

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

Sunday, May 17, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Poem*

Zdenko Fibich

CHORAL INTROIT: *I Woke Up This Morning*

Traditional Spiritual

This spiritual was recorded live at our Church's 300th Anniversary Pierpont Concert

I woke up this morning with my mind
(Hallelujah) stayed on Jesus,
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus,
woke up this morning with my mind
(Hallelujah) stayed on Jesus,
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

Walking and talking with my mind
(Hallelujah) stayed on Jesus,
Walking and talking with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Walking and talking with my mind
(Hallelujah) stayed on Jesus,
Hallelu, hallelujah, hallelujah

Singing and praying with my mind
(Hallelujah) stayed on Jesus,
Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Singing and praying with my mind
(Hallelujah) stayed on Jesus,
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.



***OPENING HYMN:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God holds out to us the promise of new life:

PEOPLE: Life as unpredictable, as unrehearsed, as explosive as life at the very beginning.

Leader: God calls us to respond to this gift with creativity, with joy, and with courage.

PEOPLE: In worship, we can begin to accept this gift of new life.

ALL: Let us worship God!**

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

God of Peace,
You bring light out of darkness
and hope to our stubborn hearts.
Be with us as we wait.
Guide us as we watch.
Encourage us as we work for peace.
For You are the light!
You are our peace!##
Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

New every morning is your mercy, O God; your faithfulness is as boundless as the heavens. We gather to worship you, thankful for all your gifts. We thank you that Jesus, in dying and rising for us, has delivered us from the power of sin and death. Free us to accept the new life Christ offers us, through your presence among us.** In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.
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 FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 17:22-31

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Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,
'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring*

J. S. Bach

arr. H. Clough-Leigher

adapted and offered by Gary Snowbeck, organ, and Jeff Hutchins, baritone Text by Martin Janus
translated by Robert S. Bridges

Jesu, joy of our desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

SERMON: “He Will Not Leave You”

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:** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Postlude in A-flat Major

William Stickles

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers this morning are given by Hannah Dean.

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, Sabrina Selmer, Kathie Gant, and Linda Shannon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Todd Shea 05/17, Scott Geissler 05/18, Cynthia Geissler 05/19, Shirley Ryan 05/19, Dorothy Pierce 05/22, George Gladkosky 05/22, Jody Gallagher 05/22.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: John & Linda Rankin 05/22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who continue to support the Food Pantry!

We would appreciate donations of the following items: Soup (not Chicken Noodle), Canned Yams, and Shelf Stable milk (Parmalat). Please bring your donations to the church between 8:00 and 2:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Thank you for your support.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	May 17	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream
Monday	May 18	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Tuesday	May 19	5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) MLB Special Mtng (Zoom)
Wednesday	May 20	10:00 a.m. 11:00	WINDOW DEADLINE FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom)
Thursday	May 21	7:00 p.m.	VIRTUAL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	May 22	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	May 23		
Sunday	May 24	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream
Monday	May 25		OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY

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

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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.





1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven to
 2 Come, al - might - ty to de - li - ver, let us all thy
 3 Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less




earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 grace re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com -
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 ly re - stored in thee, changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
 bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and
 glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we




us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



Descant

4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come
C G C Am Em F C (G7 C) G

1 Re - joice the Lord is King! Your ris - en Lord a - dore!
2 Je - sus the Sav - iour reigns, the God of truth and love;
3 God's king - dom can - not fail; Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come

to glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home.
C Am G D G C G D G

Re - joice, give thanks and sing and tri - umph ev - er - more.
when he had purged our sins, he took his seat a - bove.
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
to glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home.

We soon shall hear the arch - an - gel's voice;
C F Dm6 Am C G C F

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
We soon shall hear the arch - an - gel's voice;

the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!
C F Dm6 (C F) C G G7 C

re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
the trump of God shall sound, re - joice!