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

Sunday, April 24, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*

G. F. Handel

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

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

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

PEOPLE: Break forth into joy! Sing together!

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!

ALL: For God has raised Christ from the grave! 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; in the name of Christ we say,
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

Organ Amen

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.

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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

***HYMN:** “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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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.

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MUSICAL MEDITATION: *I Danced in the Morning*

Old Shaker tune

arr. Sydney Carter

Pre-Recorded in 2021 by members of the NHCC Chancel Choir

Gary Snowbeck, organ; Jeffrey Hutchins, producer

SERMON: “Already and Not Yet”

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

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Ask Me What Great Thing I Know”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Prelude on *Gelobt sei Gott*

Healey Willan

*Those who are able, please stand.

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The flowers today are given by Cathy Welch to the glory of God and to celebrate the Wedding Anniversary of Brian and Sue Welch tomorrow.

Greeter today is Susan Guckert. **Deacon** is Peter Hall.

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	4/24	9:30 a.m. 10:30 4:00	WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream) FAITH FORMATION MT (Library) OASIS YOUTH GROUP Paint Night SGC
Monday	4/25	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Music Together (CH) New Haven Camera Club (CH)
Tuesday	4/26	9:30 a.m. 9:30 12:30 p.m. 1:00 6:00	Al-Anon (CH) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) Danish Sisterhood (K) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	4/27	9:00 9:30 10:00 10:30 1:30 p.m. 5:30	WINDOW MAILING ENDOWMENT TEAM (Zoom) Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (CH) STAFF MEETING (Zoom) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH)
Thursday	4/28	5:00 p.m. 7:00	Girl Scouts (CH) Chancel Choir
Friday	4/29	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 6:00 p.m.	Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (CH) Girl Scout Troop 60421 (CH)
Saturday	4/30	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (CH) Music Together (CH)
Sunday	5/1	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

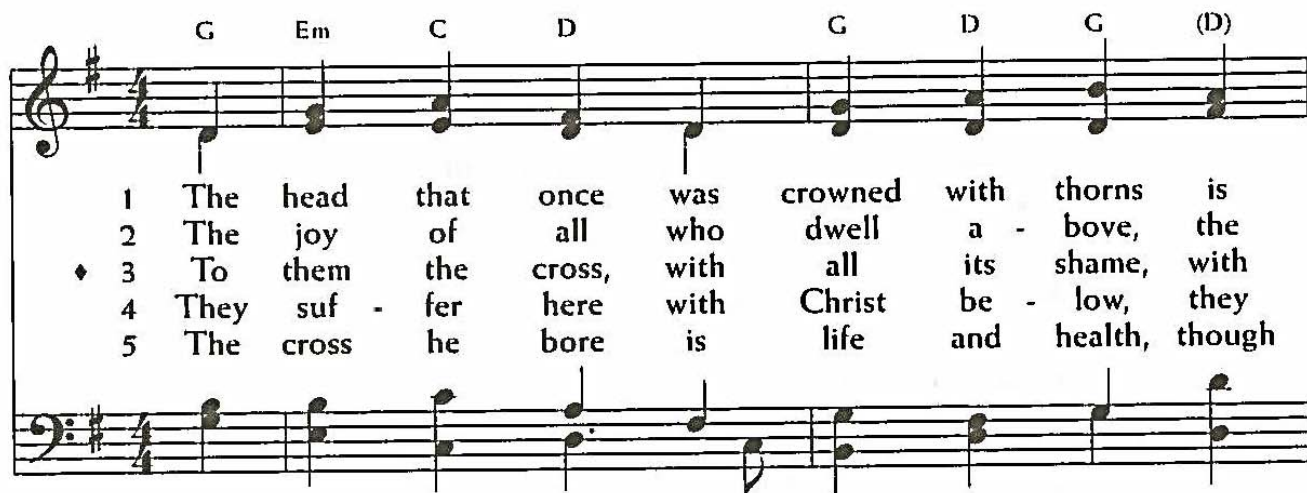
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In Our Prayers This Week are: Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Lorraine Burdge, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert and Treffle Robert.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Paula Diehl 04/26, Donald Geissler 04/27, Danielle Powers 04/29.

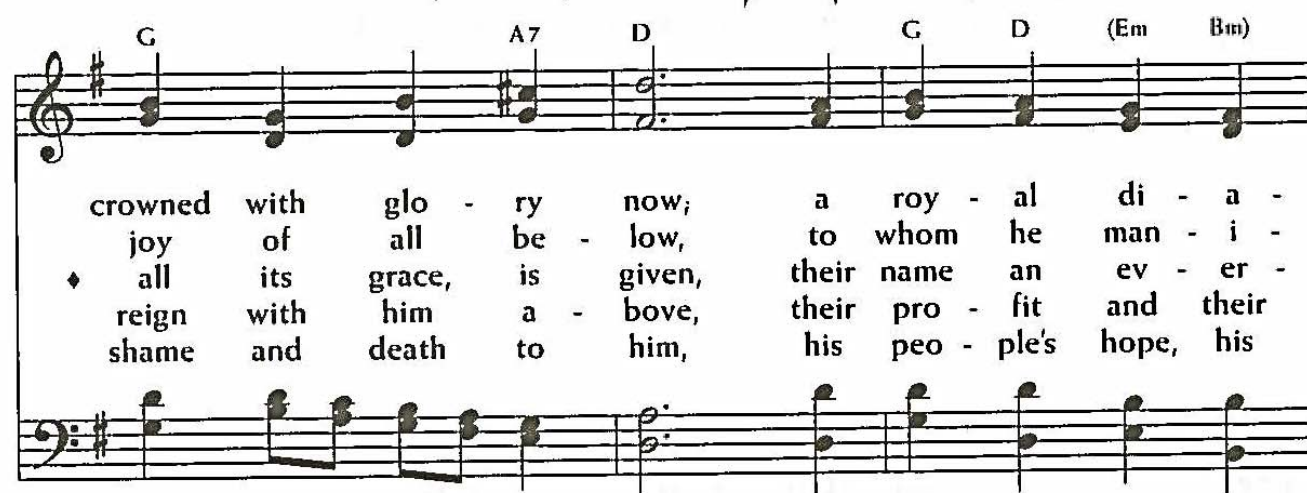
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Tony & Cheryl Solecki 04/24, Kevin & Cheryl Studley 04/30, Carla & Michael Hill 05/01.

G Em C D G D G (D)



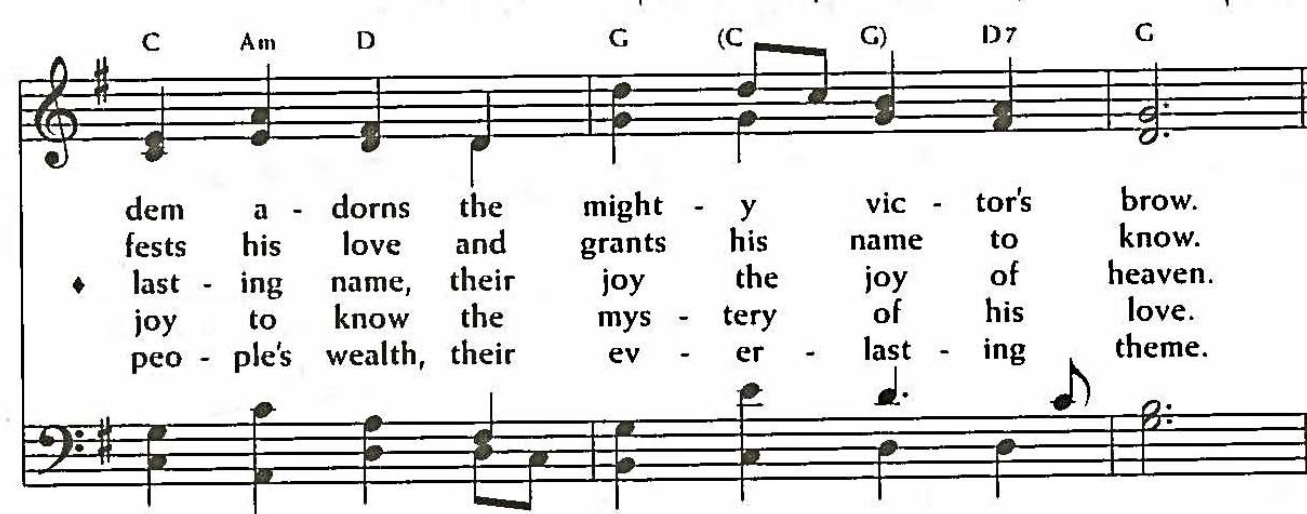
1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is
 2 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the
 ♦ 3 To them the cross, with all its shame, with
 4 They suf - fer here with Christ be - low, they
 5 The cross he bore is life and health, though

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.

1 Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 1 Souf - fle du Dieu vi - vant, a - ni - me tout en moi;
 2 Souf - fle du Dieu vi - vant, viens pu - ri - fier ma foi,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til my will is one with thine, to do and to en - dure.
 que ton a - mour me rende ai - mant, ser - vant ain - si que toi.
 que ce soit ton vou - loir puis - sant qui s'ac - com - plisse en moi.

- 3 Breathe on me, breath of God,
 till I am wholly thine,
 until this earthly part of me
 glows with thy fire divine.
- 4 Breathe on me, breath of God:
 so shall I never die,
 but live with thee the perfect life
 of thine eternity.

- 3 Souffle du Dieu vivant,
 mets ton feu dans mon coeur;
 que tout en moi soit rayonnant
 de ton éclat, Seigneur.
- 4 Souffle du Dieu vivant,
 écarte enfin la mort;
 que pour jamais, dès maintenant,
 j'appartienne au Dieu fort.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Ask Me What Great Thing I Know"

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1 Ask me what great thing I know that de - lights and stirs me so,
 2 Who de - feats my fierc - est foes? Who con - soles my sad - dest woes?
 3 Who is life in life to me? Who the death of death will be?
 4 This is that great thing I know; this de - lights and stirs me so:

what the high re - ward I win, whose the name I
 Who re - vives my faint - ing heart, heal - ing all that
 Who holds all my days se - cure, in God's heart where
 faith in Christ who died to save, Christ who tri - umphed

glo - ry in:
 grief im - parts? Je - sus Christ, the cru - ci - fied.
 love is sure?
 o'er the grave,

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