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

Sunday, April 3, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday in Lent
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Elegy*

Jules Massenet

***OPENING HYMN:** "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"

V421

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Sometimes we are a dry bones people, a people without hope.

PEOPLE: God raises us from living graves and fills us with Spirit.

Leader: Sometimes we are cut off from one another, and our sources of joy are dried up.

PEOPLE: God makes a home for us with one another where we live with celebration.

Leader: Sometimes we come to worship aimless and fearful.

ALL: God gives hope, strange dreams, the promise of life. Let us worship God.**

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

God of new beginnings, God of life and possibilities,
as You awaken the frozen ground bringing spring to birth,
awaken our frozen hearts to compassion for one another.
Stir within us the work of Your peace.### Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

God, you seek us and we flee. You offer us an easy yoke, and we tie ourselves with cares and burdens. You forgive us, and we hoard our complaints against our sisters and brothers. Give us conversion that turns us into the light; teach us a repentance alive in works of love; lead us into the narrow path; guide us through the valley of the shadow. Call us to follow Jesus Christ and in his way to live and suffer, die and rise again.**
Amen. ~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Philippians 3:4b-14

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If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 12:1-8

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Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *When the Lord Restored Our Fortunes*

Paraphrase of Psalm 126

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SERMON: "Always We Begin Again"

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Organ Response

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation: "Now to Your Table Spread"

V456

Invitation and Consecration

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.

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

*CLOSING HYMN: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Toccata in C Minor

J. G. Walther

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers are given by Cheryl Bogert, in loving memory of her mom and dad, Joan and Al Bogert, who are celebrating in heaven on what would have been their 77th anniversary. They are loved and missed every day.

Greeter today is Mary Johnston. **Deacon** is Nancy Mahoney.

WE HAVE NO COFFEE HOUR TODAY! If you would like to have coffee hour after church, please sign up to host. Ask a friend and do it together.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Lorraine Burdge, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert and Treffle Robert.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Anthony Solecki 04/03, Sandy Carter 04/04, Tanner Dubail 04/04, Deborah McKosky 04/05, Gloria Santamauro 04/07.



Joette Katz
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT of CHILDREN and FAMILIES

Making a Difference for Children, Families and Communities



Dannel P. Malloy
Governor

March 28, 2022

To: NHCC Women's Fellowship,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of clothing, diapers, diaper bags and baby essentials. They will definitely come in handy. We unfortunately have to remove newborn babies from the hospital and bring them to foster homes and never have outfits or appropriate bags for baby items that the hospital gives to us. We also have situations where new mothers are less fortunate and do not have much to give to their newborn babies, so these baby items and bags have been greatly appreciated. We have given out several of them already. I wish that I could take pictures of how happy some of them are to receive these bags, but because of confidentiality, I could not do that. Just know that they were greatly appreciated.

Thank you again!!

Kimberly Natoli, LMSW

Investigator for the Department of Children and Families

Announcements

Women's Fellowship is excited to announce our first gathering to be held on Monday April 11th 6:30 p.m. in Carroll Hall. It's been a long 2 years since our group has been together! It will be great to be together again and reconnect with everyone! There will be an activity for those who choose to participate! For those that choose not to, that's ok too! More time to chat!! Refreshments will be served! Hope to see you there!



NHCC Re-Opening Celebration hosted by the Women's and Men's Fellowship!

Please sign up at church to attend a Pancake+ Breakfast after our church service on Sunday, April 24th.

Church Fundraiser

Would you like to donate an item for a church fundraiser? We hope to hold our 3rd annual on-line auction if you, our church members, have items to donate for such a sale. This on-line auction would be held without buyers spending time in our building. And there would be minimal effort on our part and we already have volunteers. The items put up for auction would be photographed and cataloged by an auction manager and posted on-line for competitive bidding for a week, and winning buyers would be given a specific time frame to pick up their items at the church. The auction manager's buyers are from across Connecticut as well as New York and Massachusetts. The auction manager would coordinate and manage the buyer's pick up of items.

Where do you fit in? If you have an item or two or three that you feel would do well in an on-line auction, let us know what you would donate by texting a photo to 203-605-8568, or by e-mailing payemart@juno.com or by calling 203-605-8568. Feel free to call for any questions or clarification needed. **Based on the responses we receive, we would decide whether we would be able to move forward with the on-line auction.**

If we do, we would provide a time frame when you could bring your item to the church. The following items in good condition do well in an on-line auction: tools, working power tools, jewelry, watches, antique clocks, outside patio furniture, lawn decorations, working lawn mower, home decor, crystal, china sets, 78s with colorful covers, music albums, particularly The Beatles, "mid-century modern" items, old corning ware with designs, dish sets, bar ware, fancy mirror, china tea cups and saucers, unique and funky items, kayaks, old signs, old comic books, antique toys, games in original boxes that are complete and in good condition, unused new kitchen equipment gifts you may have received, Kitchen Aid mixer, anything name brand, Hummel, Lladro, Dooney&Bourke, Coach, Tiffany, Waterford, Limoge, small furniture items, occasional tables, small bureau or bookcase, chairs, art glass items, sterling items, gold items, bicycle, kayaks, high quality rugs, Karastan, fishing poles, interesting bookends or door stops, foreign currency, old U.S. coins, leather coat in good condition, fur coat, even if needing repair. If you have one of these items you could donate, please let us know. Items we would NOT be interested in: large furniture items, plastic ware, trinkets, clear drinking glasses, books, clothing, mugs. The items that have done the best in the last two years were Karastan rugs, Lift Chair, and fur coats, Lenox china, a piano, oil painting, Orvis rods, Beatles albums. Last year we raised almost \$2,500 for the church, thanks to all those who donated. Any questions, please contact a member of the B Team. The B Team: Patience Benassi, Martin Benassi, Priscilla Bradford, Marth Butterworth

Aid for Ukraine:

The United Church of Christ has issued an **Emergency Appeal for Aid to Ukraine**. The UCC, through Global Ministries, will collaborate with **ACT Alliance** and the **Reformed Church of Hungary** to bring aid to Ukraine. **Hungarian Reformed Church Aid** has been offering humanitarian assistance to refugees who are leaving Ukraine, and elderly and other vulnerable communities who have not been able to leave, including immigrants and migrant groups who are experiencing difficulties crossing into other European countries. **You can give to the Emergency Appeal for Aid to Ukraine through the Church website or by mailing a check made out to NHCC (marked Aid for Ukraine) to the Church.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	4/3	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream) Church School Pre-K-Grade 7 (In-Person) OASIS (TBD)
Monday	4/4		
Tuesday	4/5	9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 6:00	Al-Anon (CH) PLP (Library) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	4/6	10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 5:30	FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH)
Thursday	4/7	6:30 p.m. 7:00	Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR (In-Person)
Friday	4/8	10:00 a.m. 10:00 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN Organ Tuning Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	4/9	9:00 a.m. 9:30 10:30	SPRING CLEAN-UP Music Together (CH) Music Together (CH)
Sunday	4/10	9:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream) Church School Pre-K-Grade 7 (In-Person) OASIS (TBD)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

C F C C7 F C7 G

1 Lead on, O cloud of Pres - ence, the ex - o - dus is come.
 2 Lead on, O fier - y Pil - lar, we fol - low yet with fears,
 3 Lead on, O God of free - dom, and guide us on our way,

G7 C C7 F C G D7 G

In wil - der - ness and des - ert our tribe shall make its home.
 but we shall come re - joic - ing though joy be born of tears.
 and help us trust the prom - ise through strug - gle and de - lay.

G7 C C7 F A7 D G

Our slav - ery left be - hind us, new hopes with - in us grow.
 We are not lost, though wan - dering, for by your light we come,
 We pray our sons and daugh - ters may jour - ney to that land

G7 C C7 F C G7 G C

We seek the land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.
 and we are still God's peo - ple. The jour - ney is our home.
 where jus - tice dwells with mer - cy, and love is law's de - mand.

Piano

1. When the Lord re - stored our for - tunes, we were like the ones who dream.
2. By the wat - ers of your mer - cy, save us, Lord, from all our fears.

Pno.

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Then our mouths were filled with laught - er; joy e - ter - nal, flow - ing stream.
May the ones who walk in sor - row reap with joy what's sown in tears.

Pno.

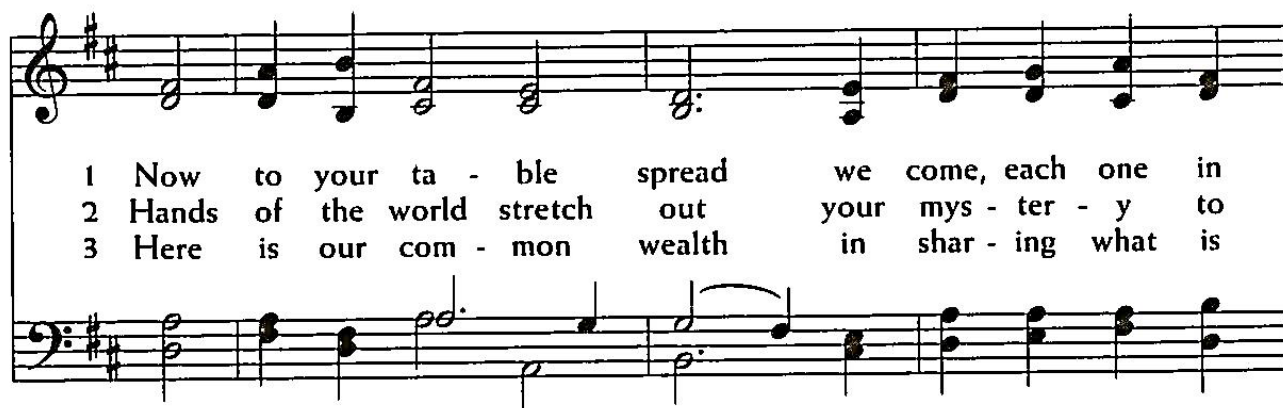
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It was said a - mong the na - tions, "God has blessed them with new life."
Bring us home with glee and laught - er; send us out with gifts to share.

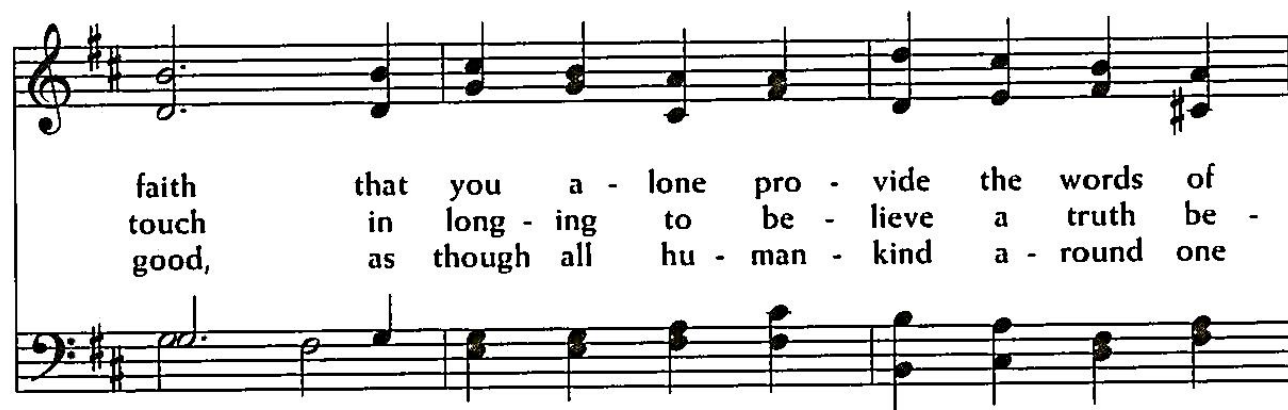
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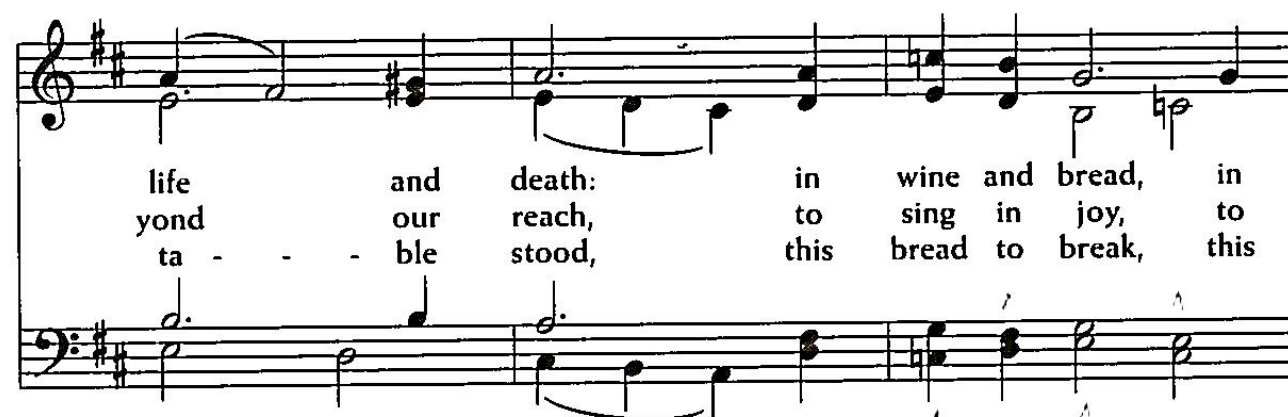
We re - joiced for God's sal - va - tion brought us home and saved from strife.
God has done great things a - mong us; held us al - ways in his care.



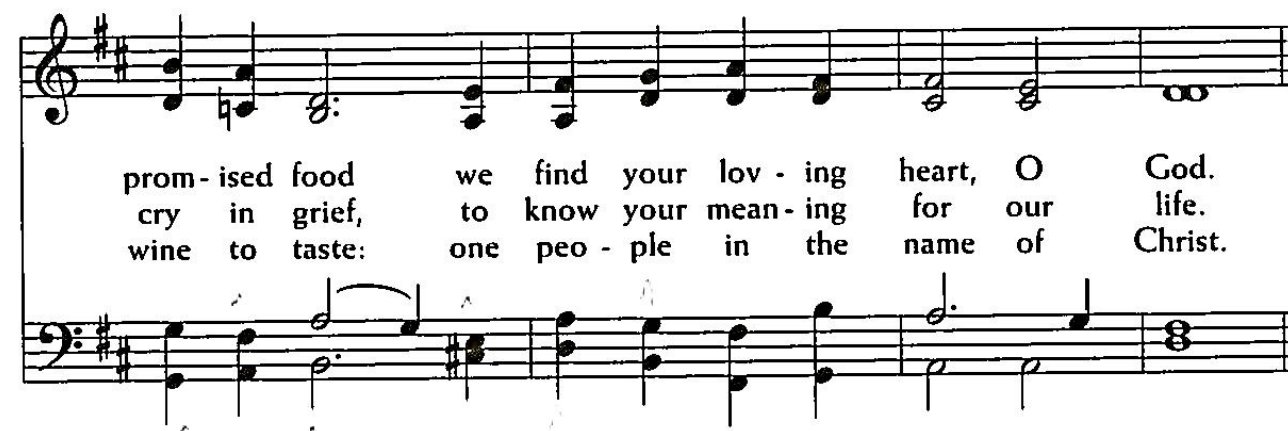
1 Now to your ta - ble spread we come, each one in
 2 Hands of the world stretch out your mys - ter - y to
 3 Here is our com - mon wealth in shar - ing what is



faith that you a - lone pro - vide the words of
 touch in long - ing to be - lieve a truth be -
 good, as though all hu - man - kind a - round one



life and death: in wine and bread, in
 yond our reach, to sing in joy, to
 ta - - - ble stood, this bread to break, this



prom - ised food we find your lov - ing heart, O God.
 cry in grief, to know your mean - ing for our life.
 wine to taste: one peo - ple in the name of Christ.



1 Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no long - er mine;
 4 Take my love: my Lord I pour At thy feet its treas - ure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.
 Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for thee. A - men.



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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.