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

Sunday, April 9, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Dialog for the Juhkentaals* Russell Schulz-Widmar

PRELUDE: *Sound the Trumpet* (for two trumpets & organ)
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)
arr. Michel Rondeau
Reginald Mayo III & Eric R. Wolff, trumpets
Gail DeBoer, organ

Choral Introit: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!* Traditional Carol
Sung by combined choirs Arr. Hal Hopson

Refrain:

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Halle, halle, halle-lujah!

Hallelujah! Halle-lu-Jah!

Praise God in this holy place!

Every nation, every race!

Come make joyful music to the Lord!

Sound the trumpet, sound it clear!

Make it so the world can hear!

Come make joyful music to the Lord!

REFRAIN

Everything that breathes now praise;

sing your songs let voices raise.

Come make joyful music to the Lord!

Play the cymbals, play the lute;

Play the timbrel, play the flute.

Come make joyful music to the Lord!

REFRAIN

***OPENING HYMN:** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out of despair!

PEOPLE: Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

Leader: Praise God, who gathers up the fragments left by human destruction and creates new possibilities.

PEOPLE: Christ has risen!

ALL: Alleluia! Christ has risen indeed!**

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

Creating God, your fingers trace
the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light
and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold
earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
let waters fragile blend with air,
enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace
all now despised for creed or race;
let peace, descending like a dove,
make known on earth your healing love.## Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Gracious Redeemer, we come to you in the morning of the resurrection. We expect to find you among the tombs and grave clothes of our world, but you are alive. Sin cannot hold you; death cannot bind you; and, just as we have been weeping and mourning that you have been taken from us, you meet us in the garden of the new life and send us running to share the good news of the gospel to the very ends of the earth. You are risen, indeed. We have seen you and so we believe that joy comes from grief.*** We pray in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITANY OF CONFESSION:

PEOPLE: God forgive.

ALL: Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus the Risen One. Amen. ~silence~**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Christ is with us always. Alleluia! Amen. **

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

Choral 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: Jeremiah 31:1-6 p. 722

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword

found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines

and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,

to the Lord our God.”

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

***HYMN:** “Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

P185**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Matthew 28:1-10 p. 1179

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for

Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

ANTHEM: *Alleluia (Sacred Canon)*
Sung by the Chancel Choir

William Boyce (1710-1779)

SERMON: “Do Not Be Afraid”

Scott G. Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY: *The Quiet Garden*

Gilbert M. Martin

*Doxology

Tune: Lasst uns erfren

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!&&

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Thine Is the Glory”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

CHORAL POSTLUDE: *Hallelujah Chorus* from *Messiah*

George Frideric Handel

Sung by Chancel Choir members, past & present.

Reginald Mayo III & Eric R. Wolff, trumpets. Gail DeBoer, organ

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Easter Lilies decorate the sanctuary in memory and honor of those that are named in the bulletin and those who live in our hearts.

NHCC is grateful for the work of **Reginald Mayo III**, our most frequent Easter trumpet player in recent years. We also wish to extend special thanks to trumpeter **Eric R. Wolff** for his work today and at the start of last week's Palm Sunday service. A sincere thanks to both Reggie and Eric for their musical offerings this Easter.

The North Haven Congregational Church wishes to extend our heartfelt



gratitude to **Mrs. Gail DeBoer**, our special, guest organist for many services this past year. In addition to Sunday organist, Gail has also served as a collaborative rehearsal accompanist for the choir on Thursday nights. Gail's musical contributions have been most welcome and very clearly guided by faith and her extensive church music experience. We will miss seeing Gail every week but we very much hope to stay in touch. Gail's gifts are treasured here at NHCC! We also take this opportunity

to thank Gail's husband Andrew ("Andy") for his flexibility with Gail's schedule while she was attending so many rehearsals and services. Both Gail and Andy are always welcome here! Happy Easter to all!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Donald Adams II 04/15.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Rich & Sandy Mayhew 04/11, Ann & Herb Schneider 04/12, Drew & Heather Mastracchio 04/15, Martin & Patience Benassi 04/16.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Merrilee & George Gladkosky, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marcia Foulds, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Ellen Robert, and David Gould.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	4/9	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream) EASTER SUNDAY
Monday	4/10		OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	4/11	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 12:00 6:00 7:30	Al-Anon (K) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)
Wednesday	4/12	10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00	FOOD PANTRY Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K) MLB (L)
Thursday	4/13	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00	ENDOWMENT (H) Garden Club (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	4/14	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	FOOD PANTRY Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	4/15	9:00 a.m.	CLEAN UP DAY WITH QU
Sunday	4/16	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

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*OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

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Descant

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

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing hal - le - lu - jaht
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 - jaht

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

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

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

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.

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.

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - umph - ant glad - ness;
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
 4 Neith - er might the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness;
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun hath ris - en;
 With the roy - al feast of feasts, Comes its joy to ren - der;
 Nor the watch - ers, nor the seal Hold thee as a mor - tal;

Loosed from Pha - rah's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
 Comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem Who with true af - fec - tion
 But to - day a - midst the twelve Thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

Led them with un - moist - ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 From his light, to whom we give Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 Wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.
 That thy peace which ev - er - more Pass - eth hu - man know - ing. A - men.



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1 À toi la gloi - re, Ô Res - sus - ci - té!
 2 Vois - le pa - raî - tre: c'est lui, c'est Jé - sus,
 1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son:
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb!

À toi la vic - toi - re pour l'é - ter - ni - té!
 ton sau - veur, ton maî - tre! Oh! ne dou - te plus.
 end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 Lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom.

Bril - lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est des - cen - du,
 Sois dans l'al - lé - gres - se, peu - ple du Sei - gneur,
 An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,

il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.
 et re - dis sans ces - se que Christ est vain - queur!
 kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where the bod - y lay.
 for the Lord now liv - eth: death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

À toi la gloi - re, Ô Res - sus - ci - té!
Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son:

À toi la vic - toi - re pour l'é - ter - ni - té!
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#). The first system of music is for the first line of lyrics, and the second system is for the second line. The lyrics are in French and English. The French lyrics are: 'À toi la gloi - re, Ô Res - sus - ci - té!' and 'À toi la vic - toi - re pour l'é - ter - ni - té!'. The English lyrics are: 'Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son:' and 'end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style, suitable for a church service.

3 Craindrais-je encore?
Il vit à jamais,
celui que j'adore,
le prince de paix;
il est ma victoire,
mon puissant soutien,
ma vie et ma gloire:
non, je ne crains rien!

Refrain

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee:
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above.

Refrain

Special Music Collection: Easter

A sincere thanks to those who give toward these “supplemental” church music-related causes using the pink Music Ministry collection envelopes or by giving online securely at the church’s website.

Recycling for the children:

The Faith Formation Mission Team (Sunday School classes) have an ongoing fundraising program and we want your help. We are collecting returnable cans and bottles. There are blue recycling bins located in Carroll Hall and the elevator entrance. In addition, you can leave your separated bags of clean cans and clean plastic bottles. Glass bottles need to be in cardboard boxes. This is far better for our environment than leaving these 5 cent returnable bottles at the curb as part of your weekly recycling. AND it can make \$\$ for the church. Have your neighbors bag their returnables and bring it all to the church.

WHAT IS PLP? Each week on the church calendar, there is PLP listed at 12:30 in the library. Have you ever wondered what PLP is?

Women's Fellowship had just hosted the St. Patrick's Dinner in March 2020, and then life as we all knew it came to a sudden halt due to the Covid Pandemic. It was for most a very lonely time indeed. The Executive Board of Women's Fellowship stayed in touch with frequent phone calls and some FaceTime on our phones or computers. Thankfully, it helped filled the lonely days.

One of the women on the Board came up with the idea that we should get together, outdoors somewhere, just to be able to see each other. The plan was to meet in the church parking lot at 12:00 on April 20, 2020! It was a beautiful sunny, chilly day, and 6 women showed up with a chair and their lunch. We set up our chairs 6 feet apart and everyone marveled at how good it was to physically see each other again. After more than 2 hours of socializing, we decided we should do it again the following Tuesday!

We met every Tuesday, weather permitting. Weeks went by quickly and soon the weather was getting warmer and more women started coming to the group. Some came and stayed, others came whenever they could and were always welcomed back!

We met all summer long and shared books and great fresh vegetables from our gardens, and were even surprised by an ice cream truck! We continued to meet through the fall and winter in 2021 into 2022. Once the weather turned cold, we met distanced and masked in Carroll Hall.

We started out small expecting that at anytime the pandemic would end and we would be back to regular meetings in the church. That didn't happen until 2 years had gone by. We slowly got back to having activities and we will continue to do so. We will also continue to have PLP every Tuesday at 12 noon!

PLP is an offshoot of Women's Fellowship and we welcome all the women of the church to come and join the group every Tuesday or as often as you can! We didn't expect this group to continue as long as it has, yet after experiencing almost 3 years of this special, caring, funny, loving, and supportive group of women, we are all happy that it has continued!

Thank you Nancy Mahoney for starting PLP—aka PARKING LOT PICNIC.

Easter Lily Dedications - April 9, 2023

- Peter & Victoria Struk - In loving memory of Vick's mom, Harriett Slack
- Susan Compton - In loving memory of my brother Tim.
- Carla (James) & Mike Hill - In loving memory of Philip & Cynthia James and Brian James given by their daughter (son-in-law) and sister (brother-in-law). You all are loved and missed everyday.
- Mabel & Stephen Peterson - In memory of our parents, Grace & Donald Peterson, Pollyanne & Robert Moen, Mabel's sister, Charlotte Liske, Brother's in law, Byron Liske and Stewart LaRocque.
- Billy & Jeanne Mecca - In loving memory of Marylou Lampe & Morla Mecca.
- Priscilla Bradford - In memory of "Miss Lily" Beumer
- Cheryl Bogert - In loving memory of my parents Joan & Al Bogert.
- Linda Lacobelli - In loving memory Anthony Lacobelli, Tony Lacobelli, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Prentice and Mr. & Mrs. Lucien Lacobelli
- Jim & Joan Bennett - In loving memory of Jenn Bennett and Ethel Lemay
- Beth Anderson - In loving memory of her parents Robert & Catherine Anderson and her husband Philip DiPeri
- Bernie & Elfie Hummel - In loving memory of Bernie & Elfie's parents, Paul & Irmgard Hummel, and Martin & Adelheid Dimmlich.
- Lillian & Carl Flodquist - In loving memory of our son David Thomas Flodquist.
- Ann & Herbert Schneider - In memory of William T. Davies, Jr.
- Joyce Bellonio - In loving memory of Tony & David Bellonio, Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Prentice and Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Allen, Sr.
- Dot Pierce - In loving memory of Greg and Stephen, my love will be forever.
- Susan Guckert - In loving memory of my husband Gary Heffernan and my parents George & Agatha Guckert
- Heather Mastracchio - In loving memory of my grandparents
- Kathy & Ellie Harple - In loving memory of Warren & David Harple

Tom & Wendy Glynn - In loving memory of our beloved brother, brother in law and best friend, Tom Jahoda and Tom's parents Tom & Helga Glynn and Wendy's dad, Richard Jahoda

Gary & AnnMarie Czajkowski - In loving memory of Louis Czajkowski & Susan Stiber, parents of Gary, and Joan Lynch, mother of AnnMarie

Wendy Civitello - In loving memory of JD Collett & Papa & Nina Collett

Mary Ellen & Ed Collett - In loving memory of Charles & Barbara Collett

Carol Amico and Scott Morrow - In loving memory of Francis & Anthony Amico, Robert Amico, and Marylou & Robert Morrow

Sandy Carter - In loving memory of my parents, Richard & Carmel DeCola, my niece Cindy & my grandson Jack

Joyce & Ted Manzo - In loving memory of our dear friend Liz DeAngelis.

Cathy Welch - In memory of my beloved husband Ken and our parents Henry & Martha Griffis and Max & Betty Welch.

