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North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

**Sunday, May 16, 2021**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Seventh Sunday after Easter  
Ascension Sunday**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Melody in G*

William Stickles

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "All Praise to Thee"

**V327**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ to reveal new life.

**PEOPLE: Praise God, who sends the Spirit to empower the church.**

Leader: Praise God with trumpet sound,  
praise God with flute and harp.

**PEOPLE: Praise God with tambourine and dance;  
praise God with strings and pipes!**

**ALL: Let everything that breathes sing praise!\*\***

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

This is our prayer, O God; May our love flow outward  
through the universe to its height and its depth.

A limitless love, without hatred or boundaries.

And as we stand or walk, sit or lie down...

As long as we are awake, let us strive for this love with one mind

And bring heaven to earth.## 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 (*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 1:1-11**

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In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

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.

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

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 24:44-53**

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Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

**ANTHEM:** *Risen Indeed*

Words and Music by Larry Shackley  
Accompanied by Gary Snowbeck

Conducted by Brian Jones, NHCC Music Director (2010-2014)  
Baritone Solo by Jeff Hutchins, NHCC Music Director (2014- present)  
From the 300th anniversary Pierpont Concert, December 9, 2016

**SERMON:** “Reading Week”

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

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

\*CLOSING HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

V120

#### \*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Moderato*

Christian Rinck

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**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.

**Flowers** are given today by Susan Guckert in honor of her and Gary's 25th wedding anniversary on May 18th and in thanksgiving for their years together.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Drew Mastracchio 05/16, 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.

### **In-Person Worship Begins Indoors on May 23<sup>rd</sup>!!**

The ReOpening Team and the Ministry Leadership Board have determined that in-person worship in the sanctuary can resume next Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. COVID-19 case levels in North Haven and surrounding towns have fallen to the lowest they have been in six months. All who would like to attend in-person worship will need to pre-register online through the Church website under WORSHIP SERVICES [In-Person Worship Registration]. If you are not able to pre-register, please call the Church Office. Seating will be both safely distanced by household and, for those fully vaccinated, open seating. Attendees need to wear masks and refrain from singing. More details will be shared by email. Please call Scott or Julie with questions.

### **On-Line Fundraising Auction is Now Live**

The on-line auction is now live and bidding will close on Tuesday May 18. The link to the auction can be found on our church web page [www.northhavenucc.org](http://www.northhavenucc.org) and at [www.auctionninja.com/clearinghouseestatesales/sales/details/north-haven-church-benefit-auction-local-pickup-only--5061.html](http://www.auctionninja.com/clearinghouseestatesales/sales/details/north-haven-church-benefit-auction-local-pickup-only--5061.html) You may need to copy the link into your browser.

Winning bidders will need to pick up their items only on Sunday afternoon, May 23. (this is a new date for pick up) Specific times are in the auction listing. Thank you again for your generosity to our church.

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: Betsey Reid, Dot Pierce, Florence Coulston, Joan Bennett, Martha & Mark Butterworth, Sara & Bryant Munson, SueBeth & Robert Higgins, Scott Morrow, Carol Amico, 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 **B** Team: Patience **B**enassi, Martin **B**enassi, Priscilla **B**radford and Martha **B**utterworth

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/16</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 4:00 p.m. 5:00	<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP – (LiveStream)</b> OASIS 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade GAME NIGHT (Zoom) OASIS (Zoom)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/17</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> 10:00	<b>FIRE INSPECTION</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5/18</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 12:00 p.m. 6:00	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b> BUILDING & GROUNDS (Zoom) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5/19</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:30 p.m. 7:00	<b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b> Music Together (Lawn) FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) REOPENING (Zoom)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/20</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b> CHANCEL CHOIR (Zoom)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/21</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5/22</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30	<b>Music Together (Lawn)</b> Music Together (Lawn)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/23</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 11:00 12:00 p.m. 4:00 4:00 5:00	<b>SUNDAY WORSHIP (InPerson &amp; LiveStream)</b> Church School: PreK-Gr2 (Zoom) Church School: Gr3-Gr7 (Zoom) BOOK CLUB (Parking Lot) OASIS 5 <sup>th</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> Grade GAME NIGHT (Zoom) 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.

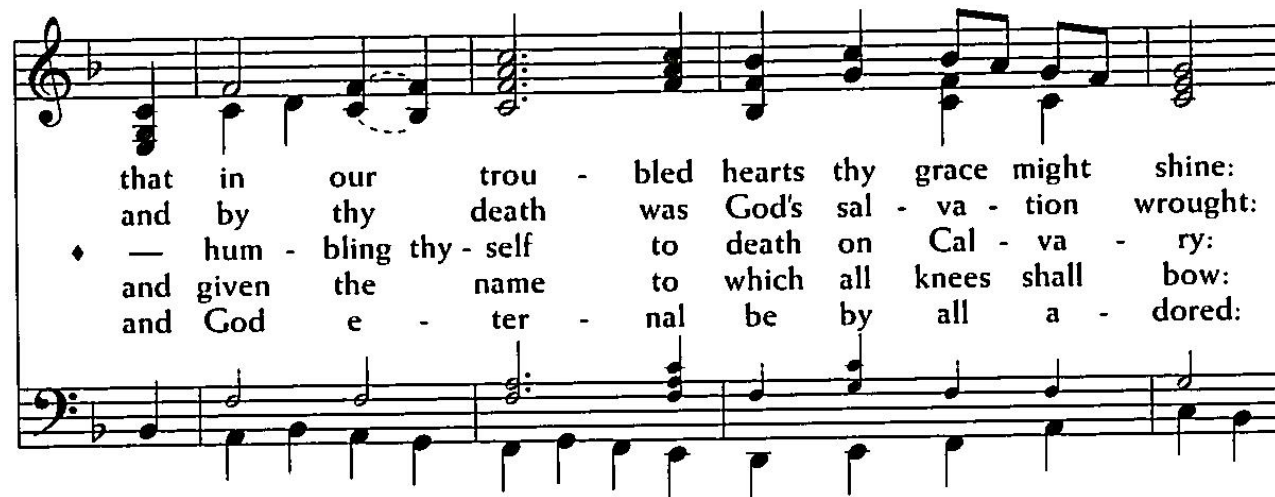
Unison



1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,  
 2 Thou can'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;  
 ♦ 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou  
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord



didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,  
 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought,  
 ♦ who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,  
 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,  
 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord,



that in our trou - bled hearts thy grace might shine:  
 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought:  
 ♦ — hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry:  
 and given the name to which all knees shall bow:  
 and God e - ter - nal be by all a - dored:



hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!



\*CLOSING HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

V120

F (Fdim F) C Dm Gm C

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ev - er near;  
 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you,

F G7 C (F C) G7 C

re - main for ev - er near me, my Sav - iour and my friend:  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear,  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will,  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

C7 F (D7) Gm (D7 Gm)

I shall not fear the jour - ney if you are by my side,  
 my foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to hast - en or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

Unison Bb C Harmony F Bb F C7 F

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er and shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.  
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Sav - iour and my friend.