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North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

Sunday, May 9, 2021

9:30 a.m.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Tranquillamente*

M. J. Fischer

**CHORAL INTROIT:** *Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying*

Words & Music by  
Ken Medema (b. 1943)

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "The Head That Once Was Crowned"

**V190**

**\*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**

Leader: Christ is risen.

**ALL: Alleluia! Amen.\*\***

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

Oh God, You made Yourself known to us in the person of Jesus,  
and ever since, 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.

*a prayer of Archbishop Oscar Romero*

**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 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:** 1 John 5:1-6

p. 1383

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** John 15:9-17

p. 1253

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

**ANTHEM:** *Look At The World*

Words & Music by

Recorded live at our 300th anniversary concert, December 2016

John Rutter (b. 1950)

Look at the world,  
everything all around us:  
Look at the world,  
and marvel every day.  
Look at the world,  
so many joys and wonders,  
so many miracles along the way.

Look at the earth  
bringing forth fruit and flower;  
Look at the sky,  
the sunshine and the rain;  
Look at the hills,  
look at the trees and mountains,  
Valley and flowing river,  
field and plain.

**CHORUS:**

*Praise to thee, O Lord,  
for all creation,  
Give us thankful hearts,  
that we may see:  
All the gifts we share,  
and every blessing,  
All things come of Thee.*

**CHORUS**

Think of the spring,  
think of the warmth of summer  
Bringing the harvest  
before the winter's cold.  
Everything grows,  
everything has a season,  
till it is gathered to the Father's fold

## CHORUS

Every good gift,  
all that we need and cherish  
Comes from the Lord  
in token of his love;  
We are his hands,  
servants of all his bounty;  
His is the earth,  
and his the heav'ns above.

## CHORUS

Praise to thee, O Lord,  
for all creation,  
Give us thankful hearts,  
that we may see:  
All the gifts we share,  
and ev'ry blessing,  
All things come of Thee.  
  
All things come of Thee.

**SERMON:** “Knowing, Practicing, Believing”

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

### **GREETING OF PEACE**

*May the peace of God in Jesus Christ be with you always!*

\***CLOSING HYMN:** “Come, My Way, My Truth”

**V628**

### \***THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Moderato*

U. L. Kirnberger

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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## On-Line Fundraising Auction

Thank you very much for your donations to the on-line fundraising auction. We received a great variety of items including antiques, a piano, barely used Kirby vacuum, Waterford crystal vases and candle holders, a pool float, jewelry, new unused items NIB, a lift chair, Karastan rugs, and so much more. Many of these items were lovingly cared for through generations including an antique chair with decorations hand-painted by a long-time church member's parent/grandparent. Thank you to the many donors: Dot Pierce, Florence Coulston, Joan Bennett, Martha & Mark Butterworth, Sara & Bryant Munson, SueBeth & Robert Higgins, Womens Fellowship, Joyce & Ted Manzo, Barbara Massey, Sally Pallatto, Susan Guckert, Doris Ferner, Cathy Welch, Patience & Martin Benassi, Lynn Reardon, Jeanne Reardon, Melissa & Carmen Deluca, Paul Powers, Nancy Mahoney, and Lisa Heyl. The items have been catalogued and photographed this past week. They will be in the on-line auction this coming week beginning Monday or Tuesday. Winning bidders will need to pick up their items on Sunday afternoon, May 23. (this is a new date for pick up) Specific times will be posted in the auction listing. Thank you again for your generosity to our church.

The **B** Team: Patience **B**enassi, Martin **B**enassi, Priscilla **B**radford and Martha **B**utterworth

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

|                  |             |   |   |
|------------------|-------------|---|---|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>5/9</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>5/10</b> | <b>10:00 a.m.</b>                                       | <b>FOOD PANTRY OPEN</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>5/11</b> | <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>12:00 p.m.<br>6:00                  | <b>Music Together (Lawn)</b><br>BUILDING & GROUNDS (Zoom)<br>BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>5/12</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>5/13</b> | <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>7:00 p.m.                           | <b>Music Together (Lawn)</b><br>CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>5/14</b> | <b>9:30 a.m.</b><br>10:00                               | <b>Music Together (Lawn)</b><br>FOOD PANTRY OPEN  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>5/15</b> | <b>8:00 a.m.</b><br>9:30 a.m.<br>10:30                  | <b>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP (Zoom)</b><br>Music Together (Lawn)<br>Music Together (Lawn)  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>5/16</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.

**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:** Sienna Baldino 05/09, Andrew Butterworth 05/13, Jack Corcoran 05/15, Drew Mastracchio 05/16.

G Em C D G D G (D)

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is  
 2 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the  
 ♦ 3 To them the cross, with all its shame, with  
 4 They suf - fer here with Christ be - low, they  
 5 The cross he bore is life and health, though

G A7 D G D (Em Bm)

crowned with glo - ry now; a roy - al di - a -  
 joy of all be - low, to whom he man - i -  
 ♦ all its grace, is given, their name an ev - er -  
 reign with him a - bove, their pro - fit and their  
 shame and death to him, his peo - ple's hope, his

C Am D G (C G) D7 G

dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
 fest his love and grants his name to know.  
 ♦ last - ing name, their joy the joy of heaven.  
 joy to know the mys - tery of his love.  
 peo - ple's wealth, their ev - er - last - ing theme.

Unison

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a  
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a  
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a

way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move, such a love as none can

strife, such a life as kill - eth death.  
length, such a strength as makes his guest.  
part, such a heart as joys in love.

The musical score is written for unison voice and piano accompaniment. It features three verses of lyrics. The piano part includes chord markings: Cm, Bm, and bd. The score is in 4/4 time and the key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat).