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

Sunday, May 1, 2022

9:30 a.m.

**Third Sunday of Easter
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: Variations on *Orientis partibus*

Henry Markworth

***OPENING HYMN:** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

V326

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 30):

Leader: Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to the Holy One!

PEOPLE: Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

Leader: You turn our weeping into dancing, God; you remove our garments of mourning and clothe us in gladness.

ALL: May we praise you and not be silent! We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!**

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

Creator God, gentle in power and strong in tenderness: kindle we pray, in the hearts of all people your passion for peace and your will for justice, that we may fearlessly contend against the powers of death and restrain evil's rage with your love.## Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

God of all worlds and all time, we gather voicing our thanks for this season of resurrection. May our worship be as an Easter tide.

Wash over us and seep into us to refresh and to cleanse. Dissolve the prejudices that cling to us like barnacles, the jealousies that lodge in crevices of memory. Move toward us with power and might when we are rock-rigid in our views and when we are unforgiving as granite. Let us hear the thunderous sound of good news as it breaks upon our hardness of heart. And bid us, God, to dare to journey upon the sea of the Spirit. May the waves of an Easter tide buoy us up and beckon us to the adventure of resurrection living.** Amen.

~ silence ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Long Before the World is Waking*
Sung by All

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith
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Music: Geistriches Gesangbuch, Darmstadt 1698

1 Long before the world is waking,
Morning mist on Galilee,
From the shore, as dawn is breaking,
Jesus calls across the sea;
Hails the boat of weary men,
Bids them cast their net again.

2 So they cast, and all their heaving
Cannot haul their catch aboard;
John in wonder turns, perceiving,
Cries aloud, "It is the Lord!"
Peter waits for nothing more,
Plunges in to swim ashore.

3 Charcoal embers brightly burning,
Bread and fish upon them laid:
Jesus stands at day's returning
In His risen life arrayed;
As of old His friends to greet,
"Here is breakfast; come and eat."

5 Morning breaks and Jesus meets us
Feeds and comforts, pardons still;
As His faithful friends He greets us,
Partners of His work and will.
All our days, on ev'ry shore,
Christ is ours for evermore!

4 Christ is risen! Grief and sighing,
Sins and sorrows, fall behind;
Fear and failure, doubt, denying,
Full and free forgiveness find.
All the soul's dark night is past,
Morning breaks in joy at last.

MEDITATION: "The Road Less Traveled"

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: "Let Us Break Bread Together"

V480

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!

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *March Pontificale*

William Stickles

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Announcements:

Women’s Fellowship is having its first gathering in over 2 years on Monday May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Carroll Hall. There will be a small-craft project for those who want to participate. For those who choose not to participate in the craft, it will be a great time to chat and reconnect with others. Refreshments will be served. Come for some fun and fellowship! Hope to see you there!

**North Haven Annual Day of Prayer, Thursday May 5, 2022 7:30a.m. Best Western
(201 Washington Ave. North Haven, CT)**



Please join us for the North Haven Annual Day of Prayer Breakfast. To register, scan the code below. You will receive an email confirmation. The event is paid for through a collaboration of the North Haven Churches so there is no charge to attend. All are Welcome!



Questions? Call (203) 234-7328 or email: office@hopeag.com

NHCC Re-Opening Pancake+ Breakfast May 15.

The Women's and Men's Fellowships will host a Re-Opening Celebration Pancake+ Breakfast on Sunday, May 15, after worship. Pay attention to the '+' – it means coffee cake, muffins,yumm! Please sign up to attend the Re-Opening Celebration on our Church website: northhavenucc.org .



Save the date!



The Women's Fellowship Craft & Tag Sale will be held outside on the church lawn on Saturday, June 4, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Set up will begin at 7:30. Morning coffee and lunch will be available. There is space available for anyone who wishes to have their own personal Tag Sale. To reserve a space, please call the church office at 203-239-5691. The cost for a space is \$25.00 (pre-paid, non-refundable, no rain date). Bring your own table and chair. Spaces will go quickly so make your reservation soon. We hope for many tag sale tables and vendors,

with a wide variety of merchandise. The Connecticut Record Club, Paparazzi Jewelry, and Body Shop will be there. This will make for an interesting day. The proceeds will make it possible for the Women's Fellowship to donate to our list of organizations and help with needs and projects of our church. Thank You!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	5/1	9:30 a.m. 10:30	WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream) GENEROSITY MT (Library)
Monday	5/2	9:30 a.m.	Music Together (CH)
Tuesday	5/3	9:30 a.m. 9:30 12:30 p.m. 6:00	Al-Anon (CH) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	5/4	9:30 a.m. 10:00 1:30 p.m. 5:30	Music Together (CH) FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH)
Thursday	5/5	7:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00	NoH Prayer Breakfast – Best Western Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	5/6	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	5/7	7:30 a.m. 9:00 9:30 10:30	MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH) CHURCH CLEAN-UP Music Together (CH) Music Together (CH)
Sunday	5/8	9:30 a.m.	MOTHERS DAY WORSHIP (In-Person & Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

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: Robin Rose 05/04, George Coulston 05/05, Aurora Davis 05/07.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Carla & Michael Hill 05/01.

Chord symbols: G, D, G, Em, D, G, D7, G, D, G, C, G, D7, G

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
 ♦ 3 He speaks, and lis - tening to his voice, new
 4 Hear him, you deaf; you voice - less ones, your
 5 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -

great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the
 ♦ life the dead re - ceive, the mourn - ful bro - ken
 tongues a - gain, em - ploy; you blind, be - hold your
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 ♦ hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 Sav - iour comes, and leap, you lame, for joy!
 earth a - broad the hon - ours of your name.

Unison Eb Fm Eb Eb/D Cm Fm Bb Eb

1 Let us break bread to- geth - er on our knees,
 2 Let us drink wine to- geth - er on our knees,
 3 Let us praise God to- geth - er on our knees,

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Refrain (Harmony)

When I fall down on my knees with my face to the ris - ing sun,

Oh, Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Eb Bb Cm Fm Eb Fm Fm7 Bb7
 Cm Cm7 Bb Ab Bb7 Eb

The musical score is written for a unison voice part and a piano accompaniment. It is in the key of E-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. The score is divided into three main sections: a main body with three verses, a refrain, and a final verse. The main body features a melody in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The key signature changes from E-flat major to F minor (two flats) for the refrain and the final verse. The tempo is marked 'Unison'.

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 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.

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

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