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

**Sunday, April 30, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *Prelude in C*

J.S. Bach

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** "You Servants of God"

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**\*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. Amen!\*\***

**\*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.

**\*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*

Risen Savior, we thank you that in your resurrection we are transformed. We are free from living grave clothes 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*)

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.

## **NOISY OFFERING**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Karlee Etter

## **THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Psalm 23

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths  
for his name’s sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** John 10:1-10 Page 1247

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *Brother James' Air*

Psalm 23 (from the Scottish Psalter, 1650)

Tune by James Leith Macbeth Bain (c1840-1925)

Arranged for mixed voices by Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

Sung by the Chancel Choir

**SERMON:** "Everything Happens So Much"

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:** "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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## **\*THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Polonaise in G minor*

Frederic Chopin

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Deacon** is Tim Peiffer.

**Fellowship Hour** is hosted by John and Sue Tibor, come down to Carroll Hall after worship and enjoy time together.

**Today's flowers** are given by Barbara Massey.

... The season of spring brings to mind a favorite song our choir and congregation enjoy singing...

"All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all  
Each little flow'r that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings..."

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Rhonda Masnato 5/01, Robin Rose 05/04, George Coulston 05/05.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Kevin & Cheryl Studley 04/30, Carla & Michael Hill 05/01.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A Community Christian Prayer Breakfast** will be held on Thursday, May 4, at 7:30am at JRoo's Restaurant, 243 State Street, North Haven. This event is held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer through a collaboration of the churches of North Haven. There is no cost to attend. All are welcome!

To register for this event, scan the code below. You will receive an email confirmation. Questions? Call 203-234-7328 or email [office@hopeag.com](mailto:office@hopeag.com).



**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.

### **Craft and Tag Sale - Vendors Wanted!**

Women's Fellowship Craft & Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. outside on the church lawn. Bring your own table and chairs. Set up begins at 7:30 am. There is ample parking in the church parking lot. Morning Coffee will be available. The cost for a space is \$30.00 prepaid, non-refundable. No rain date. Please call the church office at 203-239-5691 for information and to reserve a space. Spaces will go fast so make your reservation soon!

#### **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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4/30</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 2:00 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP(In-Person &amp; Live Stream)</b> Installation Svc.- Rev. Reilly Paige First Cong'l Church of Guilford
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/1</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 1:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Music Together (DBL) Retired Federal Employees (CH)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5/2</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5/3</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DBL)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/4</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b> 6:30 7:00	<b>Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K)</b> Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 6:30 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DBL) CT Area Al-Anon (CH)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5/6</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30	<b>Mens Fellowship (CH)</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/7</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.**

**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.

**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



1 You ser - vants of God, your Sav - iour pro - claim,  
 2 God rules from on high, al - might - y to save,  
 3 Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!  
 4 Then let us a - dore and give as is right,

and pub - lish a - broad that won - der - ful name;  
 whose Word still is nigh, a pres - ence we have.  
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - our the Son!  
 all glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the name all vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol,  
 The great con - gre - ga - tion God's tri - umph shall sing,  
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,  
 all hon - our and bless - ing with an - gels a - bove,

whose king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all.  
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.  
 bow down in deep rev - erence and wor - ship the Lamb.  
 and thanks nev - er ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed; but yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear  
 5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy unc - tion  
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good - ness

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if I am  
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant pas - tures  
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der gent - ly  
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my com - fort  
 grace be - stow - eth; and O what trans - port of de -  
 fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I sing thy

his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 grow with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 laid, and home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.  
 light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!  
 praise with - in thy house for - ev - er!

\*CLOSING HYMN: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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 F 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.



† G O S U M P A S T O R B O N U S