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

**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
The Sacrament of Communion**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Prelude*

J. S. Bach

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” V264

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come, all who are poor in spirit;  
come, all who mourn;  
come, all who are meek;  
come, all who hunger and thirst after righteousness

**PEOPLE: Come, all who would be merciful;  
come, all who would be pure in heart;  
come, all who would be peacemakers.**

Leader: Let us come together – the weak and the simple,  
the powerless and the foolish.

**PEOPLE: Let us confess that the source of our life is Christ Jesus.**

**ALL: Let us worship the God of every blessing \*\***

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

Where there is peace in the heart, there is peace in the home.  
Where there is peace in the home, there is peace in the community.  
Where there is peace in the community, there is peace in the nation.  
Where there is peace in the nation, there is peace in the world.  
May peace begin here, right now, in each of our hearts. 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 CONFESSION:~unison**

You are our light, O God. In your presence our way becomes clearer.  
Like small candles lit from the Christ candle, we can shine with love  
and hope because of you. Yet we confess to you, O God, that we often  
hide our light. Not trusting our perceptions, we do not speak our truth.  
Not trusting our abilities, we do not share our gifts. Fearful, we do not  
reach out in friendship, we do not raise issues that should be raised, we  
do not break the silence of anger to give or seek forgiveness. Help us

to trust you where we cannot trust ourselves. Radiate through us with your holy love and wisdom, healing the hurts of the past, giving us courage for the future, through Jesus Christ, our light.\*\* Amen.

~ *silence* ~

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

### **THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 4:21-30** Page 1206

Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is this not Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

\* **HYMN:** “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

V560

### **THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jeremiah 1:4-10** Page 688

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy,’  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the LORD.”

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD  
said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

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

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *Dear Little Stranger*  
Sung by the Chancel Choir

Charles Gabriel  
arr. Sheldon Curry

**MEDITATION**

Steve Peterson

**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: “Now to Your Table Spread”

V456

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.

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**GREETING OF PEACE** ~*unison*

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

\***CLOSING HYMN:** “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

V120

\***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Toccata in G Minor

W. A. Palmer

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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We thank **Steve Peterson** for leading worship this morning. Scott is recovering at home.

**Deacon** is Jim Bennett. **Scripture Reader** is Heather Mastracchio.

**Greeter** is Beth Anderson.

**Fellowship Hour** will be held in Carroll Hall after worship this morning.

**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

**In Our Prayers This Week are:** Audrey Tilley, Family of John Rice (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:** Sophie Grant 02/04, Walter Kaercher 02/06, Emma Alden 02/08.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Next Sunday is Scout Sunday!** On February 9<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the Scouting program for boys and girls. We encourage all Scouts, current and former, to attend and be recognized. Scouts, and particularly current Scouts, are encouraged to wear their uniforms.

**Save the date!** Saturday, February 22, 2025 is the date for the Pierpont Concert featuring the North Haven High School Choral and Jazz Ensembles. This is always an enjoyable and well attended evening of music. Tickets are available in advance at Fellowship Hour, from the church office, and at the door. \$15, \$10 students, children under 12 free. There will be a Meet & Greet Reception in Carroll Hall following the concert.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/02</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 1:30 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP:</b> Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany Music Together (DBL)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/03</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 1:00 p.m. 4:30	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Ukulele (DBL)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2/04</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	<b>Al-Anon (K) 10-11:30</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (CH) United Girls Choir (CH, Sanct., K) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2/05</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 5:15 p.m. 7:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Pastoral Relations (Zoom) Lions Club (CH)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2/06</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b> 4:30 6:30 7:00	<b>Food Pantry Council (CH)</b> Ukulele (DBL) Mothers of Twins CHANCEL CHOIR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2/07</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2/08</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 11:30 3:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Rhythm Kids (DBL) Tibetan American (K, CR)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/09</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 1:30 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP:</b> Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany; Scout Sunday Music Together (DBL)

\*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.



\*OPENING HYMN: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" V264

G C Am D G D7 G

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise;  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light;

G C Am D G D7 G

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes;  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

G D G (Em) D G D

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all praise we would ren - der, O help us to see

G C Am D G D7 G

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dour of light hid - eth thee!

\* HYMN: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

V560

D G D Em E A A Bm7 A7

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move with some clear,  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee, in clos - er,  
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

D Bm7 E7 A A7 Em A7 D

paths of ser - vice free; teach me thy se - cret,  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

G D A D A7 Bm A7 D Em A D

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sure and strong, in trust that tri - umphs ov - er wrong,  
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

# Hymn of Preparation: "Now to Your Table Spread"

V456



1 Now to your ta - ble spread we come, each one in  
 2 Hands of the world stretch out your mys - ter - y to  
 3 Here is our com - mon wealth in shar - ing what is



faith that you a - lone pro - vide the words of  
 touch in long - ing to be - lieve a truth be -  
 good, as though all hu - man - kind a - round one



life and death: in wine and bread, in  
 yond our reach, to sing in joy, to  
 ta - - - ble stood, this bread to break, this



prom - ised food we find your lov - ing heart, O God.  
 cry in grief, to know your mean - ing for our life.  
 wine to taste: one peo - ple in the name of Christ.



\*CLOSING HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

V120

F (Fdim F) C Dm Gm C

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ev - er near;  
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you,

F G7 C (F C) G7 C

re - main for ev - er near me, my Sav - iour and my friend:  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear;  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will,  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

C7 F (D7) Gm (D7 Gm)

I shall not fear the jour - ney if you are by my side,  
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to hast - en or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

Unison Bb C Harmony F Bb F C7 F

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Sav - iour and my friend.