

# The Mount Carmel Congregational Church

*A United Church of Christ*



*[Son of] Man Glorified, Deacon Lawrence Klimecki*

**Transfiguration**  
**February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

## Prelude

“SCHONSTER HER JESU”

*Arr. John Carter*

## Greeting

### Passing of the Peace of Christ

#### Call to Worship

One: The voice of God gathers us today;

**All: The warmth of God brings us together as one people.**

One: So we come, with joy and sorrow in our hearts, with acts  
mighty and faltering,

**All: With kindness and with selfishness, with doubt and with  
faith.**

One: We bring the fullness of our lives to God as we worship.

**All: We bring all of who we are to God.**

#### \*Hymn

“Beautiful Jesus”

NCH #44

## The Call to Confession

### Unison Prayer of Confession

Loving God, each week we come and ask forgiveness for the ways we have fallen short of the mark of Love in the way we have treated one another, the way we have taken our planet for granted, in the way we have treated ourselves. Once again, we have come to ask forgiveness for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. Once again, we come, mindful that you will never turn away from us, even when we have not lived up to our promises. Once again, we come in gratitude. We are your people, O God. We want our lives to reflect that truth. Amen.

## Words of Assurance

#### First Reading:

Mark 9: 2-10

Leon Fiftal



The guild of prophets at Jericho came to Elisha and said, “Did you know that God is going to take your master away from you today?”

“Yes,” he said, “I know it. But keep it quiet.”

Then Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here. God has sent me on an errand to the Jordan.”

Elisha said, “Not on your life! I’m not letting you out of my sight!” And so the two of them went their way together.

Meanwhile, fifty men from the guild of prophets gathered some distance away while the two of them stood at the Jordan.

Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up, and hit the water with it. The river divided and the two men walked through on dry land.

When they reached the other side, Elijah said to Elisha, “What can I do for you before I’m taken from you? Ask anything.”

Elisha said, “Your life repeated in my life. I want to be a holy man just like you.”

“That’s a hard one!” said Elijah. “But if you’re watching when I’m taken from you, you’ll get what you’ve asked for. But only if you’re watching.”

And so it happened. They were walking along and talking. Suddenly a chariot and horses of fire came between them and Elijah went up in a whirlwind to heaven. Elisha saw it all and shouted, “My father, my father! You—the chariot and cavalry of Israel!” When he could no longer see anything, he grabbed his robe and ripped it to pieces. Then he picked up Elijah’s cloak that had fallen from him, returned to the shore of the Jordan, and stood there. He took Elijah’s cloak—all that was left of Elijah!—and hit the river with it, saying, “Now where is the God of Elijah? Where is he?” When he struck the water, the river divided and Elisha walked through.

## **Sermon**

**\*Hymn**

“Great Is Your Faithfulness”

NCH #423

## **The Joys and Concerns of the Parish Family**

Please remember the following persons in your prayers: Marilynn Bronson; Jane Dringoli; Sterling Marenholz; Karl Paulette; Amos Hewitt; Rhonda Pruzinsky; and Gilbert Spencer.

## **Moments of Silent Prayer**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy names. 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.

## **Call to Offering**

## **Offertory**

“HYFRYDOL”

*Arr. Robert Lau*

## **\*The Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God for all that Love has done,  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit--One. Amen.*

## **\*Prayer of Dedication**



**\*Hymn**

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

“HYFRYDOL”

*Arr. Edwin Childs*

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*As a community of faith, gathered in Christ's love,  
we strive to support one another in hearing the Word,  
living the Word, and sharing the Word.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for coffee hour following this morning's service.

For Ash Wednesday this year (which falls on February 14<sup>th</sup>), our Church has been invited to participate in two very special programs right here in Hamden. First, Reverend Milton will be participating in the Ashes-To-Go program at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, located at 600 Shepherd Avenue. Ashes will be given from the comfort of your vehicle from 7:30-9:30am, and from 11:30am-1:30pm. Second, there will be an Ecumenical Worship Service at Grace & St John's Episcopal Church, located at 2927 Dixwell Avenue. The service will begin at 7:00pm and will feature music from the Hamden Clergy Band! We hope to see you there!

2024 Directories are available for pickup in the Church office. If you would like a physical or digital copy of the directory, please contact us and we will supply you with one.

We currently have a number of Lost & Found items: 1) A pair of unbranded leopard-print glasses; 2) A pair of Foster Grant leopard-print glasses; and 3) a straw hat. If any of these items belong to you, then please contact the Church Office at your earliest convenience.

Keep your Ark Banks floating! Please don't forget to keep bringing in your ark banks. The monies collected go into a discretionary fund which can be used to help people in need. We have already used this account on several occasions to help people in need. If you have not picked up a bank yet, they can be found in the narthex or in the entrance to the parish hall.

We are always looking for Volunteers for Coffee Hour. If you are interested, please contact Aren in the office, or use the sign-up sheet now located near the main entrance to the Parish House.

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# **LENTEN WORSHIP: A LOOK AHEAD**

*Please join us every Sunday at 10am for service!*

## **February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*First Sunday in Lent*

**Scripture:** Genesis 9: 8-17  
Psalm 25: 1-10  
1 Peter 3: 18-22  
Mark 1: 9-15

**Sermon:** Aren Alberico

## **February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

**Scripture:** Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22: 23-31  
Romans 4: 13-25  
Mark 8: 31-38

## **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024: Holy Communion**

*Third Sunday of Lent*

**Scripture:** Exodus 20: 1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25  
John 2: 13-22

## **March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**Scripture:** Numbers 21: 4-9  
Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22  
Ephesians 2: 1-10  
John 3: 14-21

*Mount Carmel's*



**Souper Bowl**  
**SUNDAY**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Directly Following 10am Service

Please join us for a very special Potluck Soup Luncheon to Celebrate the Lenten Season!



If you would like to sign up to bring a soup or if you just plan on attending,

**PLEASE CONTACT:**

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!**