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

Sunday, April 23, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Prelude in A Minor*

Jaak Nikolaas Lemmens

***OPENING HYMN:** “Welcome, Happy Morning”

V161

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

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 the 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, Thank you for the gift of beautiful planet earth.

May we share it as one global family and together commit to its holy healing.

Give us compassion and peace;

...among nations

...within communities

...and in our families.

We are the earth become conscious!## Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

P513

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

We come before you, O God, in Easter joy, seeking to be a people of the resurrection. Be known among us; assure us of your presence, your love and your renewing power. Through your Word and Spirit, reveal your purpose in our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.** 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Page 1262

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, ...

“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 24:13-35 Page 1234

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him

over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *Blessed Assurance*

Text: Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915)

Tune: Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1829-1908)

Sung by the Chancel Choir

SERMON: “Well-Known Christians”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY

*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 ~unison

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

*CLOSING HYMN: "We Meet You, O Christ"

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *Solfeggietto*

Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Peter Hall. **Scripture Reader** is Heather Mastracchio.

Today's flowers are given by Susan Compton in celebration of my mother Evelyn's 89th birthday and my son Brian's 34th birthday this month.

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

Heather Meachen, Organist

Julie Schweickert, Office Manager

Todd Swarney, Sexton

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Bryant & Sara Munson 04/23, Tony & Cheryl Solecki 04/24, Kevin & Cheryl Studley 04/30.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	4/23	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream)
Monday	4/24	9:30 a.m. 10:30 6:30 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) New Haven Camera Club (K)
Tuesday	4/25	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	4/26	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 6:00 p.m.	WINDOW MAILING Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DBL) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K)
Thursday	4/27	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	4/28	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	4/29	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	4/30	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream) Installation Svc.- Rev. Reilly Paige First Cong'l Church of Guilford

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Fellowship will be hosting a Military Whist Card Game on Friday May 19th at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and **MUST** be purchased in advance. Please call Carol at 203-668-0608 or the church office to reserve your spot. Refreshments and raffles, including a 50/50 raffle, will also be available. This is **NOT** a women's only night! Guys are also invited to attend. Come and enjoy the fun! Thank you for supporting Women's Fellowship.

Considering a 2023 On-Line Fundraising Auction In response to previous communications about possibly holding an on-line fundraising auction, church members have advised they would donate an electronic keyboard, small vintage furniture item, stemmed glassware set, earthy pottery-like dish set and an etched glass pitcher. One of the donors stated "I hope the auction is a go" as they would rather donate their no longer needed items to the church than other options, and free their home of unused items. More items are needed to proceed with this possible fundraiser. See Patience B, Priscilla B. Martha B or Martin B if you have items to donate.

Background and More Information: At our January annual meeting, our church members voted in a 2023 church budget that included budgeting \$5,000 income through fundraising. The 2022 budget included \$3,600 for funds raised via fundraisers, and \$2,600 was actually raised, \$2,000 was from the 2022 (3rd annual) On-Line Fundraising Auction.

The first On-Line Fundraising Auction for our church was in 2020 in the beginning of the pandemic as a way to raise funds when in-person activities could not be held. We raised \$2,000 in that auction and in 2021, also over \$2,000 was raised for our church.

Two question for you.

Would you like to see us hold another On-Line Fundraising Auction?
What might you donate to an auction that would do well in the on-line auction format?

Please provide your feedback to a member of the Auction B Team, Priscilla B., Patience B., Martin B., or Martha B. Or provide your feedback to a member of the MLB Ministry Leadership Board.

Items donated by church members that drew a lot of bids in our 2020, 2021 and 2022 auctions included a power lift chair, Karastan rugs, Old Town canoe, Thule car top carrier, fly rods, full length white fox coat, Lenox china, full length racoon coat, antique wagon, Pyrex with sought after design, sterling silver, gold jewelry and Beatles albums.

The past auctions have benefited the church, drew interest from within and outside Connecticut, and often people remarked that it helped with things no longer used or needed in the home. A successful auction would need to include a few of the items as described above, but also smaller items. The smaller items help with the large items, and the large items help with the smaller items, in that if a bidder has an eye on something, they will often then bid on multiple items.

Let us know your feedback.

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.

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.

***OPENING HYMN: "Welcome, Happy Morning"**

1 Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing! age to age shall say;
2 Earth with joy - ful wel - come clothes it - self for spring;
3 Au - thor and sus - tain - er, source of life and breath;
4 Loose our souls im - pris - oned bound with Sa - tan's chain;

hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day:
greeted with life re - viv - ing our re - turn - ing king:
you for our sal - va - tion trod the path of death:
all that now is fal - len, raise to life a - gain!

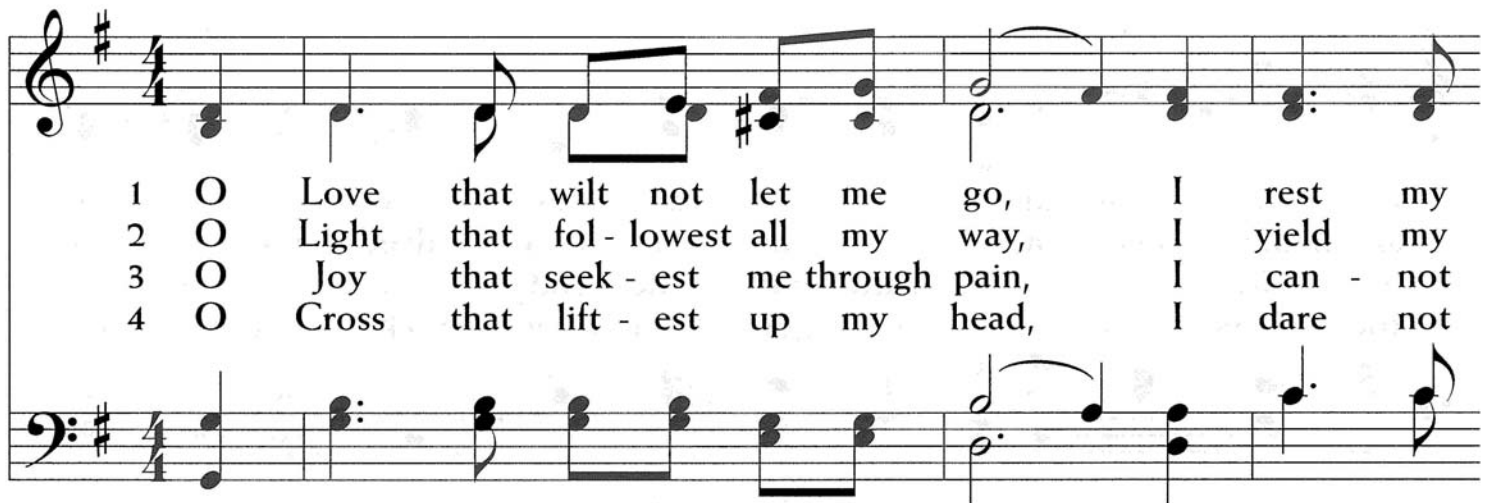
come then, True and Faith - ful, now ful - fil your word,
flowers in - ev - ery pas - ture, leaves on ev - ery bough,
Je - sus Christ is liv - ing, God for ev - er - more!
Show your face in bright - ness, shine the whole world through;

this is your third morn - ing: rise, O bur - ied Lord!
speak of sor - rows end - ed, Je - sus tri - umphs now!
Now let all cre - a - tion hail him and a - dore.
hope re - turns with day - break, life re - turns with you.

Refrain

Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing! age to age shall say;

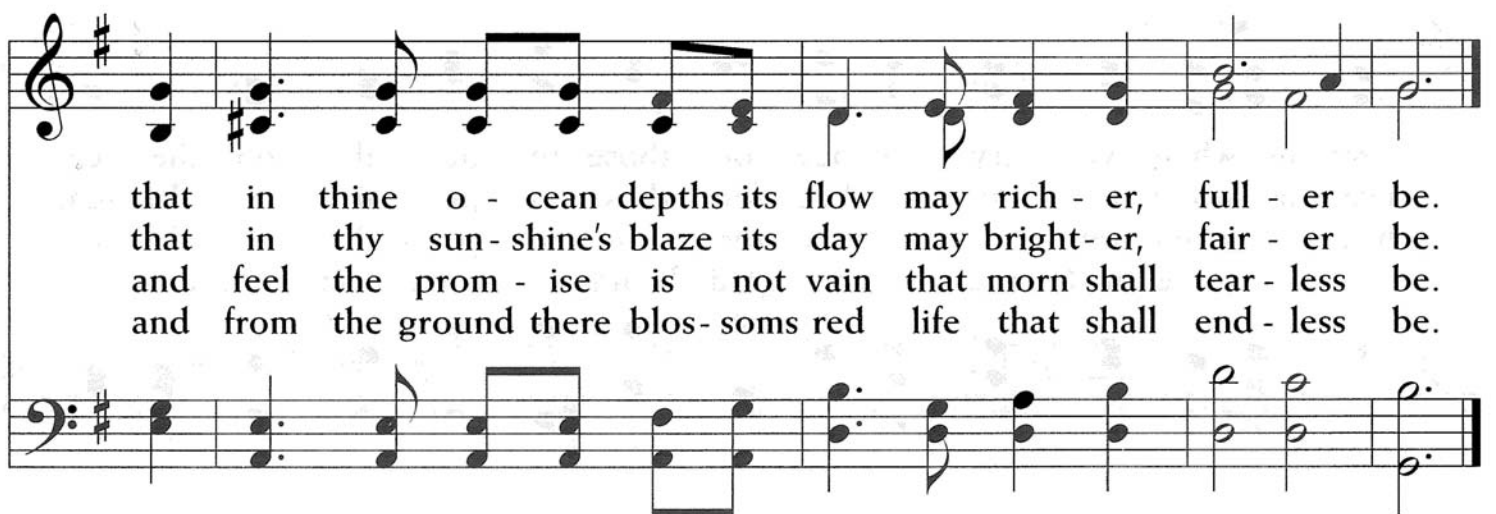
hell to - day is van - quished, heaven is won to - day!



1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2 O Light that fol - lowest all my way, I yield my
 3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe,
 flick - ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray,
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain,
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead,



that in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 that in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 and feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
 and from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

***CLOSING HYMN: "We Meet You, O Christ"**

Unison

1 We meet you, O Christ, in man - y a guise;
 2 In mil - lions a - live, a - way and a - broad;
 3 We hear you, O *Man, in ag - o - ny cry.
 4 You choose to be made at one with the earth;

your im - age we see in sim - ple and wise.
 in - volved in our life you live down the road.
 For free - dom you march, in ri - ots you die.
 the dark of the grave pre - pares for your birth.

You live in a pal - ace, ex - ist in a shack. We
 Im - pris - oned in sys - tems you long to be free. We
 Your face in the pa - pers we read and we see. The
 Your death is your ris - ing, cre - a - tive your word: the

see you, the gar - dener, a tree on your back.
 see you, O Je - sus, still bear - ing your tree.
 tree must be plant - ed by hu - man de - cree.
 tree springs to life and our hope is re - stored.



Need a Spiritual Boost?



Did the Lenten Season and Holy Week leave you wanting to deepen your relationship with Christ? Give yourself the gift of a fantastic **Renewal Weekend** from Footsteps in the Sand.

Footsteps in the Sand is a non-denominational community of Christians, from churches in our area, that seek to bring people closer to Christ and help develop leaders for the local church.

Contact: Cathy Welch at kwelch@snet.net or Tim Peiffer at thepeiffs@yahoo.com for more information. Consider registering for an upcoming weekend.

Men's Weekend May 19-21

Women's Weekend June 2-4

Go to our website: Footsteps-Sand.org