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

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

**9:30 a.m.**

**6th Sunday after Epiphany**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Prelude in C Major by Jaak Nikolaas Lemmens

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies” V336

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: On glory’s mountaintops of wonder and delight, we wait:

**People: for God’s amazing grace to transform our shadowed lives.**

Leader: In the valleys of everyday life, where noise overwhelms us, we wait:

**People: willing to spend time simply being in God’s presence.**

Leader: In the devouring fires of fear, in the mist of misguided living, we wait,

**People: for the One who comes in majesty, to lead us down the paths of humility. \*\***

**\*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 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**

**Light of God, shine upon us this hour. We bring to you all that we are both our strengths and our weaknesses. We lift our prayers for your world in all its beauty and its pain, trusting in your Spirit’s power to redeem. As your light once made Jesus appear radiant on a mountaintop with Moses and Elijah, transform us as we worship here today. Let us encounter your Holy Spirit, undeniably present among us, that we may bear Christ’s light to a world that longs for peace. 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.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Cindy

### **THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Exodus 24: 12-18 Page 70

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

HERE ENDS THE READING.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**Hymn:** "How Brightly Beams the Morning Star"

V98

### **THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Matthew 17: 1-9 Page 1164

#### **The Transfiguration**

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and



**offering. May our gifts and joyful service strengthen your church, that we may share good news and compassion with those in need. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”**

V232

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: Sonata**

by Domenico Scarlatti

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Deacon** is Joan Bennett. **Scripture Reader** is Jim Bennett. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson. **Camera Operator** is Damon Quinn.

**Flowers** are given by Barbara Massey. Wishing all a very Happy Valentine's Day!

**Please join us for Fellowship in Carroll Hall immediately following the service.**

**In Our Prayers This Week are:**

The Rev. Deb Ruotolo, Lee Guckert, Susan Guckert, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Ann Schneider, and Charlotte Shea.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Lent begins with Ash Wednesday service on February 18th!**

There will be a Soup Supper beginning at 6:00 p.m.! We are asking for donations of a pot of soup (make your favorite to share)!!

Please see Carol Mitchell or let Julie to let them know what kind of soup you will be making!

Thank you advance!!

## **Fundraising for our Church**

Since the church budget that was passed two Sundays ago at our annual meeting included a considerable fundraising budget, the on-line auction fundraising team is exploring if we can hold another on-line auction this year. If so, it would be our 7th annual on-line fundraising auction for the church. Advance planning and donation commitments are needed.

To have another fundraising auction, we would need to have some "anchor" items, that is, items with an expected high value for the auction. The previous anchor items for our first six auctions included donations of gold jewelry, sterling silver items, canoe, kayak, paddle boards, Thule rack, silver fox coat, fly rods, electric lift chair, racoon coat, Karastan rugs, antique wagon, special Beatles albums. We would be interested in finding out if you or someone you know might be downsizing and interested in donating these types of items for our on-line fundraising auction. Other types of items that would be desirable are just about any teak items or small teak furniture (side table), anything unusual, for example an antique license plate or a vintage peewee drawstring talking doll. Mid-century modern items do well in this type of auction. If you have items to donate, please contact a member of the On-Line Auction Fundraising B Team: Martha B., Martin B, Patience B and Priscilla B.

### **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: "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

V336

D G A7 D G A Bm A D

1 Christ whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ the true, the  
 2 Dark and cheer - less is the morn un - ac - com - pan -  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of

G A D A D G A7 D

on - ly light, sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise,  
 ied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn,  
 sin and grief; fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine,

D Bm F# G Em6 F# Bm G A Bm

tri - umph o'er the shades of night. Day - spring from on  
 till thy mer - cy's beams I see, till they in - ward  
 scat - ter all my un - be - lief; more and more thy -

Em F# Bm A D Em7 A7 D

high, be near; day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 light im - part, glad my eyes and warm my heart.  
 self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

# Hymn: "How Brightly Beams the Morning Star"

V98

1 How bright - ly beams the Morn - ing Star!  
2 All praise to him who came to save;

What sud - den ra - diance from a - far!  
who con - quered death and scorned the grave;

It cheers us with its shin - ing. Bright - ness of  
each day new praise re - sound - eth to him, the

God, that breaks our night and fills the dark - ened souls with light,  
life who once was slain, the friend whom none shall trust in vain,

who long for truth were pin - ing! New - ly,  
whose grace for aye a - bound - eth; sing then,

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features two staves per system: a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is D major (two sharps) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column corresponding to the first system and the second column to the second system. The score is divided into six systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 1 How bright - ly beams the Morn - ing Star! 2 All praise to him who came to save; What sud - den ra - diance from a - far! who con - quered death and scorned the grave; It cheers us with its shin - ing. Bright - ness of each day new praise re - sound - eth to him, the God, that breaks our night and fills the dark - ened souls with light, life who once was slain, the friend whom none shall trust in vain, who long for truth were pin - ing! New - ly, whose grace for aye a - bound - eth; sing then,

tru - ly, God's word feeds us, right - ly leads us, life be -  
ring then, tell the sto - ry of his glo - ry, till his

stow - ing. Praise, O praise such love o'er - flow - ing!  
prais - es flood with light earth's dark - est maz - es!

“We Are Standing On Holy Ground”

Insert

We are stand - ing on Ho - ly Ground,

and I know that there are an - gels all a - round;

Let us praise Je - sus now. We are

stand - ing in His pres - ence on Ho - ly Ground.

Descant

4 Mor - tals join the chor - us, hal - le - lu - jah!

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore you, God of glo - ry,  
 2 All your works with joy sur - round you, earth and heaven re -  
 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing,  
 4 Mor - tals join the might - y cho - rus which the morn - ing

Hal - le - lu - jah! Love is reign - ing o'er us,

life and love; hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you,  
 flect your rays, stars and an - gels sing a - round you,  
 ev - er blest, well - spring of the joy of liv - ing,  
 stars be - gan; God's own love is reign - ing o'er us,

join - ing peo - ple hand in hand. Hal - le - lu - jah!

open - ing to the sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of  
 cen - tre of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,  
 o - cean depth of hap - py rest! Source of grace and  
 join - ing peo - ple hand in hand. Ev - er sing - ing,

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

D G D B Em A7 D

sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way;  
 vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 fount of bless - ing, let your light up - on us shine;  
 march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

G C G D7 G

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, sound their praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.  
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

**Church Staff:** All the Members, Ministers to the World  
 The Reverend Cindy Stasko, Bridge 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>2/15</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 2:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP:</b> Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Tibetan American (K,CR, RR)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2/16</b>	9:30 a.m. 9:30 4:00 p.m. 6:00 7:00	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Music Together (DBL) AA (K) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) CT Record Club (CH) Sons & Daughters of Italy (K)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2/17</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 4:30 6:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) United Girls' Choir (CH, K, Sanct) Music Together (DBL) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2/18</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> 1:00 p.m. 5:00 6:00 7:00	<b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b> <b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b> Danish Sisterhood (K & Kitch) Tibetan New Year (CH) Lenten Soup Supper (K) Ash Wednesday Service (Sanct.)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2/19</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CHANCEL CHOIR</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2/20</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>2/21</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 11:30 7:00pm	<b>Men's Fellowship (CH)</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Pierpont Concert & Reception
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2/22</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 2:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP:</b> Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Tibetan American (K,CR, RR)

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Jim Bennett 02/16, Aidan Nottingham 02/17, William Mickolyzck 02/18, Victoria Hummel 02/19, Kristin Bengston 02/19, Kathleen Mickolyzck 02/21.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Linda & William Tosetti 02/14.