

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

Sunday, May 3, 2020

9:30 a.m.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Jesus Lives, the Vict'ry's Won*

setting by Max Reger

***OPENING HYMN:** "He Leadeth Me"

V657

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: This is the season of Easter:

PEOPLE: the celebration of resurrection,

Leader: the festival of hope,

PEOPLE: the promise of new beginnings,

Leader: the dance of faith,

PEOPLE: the song of joy,

Leader: the music of gladness,

PEOPLE: the hymn of love.

ALL: Let us worship our life-giving God!**

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

In the name of God, the Compassionate;
Look down upon the whole human family.
Take away the divisions and hatreds
which have infected our hearts.
Break down the walls that separate us,
Reunite us in bonds of love,
So Your purpose may be accomplished...
That all nations and races serve You
in justice, peace and harmony. ^{##} Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

Come to us, God, like fresh water, softening the soil of a parched and weary land. We confess that hurts and disappointments harden our hearts, frustrations and failures dry us out. Come to us, God, with life-giving power. Free us from resentment, reluctance, and reserve. Remind us that in your forgiveness we are free. Forgiven, may we be forgiving. In Jesus' name we pray.** Amen.

~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 23

p. 494

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 10:1-10

p. 1247

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate.

Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

ANTHEM: *Were You There*

Traditional Spiritual

Melody sung *a cappella* from home by Deacon Timothy Peiffer, baritone

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

MEDITATION: “Shepherd of the Sheep”

Scott G. Morrow

**PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS
PASTORAL PRAYER**

THE OFFERTORY:

Doxology

Tune: Lasst uns erfren

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!&&

Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Solo: *In Remembrance of Me*

Buryl Red & Ragan Courtney

Melody sung *a cappella* from home by Susan Beth Higgins, soprano

Member, Chancel Choir

Invitation and Consecration

The Lord’s Prayer

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

THE GREETING OF PEACE

***CLOSING HYMN:** “There's A Wideness In God's Mercy”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Concluding Voluntary in C Major*

Charles Vincent

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by Carol Mitchell in celebration of many events in May. Her son Kyle and daughter-in-law Rebecca's 22nd wedding anniversary, her grand-daughter Jenna's graduation from high school, her grand-daughter Kellen's 20th birthday on 5-15, and what would have been her mother's 100th birthday on 5-18, miss you mom.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, David Bellonio, Marlene Bellonio, Stefan McKosky, Rose Monaco, Francis Dutko, Sabrina Selmer, Kathie Gant, and Linda Shannon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Robin Rose 05/04, George Coulston 05/05, Aurora Davis 05/07, Bryant Munson 05/08, Sienna Baldino 05/09.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	May 3	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream With communion
Monday	May 4	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	May 5	6:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
		7:00	MLB (Zoom)
Wednesday	May 6	10:00 a.m.	STAFF MEETING (Zoom)
		10:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Thursday	May 7		
Friday	May 8	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	May 9		
Sunday	May 10	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Food Pantry in need: Demand is high & Supply is low!!

We are running low on the following items: Mixed vegetables, carrots, and beets. (No corn, green beans or peas), Baked Beans (16oz), Grape Jelly, Mayonnaise, Coffee, Canned Fruit, Chickpeas. Please bring your donations to the church between 8:00 and 2:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Thank you for your support.

D G D

1 He lead - eth me: O bless - ed thought! O words with
 2 Some - times 'mid scenes of deep - est gloom, some - times where
 3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev - er
 4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy

D A D

heaven - ly com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, where -
 E - den's bow - ers bloom, by wa - ters calm, o'er
 mur - mur nor re - pine, con - tent, what - ev - er
 grace the vic - tory's won, even death's cold wave I

G D Bm D A7 D

'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead - eth me.
 trou - bled sea, still 'tis his hand that lead - eth me.
 lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead - eth me.
 will not flee, since God through Jor - dan lead - eth me.

Refrain D A D G D Bm D A

He lead - eth me! He lead - eth me! By his own hand he lead - eth me!

A7 D A A/G D A7 D G D Bm D A7 D

His faith - ful fol - lower I would be, for by his hand he lead - eth me!

*CLOSING HYMN: "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy"

Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7.D.
Traditional Dutch Melody



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide - ness of the sea;
2 For the love of God is broad-er Than the meas - ure of man's mind;



There's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more sim - ple, We should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.
And our lives would be all sun - shine In the sweet-ness of our Lord. A - men.



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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.