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North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

**Sunday, April 11, 2021**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*

G. F. Handel

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

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**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Christ our Saviour is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

**PEOPLE: Break forth into joy! Sing together!**

**God comforts those whose hearts are broken in sorrow.**

Leader: We who once suffered in death, we who once cried in despair –

**PEOPLE: Now we know victory over death! Now we know joy over despair!**

Leader: For God has raised Christ from the grave!

**ALL: The tomb is empty and death has been defeated for all the earth!\*\***

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

Oh God, you made yourself known to us in the person of Jesus,  
and now you are made flesh in all people.

Let us be a community of the incarnation, a people who sorrow, suffer, hope and rejoice  
with all human beings.

Let us be Christ to one another. Let us be peace.## Amen

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison**

God of Resurrection, we cry out to you as empty people in a fractured world. We live in a world of Good Fridays: where the innocent suffer and die, where midday shadows smother the light; where hopes and dreams dissolve, where evil seems to triumph.

God of Resurrection, we long to discover your presence we long to feel the rhythm of your power, we stumble toward the tombs in our lives and long to find them empty. Bring Easter to our hearts, to our eyes and ears, to our lives, this morning.

In the name of Christ, whose life and love could not be stamped out, whose resurrection hope is the hope which plants love and laughter in our lives and lures them to sprout and bloom and blossom like spring flowers in the morning sun, we say, 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 4:32-35**

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Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 20:19-31**

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When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

**ANTHEM:** *Thine Is The Glory*

Tune: JUDAS MACCABEUS

George Frideric Handel

Performed by members of the University Congregational United Church of Christ  
in Seattle, WA.\*\*

**SERMON:** "The Power of Congregation"

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: "I Danced in the Morning"

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\*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Postlude on *Easter Hymn*

G. Snowbeck

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Easter Lilies decorate the sanctuary in memory and honor of those that are named in the bulletin and those who live in our hearts.**

**In Our Prayers This Week are:** Heather Rowe-Purcell, Onna & Sam Gott, Ben & Cole Purcell, Heidi Welch, Mary Cestaro, Tim Peiffer, David Bellonio, Marlene Bellonio, Stefan McKosky, Linda Shannon, Joyce Bellonio, Betsy Gumbart, Shirley Ryan and all the family.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Donald Adams II 04/15, Elizabeth Gumbart 04/17, Carla Hill 04/17.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Rich & Sandy Mayhew 04/11, Ann & Herbert Schneider 04/12, Drew & Heather Mastracchio 04/15, Martin & Patience Benassi 04/16.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Items for Online Auction Fundraiser** Thank you to those who have sent in photos of items you are donating for our church's on-line fundraising auction. We have received donations including antiques, bicycles, a piano, waterford, jewelry, a treadmill and more. If you have items to donate and have not been in touch with us yet, please contact us or send a photo. If you have already sent in your photo of items to be donated, thank you and please plan to drop off the items at church, Saturday May 1st - 9am to 11am. More news and information to follow. Thank you for your generosity.

The **Busy Bees** – Patience **Benassi**, Martin **Benassi**, Priscilla **Bradford** and Martha **Butterworth**

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

|                  |             |   |   |
|------------------|-------------|---|---|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>4/11</b> | <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>11:00<br>12:00 p.m.<br>4:00<br>5:00 | <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP – (LiveStream)</b><br>Church School: PreK-Gr2 (Zoom)<br>Church School: Gr3-Gr7 (Zoom)<br>OASIS 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade GAME NIGHT (Zoom)<br>OASIS (Zoom) |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>4/12</b> | <b>10:00 a.m.</b>                                       | <b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>4/13</b> | <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>12:00 p.m.<br>6:00                  | <b>Music Together (Lawn)</b><br>B&G (Zoom)<br>BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>4/14</b> | <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>10:00<br>1:30 p.m.<br>5:00<br>7:00  | <b>Music Together (Lawn)</b><br>FOOD PANTRY OPEN<br>STAFF MEETING (Zoom)<br>PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom)<br>REOPENING (Zoom)   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>4/15</b> | <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>11:00<br>7:00 p.m.                  | <b>Music Together (Lawn)</b><br>ENDOWMENT (Zoom)<br>CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>4/16</b> | <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>10:00                               | <b>Music Together (Lawn)</b><br>FOOD PANTRY OPEN  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>4/17</b> | <b>8:00 a.m.</b><br>8:00<br>9:30<br>10:00<br>10:30      | <b>SPRING CLEANUP RAIN DATE (LAWN)</b><br>MENS FELLOWSHIP (Zoom)<br>Music Together (Lawn)<br>Mothers of Twins (Parking Lot)<br>Music Together (Lawn)                                      |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>4/18</b> | <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>4:00 p.m.<br>5:00                   | <b>SUNDAY WORSHIP – (LiveStream)</b><br>OASIS 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade GAME NIGHT (Zoom)<br>OASIS (Zoom)  |

\*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 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels  
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed  
 ♦ 3 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of your God, who from his  
 4 Let ev - ery tongue and ev - ery tribe, re - spon - sive  
 5 O that, with all the sa - cred throng, we at his

pros - trate fall, bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem,  
 from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace  
 ♦ al - tar call, praise him whose way of pain you trod,  
 to the call, to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe  
 feet may fall, join in the ev - er - last - ing song,

*Refrain*  
 and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

# \*CLOSING HYMN: "I Danced in the Morning"

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Optional Unison F Dm



1 I danced in the morn - ing when the  
2 I danced for the scribe and the  
3 I danced on the Sab - bath and I  
4 I danced on a Fri - day when the  
5 They cut me down and I

world was be - gun, and I danced in the moon and the  
phar - i - see, but they would not dance and they  
cured the lame; the ho - ly peo - ple the  
sky turned black, it's hard to dance with the  
leap up high; I am the life that will

stars and the sun, and I came from heav - en and I  
would not fol - low me; I danced for the fish - er - men, for  
said it was a shame; they whipped and they stripped and they  
dev - il on your back; they bur - ied my bo - dy and they  
nev - er, nev - er die; I'll live in you if you'll

danced on the earth; at Beth - le - hem I  
James and John; they came with me and the  
hung me high; and left me there on a  
thought I'd gone; but I am the dance and I  
live in me; I am the Lord of the

Bb F Am Dm Am Dm



had my birth.  
dance went on.  
cross to die. Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be;  
still go on.  
dance, said he.

I am the Lord of the dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher -  
ev - er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.



# *Lily Dedications*



**2021**

***GIVEN BY:***

Carla (James) & Mike Hill

In loving memory of my parents- Philip & Cynthia James, and my brother Brian James.

Lorraine Scarpello

In loving memory of Ceil Scarpello

Cheryl Bogert

In loving memory of my mom and dad, Joan and Al Bogert.

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.

Lorraine Burdge & Family

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

Jim and Joan Bennett

In loving memory of Jean Bennett & Ethel Flynn

Heather Rowe-Purcell

In loving memory of David Purcell

Mastracchio Family

In loving memory of Joseph DeLucia

Carol Amico and Scott Morrow

In loving memory of Anthony and Frances Amico and Robert Amico.

In loving memory of Robert and Marylou Morrow.

