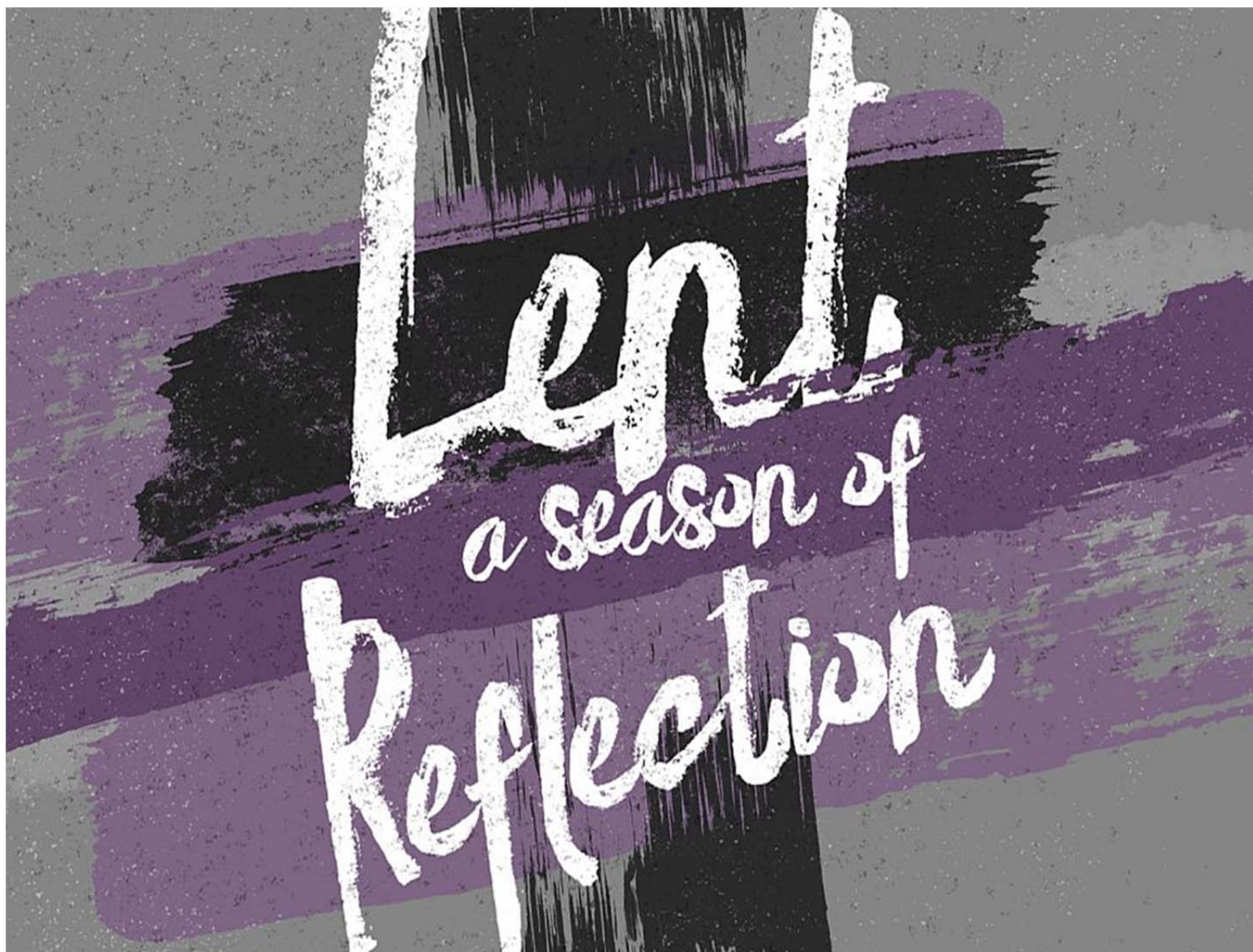


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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, March 30, 2025

9:30 a.m.

**Fourth Sunday in Lent
One Great Hour of Sharing**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Ave Maris Stella*

Giovanni Battista Fasolo

***OPENING HYMN:** "The Church's One Foundation"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God is waiting for us

PEOPLE: With a tender heart and a searching question.

Leader: God is ready for us

PEOPLE: With truth and wisdom from a deep well.

Leader: God is blessing us

PEOPLE: With springs of living water.

Leader: God is sending us

PEOPLE: To sing, pray, and witness every day.

Leader: God is here.

ALL: Let the conversation begin.**

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

Good and gracious God, You are light for our eyes.

Good and gracious God, You are the air we breathe.

You give us the voice to speak and a joyful song to sing

You are, O good and gracious God, our path to peace.## Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

God, we do not trust in a new creation for ourselves or for others.

We do not really believe in recovery from addictions.

We are awkward with gender transition.

We refuse new romance after the death of someone long loved.

We deny the possibility of joy and usefulness after the loss of sight, hearing, or mobility or in the path of dementia.

We treat family members as if they, of all human beings, cannot change.

Forgive us and create in us a spirit so new that all the old intolerances pass away.*** Amen.

~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Peace Like a River*

Trad. American Spiritual
Based on Isaiah 66:12

Sung by the Children's Choir and the Chancel Choir

1. I've got Peace like a river
I've got Peace like a river
I've got Peace like a river in my soul
I've got Peace like a river
I've got peace like a river
I've got Peace like a river in my soul
2. I've got Joy like a fountain...
3. I've got Love like an ocean...
4. I've got Peace, Joy, and Love like a river...

PSALM 32

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THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Joshua 5:9-12

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The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal, they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and roasted grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Pg 1323

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SERMON: “In Spirit and Truth”

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: “My Song Is Love Unknown”**

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Mit Ganczem Willen Wunsch Ich Dir* Conrad Paumann

(With All My Being I Wish You Well)

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Sandy Carter. **Scripture Reader** is Stephen Peterson. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson.

Today's flowers are given by Barbara Massey. In honor of God's miraculous work in nature that has begun again! Happy Spring!

In Our Prayers This Week are: Tony and Cheryl Solecki, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider, Sarah, and Melissa.

Highlighting our Mission Teams: Buildings & Grounds

The purpose of the Buildings & Grounds Mission Team is to maintain both the parsonage and church facilities in sound and good condition. This includes such infrastructure items as the heating system, lighting and water as well as general cleaning.

The team is involved with maintaining the yard with a fall and spring cleanup so the church looks good for Easter and Christmas.

Current membership is Martin Benassi, Jim Bennett, Mark Bessette, Ed Collett, Dave Nelson, Paul Powers, Peter Struk, and Scott Morrow.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Charlotte Shea 03/31, Janelly Ane Santiago 03/31, Anthony Solecki 04/03, Jeff Hutchins 04/03, Sandy Carter 04/04, Tanner Dubail 04/04.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newcomer Discussion Today after worship in the library

This gathering is an occasion to ask questions and learn about NHCC. The gathering is hosted by the Deacons, and everyone is welcome.

Lenten Study Continues on April 6 and April 13

Our Lenten Study will continue following worship on April 6 & April 13. We will be reading in *We Make the Road by Walking*, by Brian McLaren. McLaren encourages readers to consider a more active, practical faith that engages the world with hope. Come read, discuss, and pray!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	3/30	9:30 a.m. 10:45 5:00 p.m.	WORSHIP: Fourth Sunday in Lent NEWCOMERS DISCUSSION (L) CONFIRMATION (CH)
Monday	3/31	1:00 p.m. 5:00	Food Pantry New Haven Camera Club (CH)
Tuesday	4/1	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) 10-11:30 PLP (CH) United Girls Choir (CH, Sanct, K) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	4/2	10:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:00 7:00	WINDOW MAILING FOOD PANTRY OPEN Ukulele (DBL) Leos Club (CH) Lions Club (CH)
Thursday	4/3	4:30 p.m. 6:30 7:00	Ukulele (DBL) Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	4/4	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	4/5	7:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 11:30 3:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Rhythm Kids (DBL) Tibetan American (K, CR)
Sunday	4/6	9:30 a.m. 10:45	WORSHIP: Fifth Sunday in Lent LENTEN STUDY (K) CONFIRMATION

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

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: "The Church's One Foundation"

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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.

Refrain

Memmington ms., 17th century
Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward 1904

Be glad in God you right - eous. Re-joice, O saints, re - joice.

Blessed are those whose offences are forgiven,
whose sin has been put away.

Blessed are those to whom God imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit. R

When I kept silence, my body wasted away,
while I groaned all the day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my strength dried up as in a summer drought.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: "I will confess my sins to God";
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let all the faithful pray to you in time of trouble,
when great floodwater rises,
it shall not come near them.

You are a hiding place for me,
you will preserve me from trouble;

you will surround me with shouts of deliverance. R

I will teach you,
and guide you in the way you should go.

I will keep you under my eye and instruct you.

Be not like a horse or mule, without understanding,
whose course must be checked with bit and bridle.

Many pains are in store for the wicked,
but whoever trusts in God,
is surrounded by steadfast love. R

* HYMN: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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G C (G) Am D (G) C D7 G

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bour, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

G C (G) Am D (G) C D7 G

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bour, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

C (G) C G (C) Dm C Em Am (G Am) Em Am9

For the plough - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

G D G C (G) Am D (G) C D7 G

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

*CLOSING HYMN: "My Song Is Love Unknown"

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1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - iour's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 3 Some - times they strew his way, and his sweet prais - es sing, re -
 4 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so div - ine; nev -

to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be.
 peo - ple scorned, and none the longed - for Christ would know.
 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
 er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like thine!

O who am I that for my sake
 But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed,
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath,
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise

my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 who at my need his life did spend!
 and for his death they thirst and cry.
 I all my days could glad - ly spend.

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.

Three ways to donate items from your home

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