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North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Noisy Offering**

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Minuet*

W.A. Mozart

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “I Am the Light of the World”

V87

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: What does the Lord require of us?

**PEOPLE:** With what shall we come before God on high?

Leader: This is what God requires of us:

**ALL:** To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with  
God. Let us worship God.\*\*

**\*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE~unison** *Martin Luther King Jr.*

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

O God, make us people of light; Make us a people of peace!## 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**

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.

**NOISY OFFERING****THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** 1 Corinthians 12:11-31a Pg 1316

All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect, whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work powerful deeds? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

\* **HYMN:** “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Horace Clarence Boyer  
adapted by the NHCC Chancel Choir (2020)  
Sung by the Chancel Choir

**SERMON:** “Sabbath Spirit” 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:** “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples” V507

## \*THE BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** Toccata in G Minor

W.A. Palmer

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Deacon** is Nancy Mahoney. **Scripture Reader** is Heather Mastracchio.  
**Greeters** are Cynthia Campos & Beth Anderson.

**Annual Meeting** is immediately following service.

**In Our Prayers This Week are:** Audrey Tilley, Family of 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:** , Lynn Reardon 01/27, Hazel Jokl 01/27,  
Samuel Jokl 01/27, Jennifer Cooper 01/29, Alan Conley 01/31.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**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\***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1/26</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> <b>10:45</b>	<b>WORSHIP:</b> Third Sunday after the Epiphany <b>ANNUAL MEETING OF NHCC</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>1/27</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 6:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) CT Record Club (K)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1/28</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 5:30 6:00 7:00	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (CH) United Girls Choir (CH, Sanct, K) Girl Scout Troop 60071(RR) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) PARKING LOT CAMPAIGN (L)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>1/29</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	<b>WINDOW MAILING</b> Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1/30</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CHANCEL CHOIR</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1/31</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 6:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Community Supper (St. John's)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 3:00 p.m.	<b>MENS FELLOWSHIP</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Tibetan American (K, CR)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP:</b> Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**

\*OPENING HYMN: "I Am the Light of the World"

Refrain (Unison)

"I am the light of the world! You peo-ple come and fol-low

me!" If you fol-low and love you'll learn the mys-te-ry of

what you were meant to do and be. *Fine*

1 When the song of the an-gels is  
 2 — To find the lost and lone-ly  
 3 — To free the pris-oner from all  
 4 To bring hope to ev-ery task you

stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the  
 one, to heal the bro-ken soul with love, to  
 chains, to make the pow-er-ful care, to  
 do, to dance at a ba-by's new birth, to



kings and the shep - herds have found their way home, the  
 feed the hun - gry child - ren with warmth and good food, to  
 re - build the na - tions with strength of good will, to  
 make mu - sic in an old per - son's heart, and

work of Christ - mas is be - gun:  
 feel the earth be - low, the sky a - bove!  
 see God's chil - dren ev - ery - where!  
 sing to the col - ours of the earth!

\* HYMN: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that  
 ♦ 3 He speaks, and lis - tening to his voice, new  
 4 Hear him, you deaf; you voice - less ones, your  
 5 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -

G D7 G D G

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the  
 ♦ life the dead re - ceive, the mourn - ful bro - ken  
 tongues a - gain em - ploy; you blind, be - hold your  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the

C G D7 G

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 ♦ hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 Sav - iour comes, and leap, you lame, for joy!  
 earth a - broad the hon - ours of your name.

**\*CLOSING HYMN: "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples" V507**

1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing

Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 Word, and walk the road the saints have trod till

plough - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry,  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the

quench their thirst, make love and peace our fast, to  
 sad - ly proud, we sow not peace but strife, our  
 to re - store an earth where con - flicts cease, a  
 earth may we give thanks in one ac - cord to

serve the poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
 dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
 world that was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
 God who calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.