

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

**Sunday, May 10, 2020**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day  
The Noisy Offering**

**PRELUDE:** Prelude on the hymn tune *St. Denio*

G. Snowbeck

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "How Firm a Foundation"

**V660**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God has made this day.

**PEOPLE:** Let us rejoice and be glad.

Leader: The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

**ALL:** Glory to God our Creator, to Jesus our risen Christ, and to the Spirit our Comfort.\*\* Amen.

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

Let us open our hearts to the love of God.

Let us break open the doors and let the stranger in.

Let us embrace rich and poor, the beautiful and the bruised,  
both tears and laughter, for God's arms are wide  
and in Her there is no stranger!

Let us walk the way of the open heart.## Amen.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**~unison

God, you are the source of our life. Gather us now together, we pray. Form us into a holy community of your own people, molding us by the breath of your Holy Spirit, and revealing in this corporate body the face of your anointed Christ.\*\* Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*trespasses*)

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

**THE NOISY OFFERING**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Scott Morrow

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

p. 1375

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. **HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 14:1-14**

p. 1252

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

**HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *In That Great Gettin' Up Mornin'*

Yale Glee Club Series

adapted and sung by Jeffrey Hutchins

Traditional Spiritual  
arr. Fenno Heath (1926-2008)

Widely respected as a composer, arranger, and choral director, Fenno Heath was a teacher to many generations of young singers as director of the Yale Glee Club from 1953-1992.

The internationally renowned Yale Glee Club was central in creating and sustaining the tradition of collegiate choir singing in America.

Fenno Heath lived in Hamden, Connecticut until his death in 2008. Throughout his lifetime, he helped bring many musicians, choral and otherwise, into the Greater New Haven area.

On this Sunday in May, we often have a choir of tenor and bass voices not unlike a traditional Glee Club ("Guys in Bow ties!") in honor of Mothers' Day.

**SERMON:** "The Way, The Truth, The Life"

Scott G. Morrow

**PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE OFFERTORY:**

\*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!&&

\*Prayer of Dedication

**GREETING OF PEACE**

\***CLOSING HYMN:** "Be Still, My Soul"

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\***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** Excerpts from *Finlandia*

Jean Sibelius

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**The flowers this morning are given by Peter & Cheryl Hall in memory of Cheryl's mother Bette Smith and in honor of Peter's mother Hazel Hall. Happy Mother's Day to all.**

**In Our Prayers This Week are:** Heather Purcell, Ona & Sam Gott, Ben & Cole Purcell, Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, David Bellonio, Marlene Bellonio, Stefan McKosky, Rose Monaco, Francis Dutko, Sabrina Selmer, Kathie Gant, and Linda Shannon.



**Soldiers** who gave their lives for our country: Army Sgt. 1st Class John David Randolph Hilty, Army Sgt. Christopher Wesley Curry.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** , Andrew Butterworth 05/13, Jack Corcoran 05/15, Drew Mastracchio 05/16, Todd Shea 05/17.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

 <p><b>Southern New England Conference</b> United Church of Christ <i>Living the Love &amp; Justice of Jesus</i></p>  <p><b>RIP MEDICAL DEBT</b></p>	<p><b>43 million</b> Americans owe <b>\$75 billion</b> in past due medical debt</p> <p>Medical debt contributes to more than <b>60%</b> of all bankruptcies</p> <p><b>75%</b> of individuals in medical bankruptcy had health insurance</p>
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## **We Can Help Erase Medical Debt!**

Medical debt is an economic justice issue. It causes people to cut back on necessities, lose needed medical services, and sink into a poverty trap.

Together with the other 600 churches across the new Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, our church can help fight this injustice.

Working with the non-profit *RIP Medical Debt*, every \$100 our Conference collects through this initiative by April 17 will be used to eliminate \$10,000 in medical debt in some of the neediest communities in our region, including Springfield, MA, Bridgeport and Hartford, CT, and Providence, RI.

Read more at: [sneucc.org/RIP-medical-debt](http://sneucc.org/RIP-medical-debt)

Our Conference has asked every congregation to contribute to this effort. Won't you help by contributing to our church's gift?

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 10</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP – Live Stream</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 11</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>12:00 p.m.</b> <b>6:00</b>	<b>B &amp; G (Zoom)</b> <b>BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 13</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>11:00</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b> <b>STAFF MEETING (Zoom)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 14</b>		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 15</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 16</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 17</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP – Live Stream</b>

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**

#### Church Office Staff:

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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.

\*OPENING HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation"

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1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you ser - vants of God,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you; O be not dis - mayed!  
 ♦ 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent word!  
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 ♦ the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply:  
 I will not — I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can be said than to you has been said,  
 ♦ I'll strength - en and help you, and cause you to stand,  
 for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - our to shake,

to you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 ♦ and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
 your dross to con - sume, and your gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er — no, nev - er — no, nev - er for - sake!"

Words: "K" in John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns 1787, alt.  
 Music: Welsh folk melody, arr. John Roberts (Henllan) in Caniadau y Cyssegr 1839

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\*CLOSING HYMN: "Be Still, My Soul"

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F C7 F C F B $\flat$  C F

1 Be still, my soul, for God is on your side, bear pa-tient-  
 2 Be still, my soul, your God will un-der-take to guide the  
 3 Be still, my soul, the hour is hast-ening on when we shall

C7 F C F B $\flat$  F Dm

ly the cross of grief or pain. Trust in your God, your  
 fu-ture sure-ly as the past. Your hope, your con-fi-  
 be for-ev-er in God's peace, when dis-ap-point-ment,

Dm F C Gm D7 Gm F B $\flat$  A

sav-iour and your guide, who through all chang-es faith-ful will re-  
 dence let noth-ing shake; all now mys-te-rious shall be bright at  
 grief and fear are gone, love's joys re-stored, our striv-ings all shall

A F Dm F C

main. Be still, my soul, your best, your heav-enly  
 last. Be still, my soul, life's tem-pests still o-  
 cease. Be still, my soul, when change and tears are

Gm D7 Gm F C7 F

friend through storm-y ways leads to a peace-ful end.  
 bey the voice that once the waves' wild fu-ry stayed.  
 past, all safe and bless-ed we shall meet at last.