

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

Sunday, April 12, 2020

9:30 a.m.

**Easter Sunday
Livestreamed**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Christ lag in Totesbanden*

J. S. Bach

In Death's Strong Bands the Savior Lay J. S. Bach
"In Death's strong bands the Savior lay,
For our offenses given;
But now the Lord is ris'n today,
And brings us life from Heaven.

OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

V155

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Christ has risen!

PEOPLE: Christ has risen indeed!

Leader: God is alive...

PEOPLE: new birth is given.

Leader: Hope is alive...

PEOPLE: a new age is dawning.

Leader: Joy is alive ...

PEOPLE: redemption is here.

Leader: Love is alive ...

PEOPLE: death cannot harm us.

Leader: We are alive ...

PEOPLE: New life is within us!

Leader: The church is alive ...

ALL: God's Spirit is within us. Let us celebrate the God of resurrection!**

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

Loving God, we ask your blessing on the far-flung community
of North Haven Congregational Church – family and friends, seekers and servants,
Make us a people of prayer and peace.
Give us hearts wide enough to embrace all whose lives we touch.
May our presence among others be a constant witness for justice, compassion and hope.
Amen. ##

St. Joan of Arc, adapted

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: unison

Gracious Redeemer, we come to you in the morning of the resurrection. We expect to find you among the tombs and grave clothes of our world, but you are alive. Sin cannot hold you; death cannot bind you; and, just as we have been weeping and mourning that you have been taken from us, you meet us in the garden of the new life and send us running to share the good news of the gospel to the very ends of the earth. You are risen, indeed. We have seen you and so we believe that joy comes from grief. *** We pray in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~*unison*

God we come before you as those who have been baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, and who seek to be raised to new life in Christ. Yet we confess our fear of death. We fear death as life's ending, and its threat hidden in poverty, danger, or sickness. We fear death as letting go of old ways, old relationships, old self-understandings. We confess our fear of life, its changes, its new paths.

God, we trust our lives into your keeping, accept the embrace of your loving arms, and receive your forgiveness and your promise of life eternal in Jesus Christ. Raise us to walk in newness of life – whether in faltering steps or a dance of joy; through Jesus Christ, who has promised to be with us always. *** Amen. ~silence~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Christ is with us always. Alleluia! Amen. ***

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jeremiah 31:1-6

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 20:1-18

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ANTHEM: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!*

Martin Shaw
Arr. Hal Hopson

Refrain: Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Halle, halle, halle-lujah! Halle, halle, halle-lujah!
Hallelujah! halle-lu-jah!
Praise God in this holy place!
Every nation, every race!
Come make joyful music to the Lord!
Sound the trumpet, sound it clear!
Make it so the world can hear!
Come make joyful music to the Lord!

REFRAIN

Everything that breathes now praise;
sing your songs let voices raise.
Come make joyful music to the Lord!
Play the cymbals, play the lute;
Play the timbrel, play the flute.
Come make joyful music to the Lord!

REFRAIN 2X

MEDITATION: “Standing Outside, Weeping”

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

***DOXOLOGY**

Tune: Lasst uns erfueren

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!&&

THE GREETING OF PEACE

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Christ Is Alive”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

CHORAL POSTLUDE: *Hallelujah Chorus* From *Messiah* George Frideric Handel
All are welcome to sing!

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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.

Descant

4 Sing we to our God a - bove, hal - le - lu - jahl

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, hal - le - lu - jahl

Praise e - ter - nal as God's love, hal - le - lu - jahl

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King,
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love, hal - le - lu - jahl

Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host, hal - le - lu - jahl

who did once, up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave,
 now a - bove the sky he's King,
 praise our God, ye heaven - ly host, hal - le - lu - jahl

Praise the Son and Ho - ly Ghost. Hal - le - lu - jahl

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save.
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 praise the Son and Ho - ly Ghost. Hal - le - lu - jahl

Jeremiah 31:1-6 (NRSV)

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.

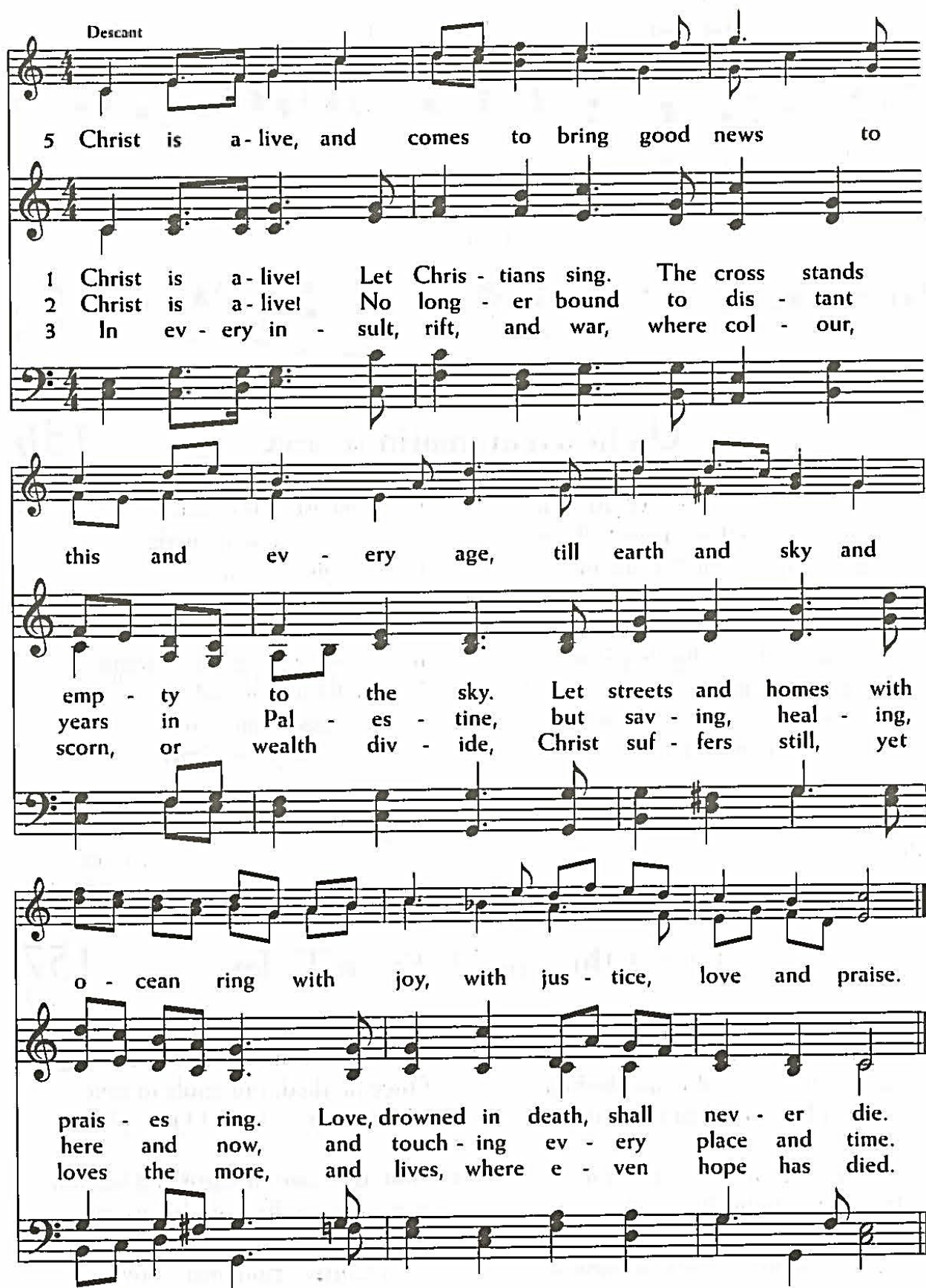
For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.”

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Descant



5 Christ is a-live, and comes to bring good news to

1 Christ is a-live! Let Chris-tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a-live! No long-er bound to dis-tant
 3 In ev-ery in-sult, rift, and war, where col-our,

this and ev-ery age, till earth and sky and

emp-ty in to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal-es-tine, but sav-ing, heal-ing,
 scorn, or wealth div-ide, Christ suf-fers still, yet

o-cean ring with joy, with jus-tice, love and praise.

prais-es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev-er die.
 here and now, and touch-ing ev-ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e-ven hope has died.

Easter Lily Dedications



April 12, 2020

GIVEN BY:

Carla (James) & Mike Hill, and Brian James

In loving memory of our parents-
Philip & Cynthia James.

Lorraine Morehouse

In loving memory of my husband Clifford &
daughters Kathleen Dobbins & Patricia Lyman

Ann & Herb Schneider

In loving memory of our son Robert A. Scheidecker
& Barbara's parents Mr. & Mrs. T. Schwarz

Jeanne Mecca

In loving memory of Maria Mecca and Marylou
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Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Prentice and Mr. & Mrs.
Eugene Allen

Priscilla Bradford

In memory of "Miss Lily" Beumer

Tony & Cheryl Solecki

In loving memory of Joseph & Marion Dunn, and
Anthony Solecki Sr.

Cheryl Bogert

In loving memory of my mom, Grace Joan Bogert

Linda Lacobelli

In loving memory Anthony Lacobelli, Tony
Lacobelli, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Prentice and
Mr. & Mrs. Lucien Lacobelli

Beth Anderson

In honor of Robert & Catherine Anderson and Philip
DiPeri.

Carol Amico and Scott Morrow

For Fran Amico with great love
In loving memory of Marylou & Robert Morrow,
Anthony Amico and Robert Amico

Mabel & Stephen Peterson

In memory of our parents, Grace & Donald Peterson,
Pollyanne & Robert Moen and Mabel's sister
Charlotte Liske

Linda Rankin

In memory of Arthur F. Wolfe and Astrid Hansen
Wolfe, the dear parents of Linda Wolfe Rankin, and
our forever four-footed friends, Shane, Hinckley, and
Franklin.

John Rankin

In memory of John H. Rankin, Jr., and Frances
Mandeville Rankin, beloved parents of John H.
Rankin the 3rd.

Bernie & Elfie Hummel

In loving memory of Bernie and Elfie's parents,
Paul & Irmgard Hummel and Martin & Adelheid
Dimmlich.

Sandy Carter

In loving memory of my grandson Jack Viele, parents
Richard & Carmel DeCola, and niece Cindy
Henniger.

Lorraine Burdge & Family

In loving memory of Bruce L. Burdge, loving
husband.

