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

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Antiphon*

J. G. Vierling

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

V333

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: God has made this day.

**PEOPLE:** Let us rejoice and be glad.

Leader: The God who raised Jesus Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily.

**PEOPLE:** Thanks be to God.

**ALL:** Glory be to God our Creator, to Jesus our risen Christ, and to the Spirit our Comforter. Amen\*\*

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

Let us open our hearts to the love of God.

Let us break open the doors and let the stranger in.

Let us embrace rich and poor, the beautiful and the bruised,  
both tears and laughter, for God's arms are wide  
and in Her there is no stranger!

Let us walk the way of the open heart.## Amen.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison**

New every morning is your mercy, O God; your faithfulness is as boundless as the heavens. We gather to worship you, thankful for all your gifts. We thank you that Jesus, in dying and rising for us, has delivered us from the power of sin and death. Free us to accept the new life Christ offers us, through your presence among us. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.\*\* 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 he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach 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.**

**\*HYMN: “Though I May Speak”**

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**SERMON: “Stretching to Yes”**

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: "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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## \*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Grand Choeur*

F. Boely

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Deacon** is Jim Bennett. **Usher/Greeter** is Susan Guckert.

**Flowers** are given by Carol Mitchell in Celebration of the birthday of my Granddaughter, Kellen Marie Mitchell, who is 22 years old today. Kellen will graduate from the University of Tennessee next weekend, I am so proud of her. I also celebrate my Grandmother, Beulah Stephens, May 15, 1894 - April 18, 1974. She was kind and gentle and I have many wonderful memories of times spent with her.

**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:** Jack Corcoran 05/15, 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.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** John & Linda Rankin 05/22.

## **Announcements:**

### **NHCC Re-Opening Pancake+ Breakfast TODAY**

The Women's and Men's Fellowships is hosting a Re-Opening Celebration Pancake+ Breakfast after worship.

Pay attention to the '+' – it means coffee cake, muffins, ....yummm!



**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, 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\*

<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)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/16</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 6:00 p.m. 6:30	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> CT Record Club (CH) New Haven Camera Club (Zoom)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5/17</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 11:45 12:30 p.m. 6:00	<b>Al-Anon (CH)</b> Music Together (DBL) BUILDING & GROUNDS (Library) PLP (CH) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5/18</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:00 5:30 p.m.	<b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b> Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Girl Scout Troop 60071 (CH)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/19</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>CHANCEL CHOIR</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/20</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) Girl Scouts (CH)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5/21</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 10:30	<b>Music Together (CH)</b> Music Together (CH) MENS FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST (CH)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/22</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP (In-Person &amp; Live Stream)</b>

\*Small print indicates non-Church function

**Bold print starts new day.**







1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven to  
 2 Come, al - might - ty to de - li - ver, let us all thy  
 3 Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 grace re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com -  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways  
 ly re - stored in thee, changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it  
 bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and  
 glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place, till we



us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



Unison

1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire, and have the  
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess, and striv - ing  
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, our spir - its

gift to all in - spire, and have not love, my words are  
 so my love pro - fess, but not be given by love with -  
 long to be made whole. Let in - ward love guide ev - ery

vain, as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
 in, the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
 deed, by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

**\*CLOSING HYMN: "In Christ There Is No East or West"**

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Chord symbols: C, G, C, F7, Bb, F, C, F, Am, Dm7, G7, C, F, C, C, Am, C, Bdim, Em7, G7, C, F, C, C, G7, C.

Lyrics:

1 In Christ there is no east or west,  
 2 In him shall true hearts ev - ery - where  
 3 Join hands, then, peo - ple of the faith,  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west,

in him no south or north,  
 their high com - mun - ion find;  
 what - e'er your race may be;  
 in him meet south and north;

but one great fam - i - ly of love  
 his ser - vice is the gold - en cord  
 all child - ren of the liv - ing God  
 all Christ - like souls are one in him

through - out the whole wide earth.  
 close bind - ing hu - man kind.  
 are sure - ly kin to me.  
 through - out the whole wide earth.



## **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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