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

Sunday, February 9, 2025

9:30 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
The Noisy Offering**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Chorale*

J.S. Bach

***OPENING HYMN:** “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty” V315

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: We have been called the salt of the earth.

PEOPLE: Let us remain hidden and distinctive.

Leader: We have been called the light of the world.

PEOPLE: Let us shine brightly in the midst of pain or confusion.

Leader: We have been called a city set on a hill.

**ALL: Let us, like Jerusalem, lift our gates, lift our hearts,
lift our voices in the worship of God.****

Maren C. Tirabassi

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

Most Loving and Merciful God, in whose law we find our guidance, in whose love we find our healing and joy, and in whose will we find our peace, rule over our spirits in this hour that we will go from this worship with the freedom of those who trust you and need have no anxiety for themselves.## We pray in Jesus' name. 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

Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love and power. Some of us come with reluctance, and some with joy, some with sadness, and others full of fear, yet we know you receive us as we are. Touch us, God, with your healing fire. Speak to us through your word. Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ.** Amen.

Ruth C. Duck

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

Karlee Etter

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 5:1-11

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Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.*** HYMN:** "Jesus Calls Us"

V562

Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Open the Eyes of My Heart / Amazing Grace*

Words & Music: Paul Baloche

Sung by The Chancel Choir

Traditional hymn tune

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.

Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You.

I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.

SERMON: “Trust and Believe”

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:** “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Musette*

J.S. Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

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

Greeter is Beth Anderson.

Fellowship Hour will be held in Carroll Hall following worship.

Today's flowers are given by Dot Pierce in loving memory of her son
Stephen. I will miss and love you until we meet again!

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Martin Gerst 02/09 (Heather Meachen's father), Tom Glynn 02/09, Daniel Mickolyzak 02/10, Hunter Conley 02/11, Joshua Peiffer 02/13, Richard Gherlone 02/14, Joy Gillen 02/14, Shayna DeLuca 02/14, Jim Bennett 02/16

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Linda & William Tosetti 02/14

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*

Sunday	2/09	9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	WORSHIP: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Music Together (DBL)
Monday	2/10	9:30 a.m. 10:30 1:00 p.m. 4:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Ukulele (DBL)
Tuesday	2/11	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00 6:00 7:00	Al-Anon (K) 10-11:30 Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (CH) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) United Girls Choir (CH, Sanct., K) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (RR) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) PARKING LOT CAMPAIGN (L)
Wednesday	2/12	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) COMMUNICATIONS (Zoom) Leos Club (CH) MLB (Library)
Thursday	2/13	4:30 p.m. 5:30 7:00 7:00	Ukulele (DBL) Girl Scouts Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR Garden Club (CH)
Friday	2/14	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	2/15	8:00 a.m. 9:30 10:30 11:30 3:00 p.m.	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (CH) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Rhythm Kids (DBL) Tibetan American (K, CR)
Sunday	2/16	9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	WORSHIP: Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany 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.

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: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" V315

Descant

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God al - might - y!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God al - might - y!

All thy works shall praise thy name;

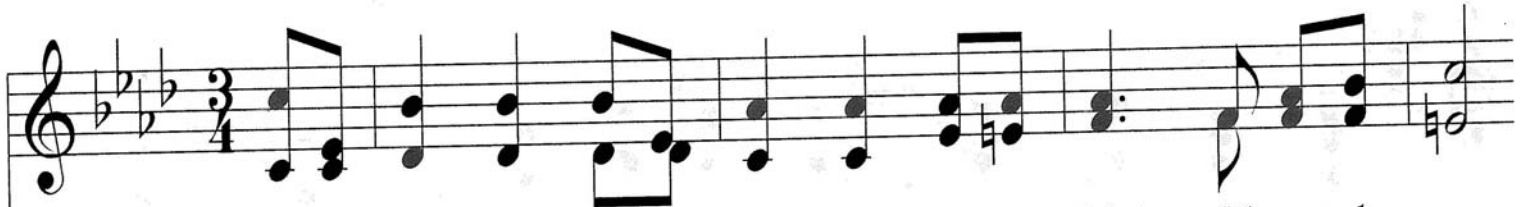
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!



- 1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild rest - less sea,
 2 Long a - go a - pos - tles heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,
 ♦ 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the vain world's gold - en store,
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
 5 Je - sus calls us: by your mer - cies, Sav - iour, may we hear your call,



- day by day his clear voice sound - ing, say - ing, "Christ - ian, fol - low me."
 turned from home and toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 ♦ from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Christ - ian, love me more."
 still he calls, in cares and plea - sures, "Christ - ian, love me more than these."
 give our hearts to your o - be - dience, serve and love you best of all.



*CLOSING HYMN: "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

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Unison

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The God of splend - our clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The un - i - verse re - stored and whole will sing:

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!