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North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

**Sunday, May 8, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Variation on *Christ ist erstanden*

J. S. Bach

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Lift High the Cross"

**V151**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb who was slain, lives.

**PEOPLE: Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wisdom and glory and blessing!**

Leader: Myriads of the faithful, freed and called to be a nation of priests of God, sing praise:

**ALL: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God, for ever and ever.\*\***

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

In the name of God, the Compassionate;  
Look down upon the whole human family  
Take away the divisions and hatreds  
which have infected our hearts.  
Break down the walls that separate us  
Reunite us in bonds of love  
So Your purpose may be accomplished...  
That all nations and races serve You  
in justice, peace and harmony.### Amen.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison**

Risen Savior, we thank you that in your resurrection we are transformed. WE are free from living graveclothes that have bound us – prejudices, fears, angers, self-centeredness, loneliness. We thank you that in your resurrection those dear to us are embraced. In you they have victory over suffering, unknown on earth, and the joy of your presence always. We thank you that in your resurrection we ourselves may hope for the end of pain, grief, tears, weakness, and for everlasting life in the beauty of your spirit. Alleluia.\*\* 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.

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 9:36-43**

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Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

**HYMN:** "God Is My Shepherd"

**V748****THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 10:22-30**

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At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *God Is My Shepherd*

BROTHER JAMES' AIR  
Harmonized by Gordon Jacob (1934)

Sung by Jeff Hutchins

**SERMON:** "Daring to Pray"

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: "Blessed Assurance"

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## \*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Variation on *Christ ist erstanden*

Bach

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Deacon** is Jim Bennett.

**Flowers** are given by Barbara Massey in honor of all mothers. May God bless all the mothers on this Mother's day! A mother is a child's first teacher. A mom teaches love and guidance by living it everyday. Mothers are truly inspirational for all of us.

They have proved to be our "superheroes". Enjoy this special day!

**Church Staff:** All the Members, Ministers to the World

The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor  
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children  
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music  
Gary Snowbeck, Organist  
Julie Schweickert, Office Manager  
Todd Swarney, Sexton

**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:** Bryant Munson 05/08, Sienna Baldino 05/09, Andrew Butterworth 05/13, Jack Corcoran 05/15.

## **Announcements:**

### **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](http://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. 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, Paparatz 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!



\*OPENING HYMN: "Lift High the Cross" V151

Descant

4 Sing we to our God a - bove, hal - le - lu - jah!

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing hal - le - lu - jah!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove,

Praise e - ter - nal as God's love; hal - le - lu - jah!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,  
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;  
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love;

Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host, hal - le - lu - jah!

who did once, up - on the cross,  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 now a - bove the sky he's King,  
 praise our God, ye heaven - ly host,

Praise the Son and Ho - ly Ghost. Hal - le - lu - jah!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing.  
praise the Son and Ho - ly Ghost.





1 God is my shep - herd, I'll not want, I  
 2 Re - stored to life each morn - ing new, I  
 ♦ 3 When I must pass through shad - owed vale, where  
 4 No en - e - my can o - ver - come, no  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my days will

feed in pas - tures green. God grants me rest and  
 rise up from the dust to fol - low God whose  
 ♦ loss and death a - wait, I will not fear for  
 power on earth de - feat the ones a - noint - ed  
 sure - ly fol - low me; and where God reigns in

bids me drink from wa - ters calm and clean. Through  
 pres - ence gives me con - fi - dence and trust. I  
 ♦ God is there, my shep - herd strong and great, whose  
 by God's grace and fed with man - na sweet. My  
 heaven and earth, my dwell - ing place will be. My

dai - ly tasks, I'm blessed and led by one I have not seen.  
 praise the name of God to - day; in God I put my trust.  
 ♦ rod and staff will com - fort me and all my fears a - bate.  
 cup is filled and o - ver - flows as I my Sav - iour greet.  
 shep - herd bless - es, cares, and leads through all e - ter - ni - ty.



**\*CLOSING HYMN: "Blessed Assurance"**

V337

D G D A



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of  
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! Vi-sions of rap-ture now  
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-iour am




E A D G D




glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,  
 burst on my sight; an-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove  
 hap-py and blessed; watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,



D G A D G



born of the Spir-it, washed in Christ's blood.  
 ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry, this is my  
 filled with God's good-ness, lost in Christ's love.




D G D A E A A7 D




song, prais-ing my Sav-iour all the day long; this is my sto-ry,



G D G Em A D



this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-iour all the day long.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/8</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>MOTHERS DAY WORSHIP (In-Person &amp; Live Stream)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/9</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 6:45 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> GFWC (K)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5/10</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 12:00 p.m. 12:30 6:00 7:30	<b>Al-Anon (CH)</b> Music Together (DBL) BUILDING & GROUNDS (Library) PLP (CH) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5/11</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 1:30 p.m. 5:30 6:45 7:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN STAFF MEETING (Zoom) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH) Al-Anon Dist Family (CH) MLB (Library)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/12</b>	<b>2:45 p.m.</b> 5:00 p.m. 7:00 7:00	<b>WORSHIP STAFF MEETING (Zoom)</b> Girl Scouts (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR Garden Club (CH)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/13</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (CH)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (CH) Danish Brotherhood (K)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5/14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30	<b>Music Together (CH)</b> Music Together (CH)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/15</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person &amp; Live Stream)</b> PANCAKE BREAKFAST (CH)

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**



## **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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