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North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, March 2, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Last Sunday after Epiphany  
Transfiguration Sunday  
The Sacrament of Communion

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Chorale*

J.S. Bach

\*OPENING HYMN: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Jesus went to the mountain and was changed. Transformed.

**PEOPLE: But change is hard for us.**

Leader: You call us, O God, to change our lives.

**PEOPLE: But change is hard for us.**

Leader: You call us, O God, to change our hearts.

**PEOPLE: But change is hard for us.**

Leader: You call us, O God, to change our thinking.

**PEOPLE: But change is hard for us.**

Leader: Open our lives, our hearts, our thinking.

**ALL: Open us, O God, to your loving changes.\*\***

\*LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE ~*unison*

God of compassion and love, show us how to care for each other and live in the world. Beyond all limits, difficulties or failings, give us a passion to hold all people in respect and dignity. Together, O God, may we create a world of freedom, justice and peace.## 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*

God of mercy, and of hope, we confess that we come with mixed thoughts and uncertain dreams. We could not meet our daily needs without the labor of others; yet we take them for granted. We are offended by slight offenses against us and hardly consider our neglect of your Word, our patience with evil, and our slowness to act for others. We could not sense the beauty or meaning of life without your Spirit, yet we have not noticed signs of the eternal in the ordinary moments of our lives. We have not allowed our habits and perceptions to be transfigured by the glory of your grace and presence, Grant us a taste of your love so we may be acquire an appetite for justice and a capacity for fulfillment. Sharpen our hunger and thirst for you, O Christ! Amen.\*\* Amen.

~ *silence* ~

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## **THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Exodus 34:29-35      Page 80

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

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

\* **HYMN:** “How Good, Lord, to Be Here”

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**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Luke 9:28-36 Page 1214

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah,” not realizing what he was saying. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Words & Music: Graham Kendrick

Sung by the Chancel Choir

**MEDITATION:** “Listening to Jesus”

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: "I Come with Joy"

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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.

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

\***CLOSING HYMN:** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"      Insert

## \*THE BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** *Musette*

J.S. Bach

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Deacon** is Nancy Mahoney. **Communion Servers** are Dot Pierce and Kathy Harple. **Scripture Reader** is Carol Amico.

**Greeter** is Beth Anderson.

**In Our Prayers This Week are:** Family of Joyce Bellonio, Family of Linda Serfillipi, Family of Shirley Ryan, Audrey Tilley, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider, Sarah, and Melissa.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **ASH WEDNESDAY is March 5th and coming up fast!**

There will be a “Simple Soup Supper” in Carroll Hall at 6:00 P.M. . Menu will include a variety of soups, salad, and bread.

The Ash Wednesday service will be at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary!

In order for this to happen, we need volunteers to make a pot of soup and we need to know how many are planning to attend! Without your help, this cannot happen!

This is a great opportunity to start your 40 day Lenten Journey as we look forward April 20<sup>th</sup> and celebrating Easter Sunday! Please come and join us for a Simple Soup Supper! & Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm

### **St. Patrick’s Day Dinner is March 16th**

Women’s and Men’s Fellowships are planning the annual St Patrick’s Day Dinner to be held on Sunday March 16 at 3 p.m. Once again we need your help. We are in need of some men to volunteer to be in charge of the kitchen to prep and prepare the meal. WF will do the decorating, setup, serving, and cleanup; of course we will need bakers to make Irish soda bread. Please sign up if you would like to help. Sign up sheet is available during fellowship hour starting today. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of March—\$18 for adults and free for children under 12. Reservations are required!

#### **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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:45	<b>WORSHIP:</b> Transfiguration Sunday FAITH FORMATION MT (H)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 1:00 p.m. 1:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Music Together (DBL) Food Pantry Retired Federal Employees (CH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00 6:45	<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) Lions Club (CH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3/5</b>	10:00 a.m. 10:30 6:00 p.m. 6:00 7:00	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Leos Club (K) SOUP SUPPER (CH) ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3/6</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> 7:00	<b>Mothers of Twins (CH)</b> CHANCEL CHOIR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>3/7</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>3/8</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 11:30 3:00 p.m.	<b>SUPER SATURDAY</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Rhythm Kids (DBL) Tibetan American (K, CR)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3/9</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:45	<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME</b> <b>WORSHIP:</b> First Sunday in Lent LENTEN STUDY (K)

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Julie Schweickert 03/02, Stephen Baraquin 03/03, Aaron Baraquin 03/03, Amelia Murphy 03/05, Jaclyn Murphy 03/05, Curtis Andrews 03/06, Francis Dutko 03/06, Cheryl Dutko 03/06.

\*OPENING HYMN: "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

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Descant

4 Be this while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ening cries:  
 2 To God, the Word on high, the hosts of an - gels cry:  
 1 Quand le so - leil se lè - ve et quand le jour s'a - chè - ve:  
 2 Au Cré - a - teur l'ou - vra - ge de ses mains rend hom - ma - ge:

may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,

may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let mor - tals, too, up - raise  
 bé - ni soit Jé - sus Christ! Pour dire son al - lé - gres - se  
 bé - ni soit Jé - sus Christ! LÉ - glise en sa pré - sen - ce

through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 their voice in hymns of praise: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 mon coeur à Dieu s'a - dres - se: bé - ni soit Jé - sus Christ!  
 chan - te l'a - mour im - men - se: bé - ni soit Jé - sus Christ!

3 Let all of humankind  
 in this their concord find:  
 may Jesus Christ be praised!  
 Let all the earth around  
 ring joyous with the sound:  
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, while life is mine,  
 my canticle divine:  
 may Jesus Christ be praised!  
 Be this th' eternal song,  
 through all the ages long:  
 may Jesus Christ be praised!



Descant

5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your  
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your  
 3 Ful - fil - ler of the past and  
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we  
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet

we may not re - main; but, since you bid us  
 glo - ry fills the night; your face and gar - ments,  
 beau - ty to be - hold, where Mo - ses and E -  
 hope of things to be, we hail your bod - y  
 see your king - dom come: we long to hold the  
 we may not re - main; but, since you bid us

leave the mount, come with us to the plain.  
 like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
 li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
 glo - ri - fied, and our re - demp - tion see!  
 vi - sion bright and make this hill our home!  
 leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

# Hymn of Preparation: "I Come with Joy"

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Unison

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B $\flat$

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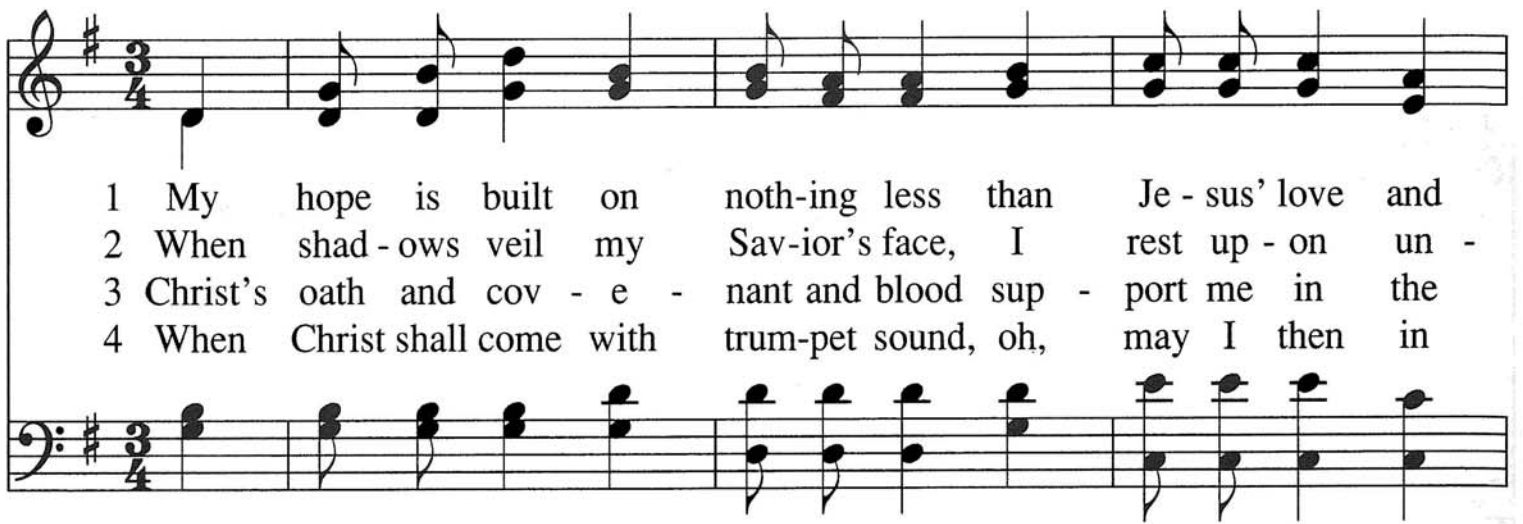
1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en,  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as  
 ♦ 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di -  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that

loved and free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 all are fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ♦ vi - sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 ev - er near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mun - ion bread, in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 ♦ stran - gers now are friends, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

**\*CLOSING HYMN: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"**

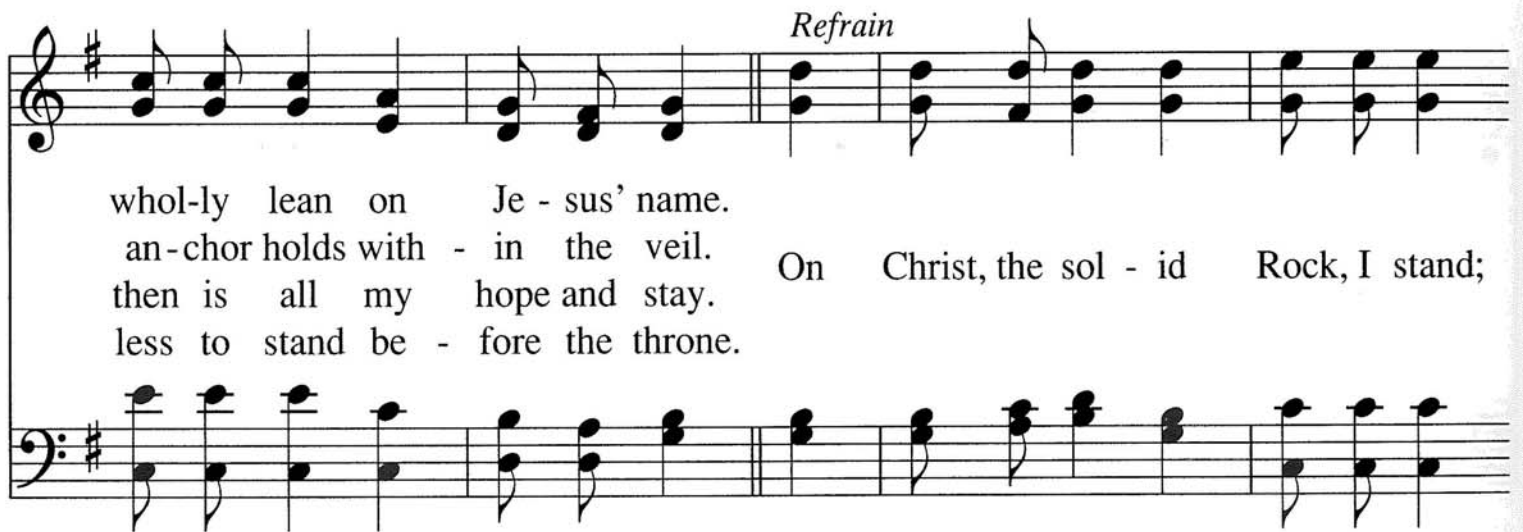
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1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and  
2 When shad - ows veil my Sav-ior's face, I rest up - on un -  
3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the  
4 When Christ shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in



righteous-ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but  
chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ  
Love be found, Dressed in God's righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -



*Refrain*

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an-chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.



all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.



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