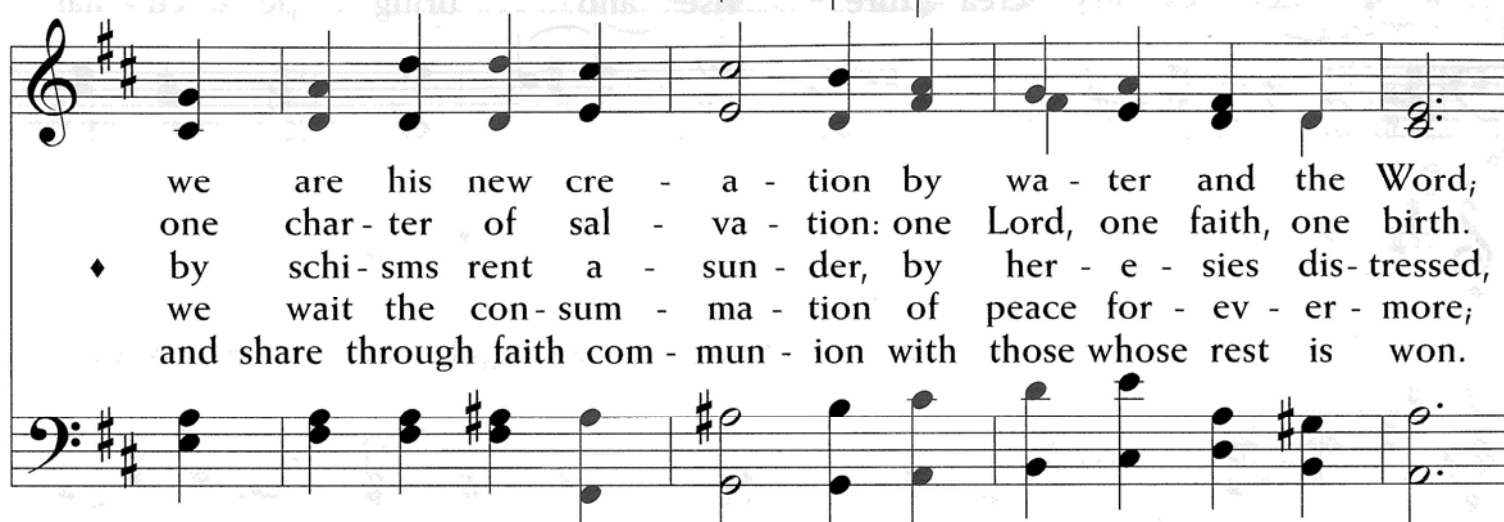
Sunday	1/19	9:30 a.m. 10:45 1:30 p.m.	WORSHIP: Second Sunday after the Epiphany PANCAKE BREAKFAST (CH) Music Together (DBL)
Monday	1/20	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 6:00 p.m.	OFFICE CLOSED (MLK Jr.) Music Together (DBL) AA Music Together (DBL) CT Record Club (K)
Tuesday	1/21	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (CH) United Girls Choir (CH, Sanct, K) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	1/22	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 1:00 p.m.	WINDOW DEADLINE Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Danish Sisterhood (K)
Thursday	1/23	11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	FUNERAL: Ed Harris CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	1/24	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Ala-Teen (CH)
Saturday	1/25	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 3:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Birthday Party (CH) Music Together (DBL) Tibetan American (K, CR)
Sunday	1/26	9:30 a.m. 10:45 1:30 p.m.	WORSHIP: Third Sunday after the Epiphany ANNUAL MEETING OF NHCC Music Together (DBL)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

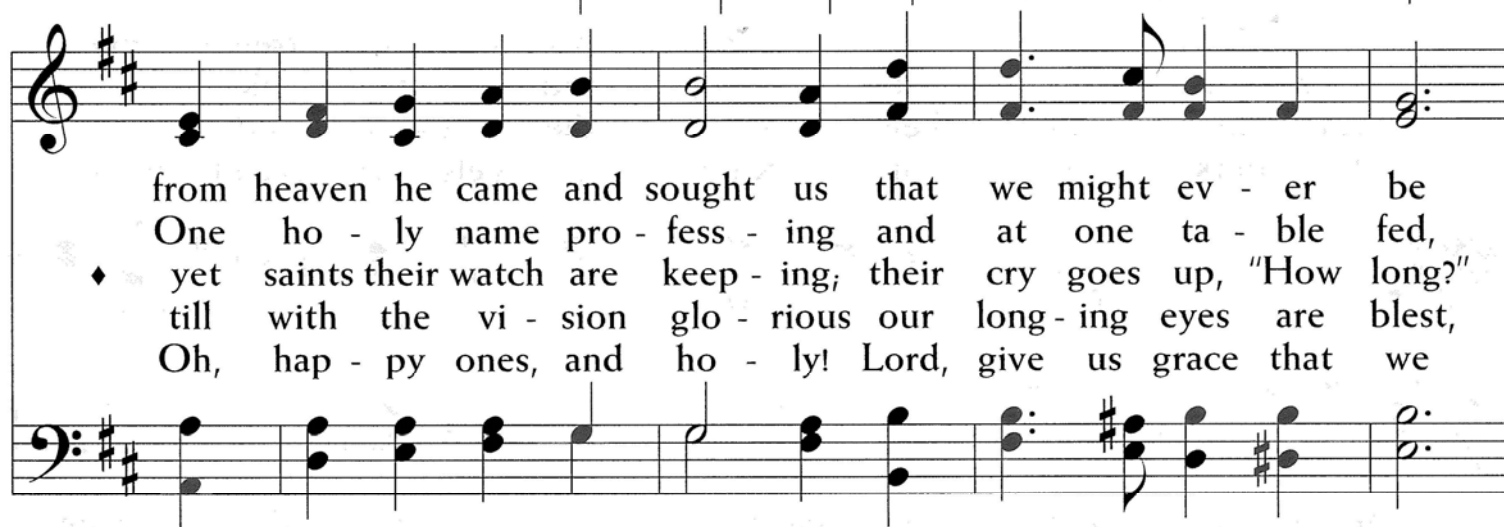
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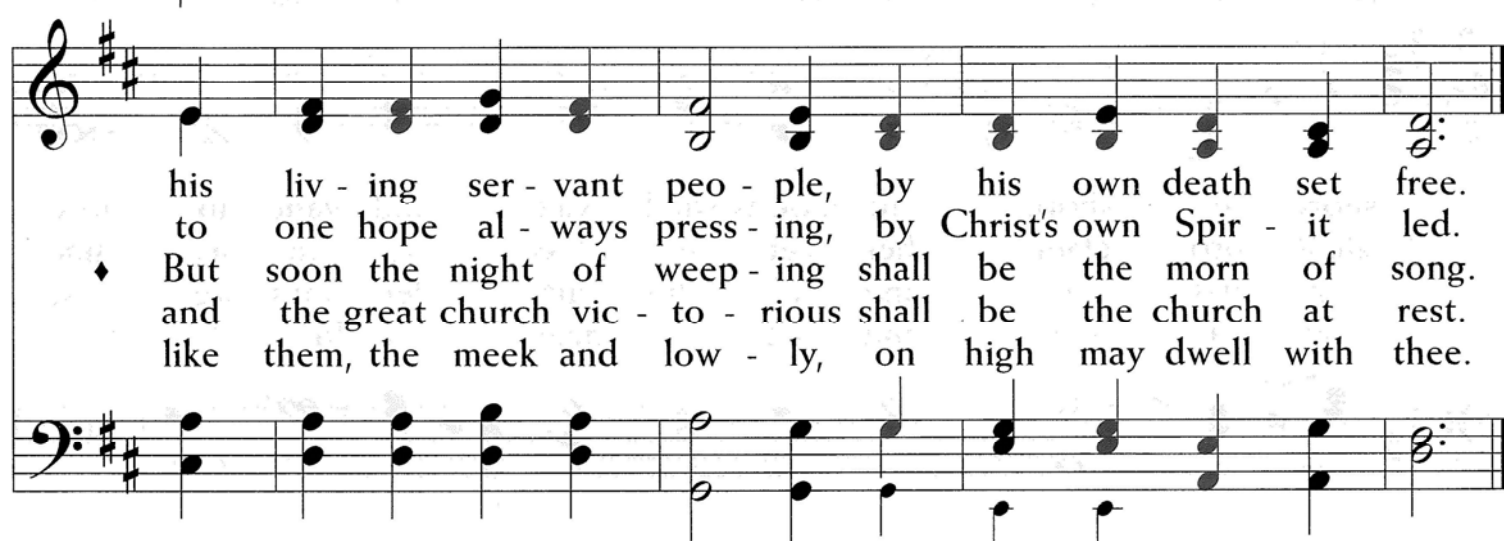
1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord,
 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
 ♦ 3 Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
 5 We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,



we are his new creation by water and the Word;
 one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 ♦ by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
 we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
 and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.



from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
 One holy name professing and at one table fed,
 ♦ yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
 Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we



his living servant people, by his own death set free.
 to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
 ♦ But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

* HYMN: "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

V500

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your word we have come a - gain to
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of light from God pro -

hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;

and in glow - ing faith be near you. As the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

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Tune: J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

Sung by Chancel Choir and Congregation

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your

rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.
 gleam of our bright star is cast.
 God, true to our na - tive land.

*CLOSING HYMN: "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

V578

Unison

1 As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm - ing
 2 We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the
 3 As a green bud in the spring - time is a sign of life re -

flame, so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing
 way. We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are
 newed, so may we be signs of one - ness mid earth's

glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or
 ves - sels made of clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing
 peo - ples, ma - ny - hued. As a rain - bow lights the

cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care, we join
 ac - tions, we would show that Christ is light. In a
 heav - ens when a storm is past and gone, may our

hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bours ev - ery - where.
 hum - ble, lis - tening Spir - it, we would live to God's de - light.
 lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.