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

Sunday, May 7, 2023

9:30 a.m.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Pastoral*

Eugenie Rocherolle

***OPENING HYMN:** "Morning Has Broken"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

(G.M. Hopkins)

PEOPLE: Praise God!

Leader: All creation is a song of praise to God. (Hildegard of Bingen)

PEOPLE: Praise God from the earth.

Leader: The Earth is a sparkling blue and white jewel laced with slowly twirling veils of white, like a pearl in a thick sea of black mystery. (Edgard Mitchell)

PEOPLE: Praise God from the deepest sea.

Leader: Great Spirit, give me strength to walk the soft earth, a relative to all that is. (Black Elk)

PEOPLE: Praise God, young and old and in-between.

Leader: Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. (Rachel Carson)

ALL: Praise God from the heavens! Let us worship God.**

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

May you always see the beauty of the earth.

May you always taste the sweetest fruit.

May you always hear the laughter of the people.

May you always feel the warmth of the flame.

May your dreams always be happy ones.

May your friends always be with you when you have need.

May your stomach always be full.

May you never feel hurt.## Amen.

Aboriginal Blessing

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

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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 CONFESSION:~*unison*

For the beauty of the earth – that we have not seen,
For the beauty of the earth – that we have not preserved,
For the beauty of the earth – that we have damaged or been silent at
its destruction, Forgive us, God. ~*pause*
For the joy of human love – that we have ignored,
For the joy of human love – dying while we watch another channel,
For the joy of human love – that we damage by our personal sins and
faraway complications, Forgive us, God.*** Amen.
~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 41:14-24 Page 37

Then Pharaoh sent for Joseph, and he was hurriedly brought out of the dungeon. When he had shaved himself and changed his clothes, he came in before Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said to Joseph, “I had a dream, and there is no one who can interpret it. I have heard it said of you that when you hear a dream you can interpret it.” Joseph answered Pharaoh, “It is not I; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer.” Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, “In my dream I was standing on the banks of the Nile, and seven cows, fat and sleek, came up out of the Nile and fed in the reed grass. Then seven other cows came up after them, poor, very ugly, and thin. Never had I seen such ugly ones in all the land of Egypt. The thin and ugly cows ate up the first seven fat cows, but when they had eaten them no one would have known that they had done so, for they were still as ugly as before. Then I awoke. I fell asleep a second time, and I saw in my dream seven ears of grain, full and good, growing on one stalk, and seven ears, withered, thin, and blighted by the east wind, sprouting after them, and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears. But when I told it to the magicians, there was no one who could explain it to me.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** “For the Beauty of the Earth” v. 1-4

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Genesis 41:25-36 Page 37

Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, “Pharaoh’s dreams are one and the same; God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good ears are seven years; the dreams are one. The seven lean and ugly cows that came up after them are seven years, as are the seven empty ears blighted by the east wind. They are seven years of famine. It is as I told Pharaoh; God has shown to Pharaoh what he is about to do. There will come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. After them there will arise seven years of famine, and all the plenty will be forgotten in the land of Egypt; the famine will consume the land. The plenty will no longer be known in the land because of the famine that will follow, for it will be very grievous. And the doubling of Pharaoh’s dream means that the thing is fixed by God, and God will shortly bring it about. Now therefore let Pharaoh select a man who is discerning and wise and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh proceed to appoint overseers over the land and take one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt during the seven plenteous years. Let them gather all the food of these good years that are coming and lay up grain under the authority of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. That food shall be a reserve for the land against the seven years of famine that are to befall the land of Egypt, so that the land may not perish through the famine.”

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *His Eye is on The Sparrow*

Text: Civilla Durfee Martin (1905)

Tune: Charles H. Gabriel (1905)

MEDITATION: “Be The Change”

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology

Tune: Lasst uns erfruen

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

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation: "All Who Hunger"

V 460

Invitation and Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Distribution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

*CLOSING HYMN: "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

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*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Invention No. 1

J.S. Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

** Rev. Lucia Jackson, worship service 4/30/23

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Deacon is Peter Hall. **Scripture Reader** is Jim Bennett.

Today's flowers are given by Sandy Carter. In Memory of my beloved parents, Richard and Carmel DeCola, my niece Cindy Henninger and my grandson Jack Viele. Love you and miss you.

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

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!

Memorial Service for Rev. Dr. Tom Stiers

A memorial service for Reverend Dr. Thomas Lowell Stiers in the First Congregational Church, Old Greenwich, CT on Saturday, May 20th at 11am. Reverend Stiers served as the senior minister at the North Haven Congregational Church from 1967-1973. He died peacefully at home in Boulder, CO on January 10th. He was 84 years old.

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*

Sunday	5/7	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream)
Monday	5/8	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Tuesday	5/9	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 3:30 6:00 7:30	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)
Wednesday	5/10	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 6:00 p.m. 7:00 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DBL) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K) Al-Anon District Family (CH) MLB (L)
Thursday	5/11	7:00 p.m. 7:00	Garden Club (K) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	5/12	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DBL) Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	5/13	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	5/14	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream)

*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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Bryant Munson 05/08, Sienna Baldino 05/09, Andrew Butterworth 05/13.

*OPENING HYMN: "Morning Has Broken"

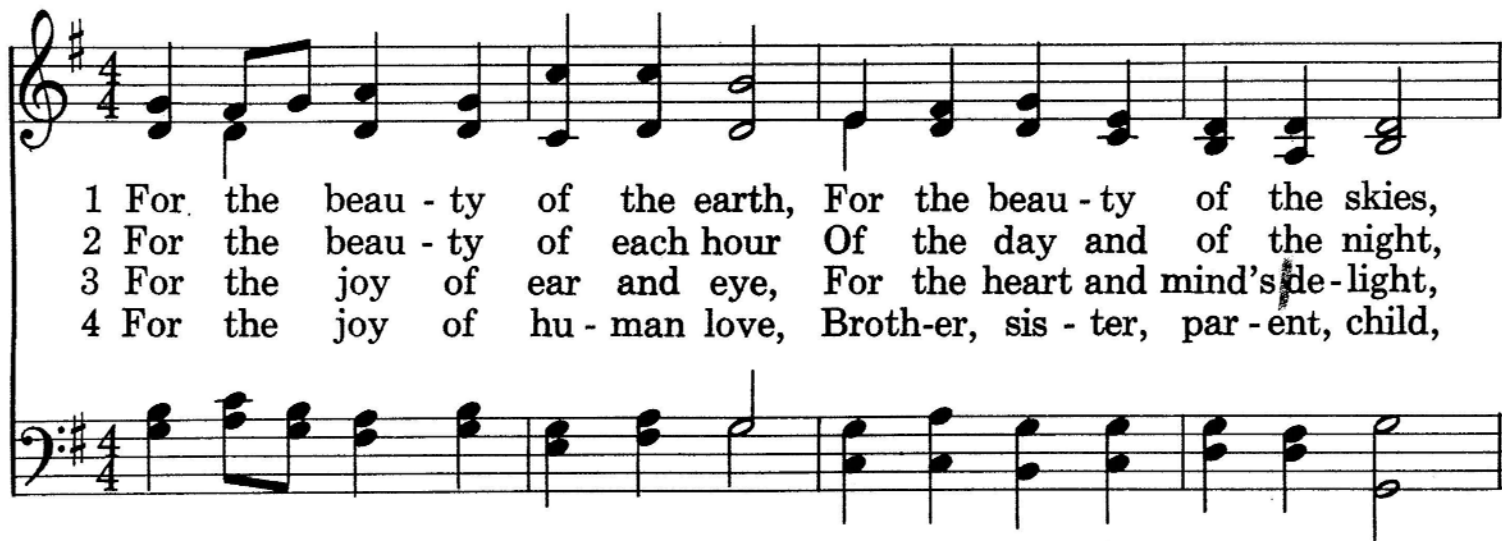
In unison

Lyrics by David Evans, 10/4-1940

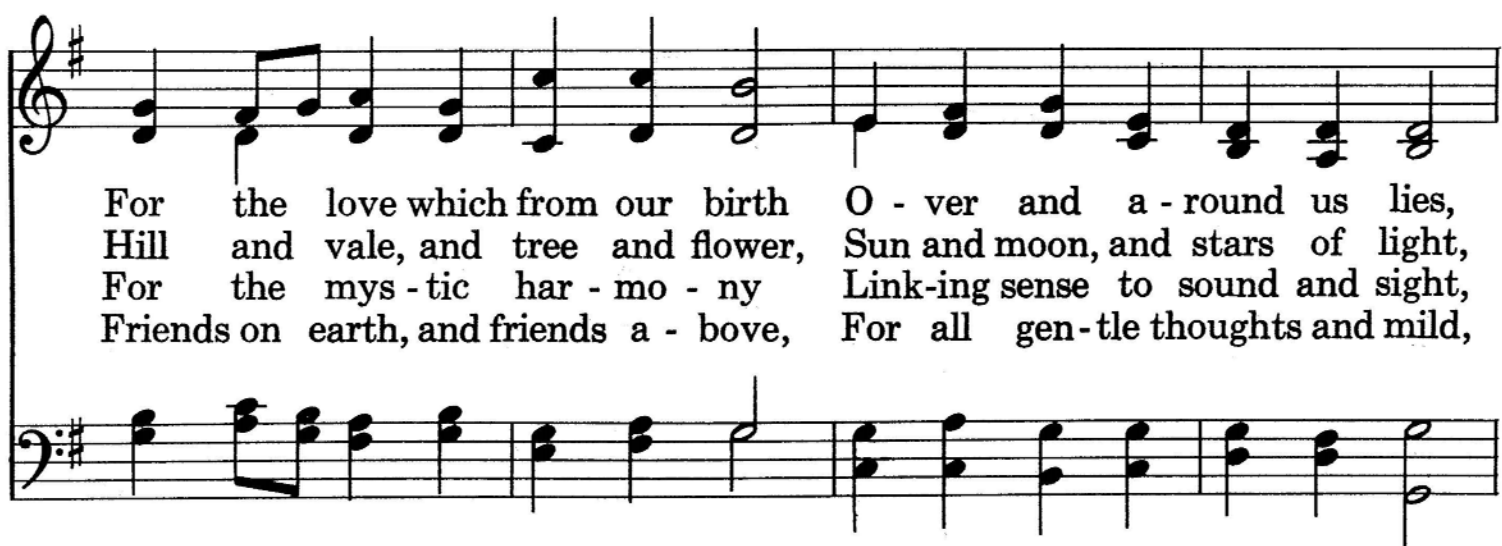
1 Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!
 dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,

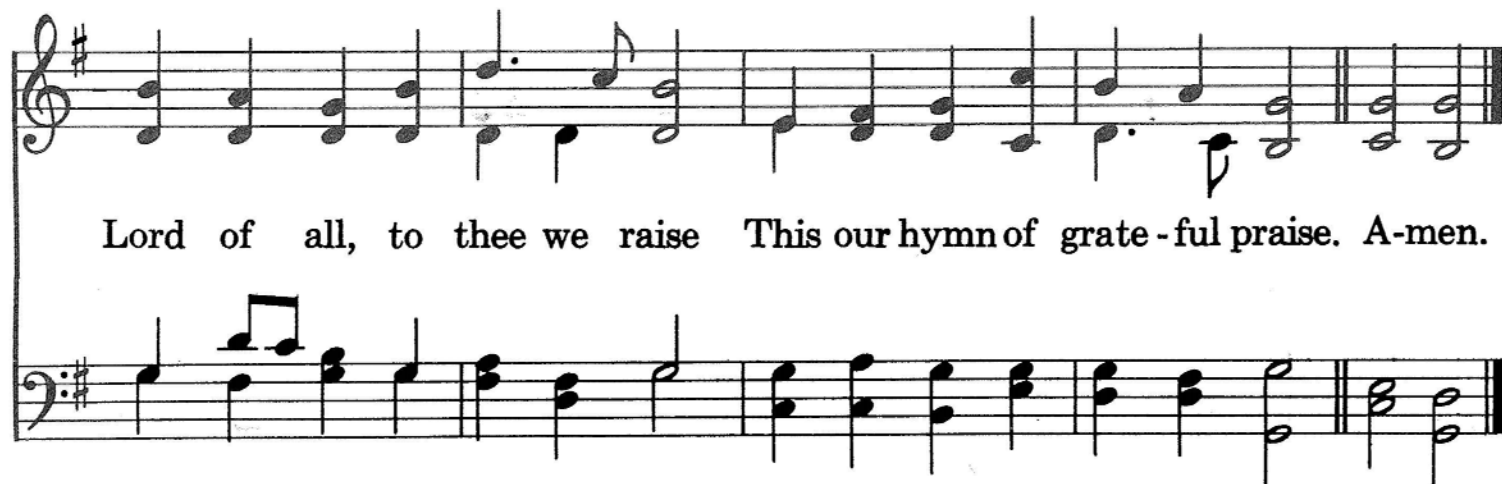
Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!
 Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com-plete - ness Where his feet pass.
 Praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, For the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, Broth-er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
For the mys - tic har - mo - ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, For all gen - tle thoughts and mild,



Lord of all, to thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise. A-men.

Hymn of Preparation: "All Who Hunger"

V 460

G Am7 G D7sus4 D7 G C G Am7 G Em G D7 G

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er; Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.

G Am7 G D7sus4 D7 G C G Am7 G Em G D7 G

Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

G Am7 G D7 G Am7 G A7 Dsus4 D

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their lives in grat-i-tude.

G Am7 G D7sus4 D7 G G Am7 G Em G D7 G

Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

*CLOSING HYMN: "In the Bulb There is a Flower"

V 703

Unison



1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;



in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.





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. Men's and Women's weekend are now excepting registrations.

Men's Weekend May 19-21

Women's Weekend June 2-4

Go to our website: Footsteps-Sand.org



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 to benefit the Food Pantry. 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.