

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

Sunday, May 24, 2020

9:30 a.m.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
Memorial Day Sunday
The Noisy Offering**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Preludio Religioso*

Ludwig van Beethoven

***OPENING HYMN:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

V211

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: In the Easter newness and resurrection of this season,

PEOPLE: there is hope.

Leader: In the Easter freedom and joy of this season,

PEOPLE: there is liberation.

Leader: In the Easter alleluias and amens of this season,

PEOPLE: there is grace.

ALL: Christ is risen. Alleluia! Amen.**

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

O God, at this annual time of remembrance, our thoughts turn to the violence, fear, and pain of war. We think of those whose sworn duty it is to protect us, and the dangers they face. We think of the sacrifices they are called to make, and we remember those who have given their lives. Come gently in our worship this morning, that we may know your peace – not the peace of violence ignored or fear repressed, but the true peace of evil confronted, injustice exposed, and reconciliation achieved. We pray in the name of the Prince of Peace.** Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Resurrected Savior, Savior of new life and new hope, we come to you in humble prayer and joyous song, for Easter has changed our lives. We are no longer frightened people – because you live, we have courage to face life and to face death. We are no longer lonely people – because you live, we can accept ourselves and reach out to each other. We are no longer scattered people – because you live, we may come together to worship and to witness in our weakness and our strength to the presence of your reign among us and the promise of your reign to come.## Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Act 1:6-14

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So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 17:1-11

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After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

Music: Thomas Tallis ca.1561

Gary Snowbeck, organ Jeffrey Hutchins, vocals

Tallis' Canon

A hymn of glory let us sing,
new hymns throughout the world shall ring;
by a new way none ever trod
Christ takes his place--the throne of God!

You are a present joy, O Lord;
you will be ever our reward;
and great the light in you we see
to guide us to eternity.

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord,
who are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit, One.

SERMON: "That We May Be One"

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERTORY:

*Doxology

Tune: Lasst uns erfruen

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

MEMORIAL PRAYER

CHORAL AFFIRMATION *For the Fallen*

Jeffrey Hutchins, soloist

Music by Douglas Guest

Poem by Laurence Binyon (1914)

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

GREETING OF PEACE

***CLOSING HYMN:** "This Is God's Wondrous World"

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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 Florence Klemenz in memory of her sister Sandy Volta, and in appreciation for all those who are working to provide our Church Service in our Sanctuary each Sunday morning.

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.

Soldier who lost his life this week defending our freedom:

Army 1st Lt. Trevarius Ravon Bowman.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Martha Butterworth 05/31.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Kathi & Robert Mickolyzck 05/25.

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 24	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream
Monday	May 25		OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY
Tuesday	May 26	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	May 27		WINDOW MAILING
		10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
		11:00	STAFF MEETING (Zoom)
Thursday	May 28	7:00 p.m.	VIRTUAL CHOIR (Zoom)
Friday	May 29	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	May 30		
Sunday	May 31	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – Live Stream

*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.

*OPENING HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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Descant

4 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 Eb Cm Ab Eb (Bb7 Eb) Bb

1 Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne:
 2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - tre sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,

rich wounds yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied. All hail,
 Eb Cm Eb F Bb (F7 Bb) Eb Fsus4 F Bb

hark, how the heav - en - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 rich wounds yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.

Re - deem - - er, hail! Thou hast died for me, thy praise
 Eb Ab C7 F Bb

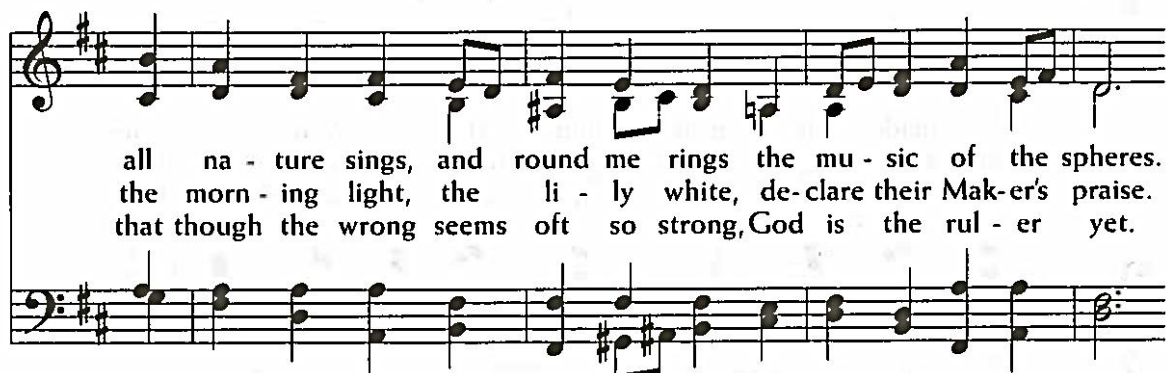
A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail for thou hast died for me;

shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.
 Eb Fm Bb Eb Ab Eb Bbsus4 Bb Eb

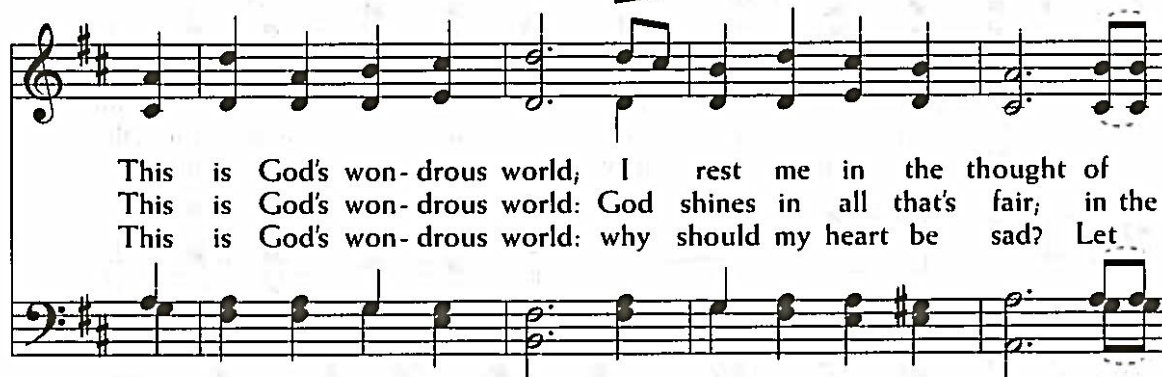
and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.



1 This is God's won-drous world, and to my listen-ing ears
 2 This is God's won-drous world: the birds their car - ols raise;
 3 This is God's won-drous world: O let me ne'er for - get



all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn - ing light, the li - ly white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is God's won-drous world, I rest me in the thought of
 This is God's won-drous world: God shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is God's won-drous world: why should my heart be sad? Let



rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the won-ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass or moun - tain pass, God's voice speaks ev - ery - where.
 voic - es sing, let the heav - ens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad!