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North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Mother's Day**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** Prelude in C Major

Jaak Nikolas Lemmens

**Choral Introit:** "When We Are Living"  
Sung by the Chancel Choir

Traditional melody  
Roberto Escamilla  
Carlton Young

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
we belong to God; we belong to God.

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" V 264

**\*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 Comfort. Amen.\*\***

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

This is our prayer, O God; May our love flow outward through the  
universe to its height and its depth.

A limitless love, without hatred or boundaries.

And as we stand or walk, sit or lie down...As long as we are awake,  
let us strive for this love with one mind and bring heaven to earth.##

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*

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 Christ we pray.\*\* 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**

Karlee Etter

## **THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** 1 Peter 3:13-22 Page 1376

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *Flower Carol*

original Latin from the Swedish *Piae Cantiones* 1582  
translated to English for the *Oxford Book of Carols* 1928  
Sung by the Chancel Choir Arr. Peter Amidon

Spring has now unwrapped the flowers, Day is fast reviving. Life in all her growing powers, Towards the light is striving. Gone the iron touch of cold, Winter time and frost time, Seedlings working through the mould, Now make up for lost time.	Earth puts on her dress of glee; Flowers and grasses hide her; We go forth in charity— Brothers all beside her; For as man this glory sees In the awakening season, Reason learns the heart's decrees, And hearts are led by reason.
Herb and plant that, winter long, Slumbered at their leisure, Now bestirring, green and strong, Find in growth their pleasure: All the world with beauty fills, Gold the green enhancing; Flowers make glee among the hills And set the meadows dancing.	Through each wonder of fair days God herself expresses Beauty follows all her ways As the world she blesses; So as she renews the earth, Artist without rival, In the grace of glad new birth We must seek revival.

**SERMON:** “If You Love Me”

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: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

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## \*THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Sonata in G Major

Domenico Scarlatti

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**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.

## **Holy Land Presentation – Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> after service**

John Tibor and Mary Johnston will be giving a Holy Land Presentation in the Koinonia Room on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> following service. Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP(In-Person &amp; Live Stream)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/15</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 6:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Music Together (DBL) CT Record Club (K)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5/16</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 1:00 3:30 6:00	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) Danish Sisterhood (K) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5/17</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	<b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b> Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DBL)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5/18</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> 7:00	<b>Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K)</b> CHANCEL CHOIR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>5/19</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 6:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DBL) MILITARY WHIST (CH)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5/20</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 a.m. 10:30 11:00	<b>Men's Fellowship</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Memorial service: Old Greenwich Reverend Dr. Thomas Lowell Stiers
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5/21</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:45	<b>WORSHIP(In-Person &amp; Live Stream)</b> <b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b> HOLY LAND PRESENTATION (K)

\*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:** Jack Corcoran 05/15, Drew Mastracchio 05/16, Todd Shea 05/17, Shirley Ryan 05/19.

\*OPENING HYMN: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" V 264

G C Am D G D7 G

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise;  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light;

G C Am D G D7 G

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes;  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

G D G (Em) D G D

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all praise we would ren - der, O help us to see

G C Am D G D7 G

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dour of light hid - eth thee!



## Unison

1 All crea - tures of our God and King,  
 2 O rush - ing winds and breez - es soft,  
 1 Vous cré - a - tu - res du Sei - gneur,  
 2 Dieu, sois lou - é pour le so - leil,

lift up your voice and with us sing:  
 O clouds that ride the winds a - loft,  
 chan - tez tou - jours en son hon - neur,  
 pour ce grand frè - re sans pa - reil,

## Harmony

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 sing prais - es, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 al - lé - lu - ia, al - lé - lu - ia!  
 al - lé - lu - ia, al - lé - lu - ia!

## Unison

Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en beam,  
 O ris - ing morn, in praise re - jice;  
 Car c'est lui seul qu'il faut lou - er,  
 Et pour la lune et sa lu - eur,

soft shin - ing moon with sil - ver gleam,  
 O lights of even - ing, find a voice:  
 il donne au so - leil sa clar - té,  
 pour chaque é - toi - le no - tre soeur,

Harmony

sing prais - es, sing prais - es,  
 sing prais - es, sing prais - es,  
 ren - dez gloi - re, ren - dez gloi - re,  
 ren - dons gloi - re, ren - dons gloi - re,

Unison

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 al - lé - lu - ia, al - lé - lu - ia, al - lé - lu - ia!

3 Earth, ever fertile, day by day  
 brings forth rich blessings on our way:  
 sing praises, hallelujah!  
 The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,  
 let them God's glory also show:  
 sing praises, hallelujah!

4 And everyone of tender heart,  
 forgiving others, take your part:  
 sing praises, hallelujah!  
 All who long pain and sorrow bear,  
 praise God and yield up all your care:  
 sing praises, hallelujah!

5 Let all things their Creator bless,  
 and worship God in humbleness:  
 sing praises, hallelujah!  
 Praise God eternal, praise the Son,  
 and praise the Spirit, three in one:  
 sing praises, hallelujah!

3 Loué sois-tu pour sire feu,  
 vivant, robuste, glorieux,  
 alléluia, alléluia!  
 La terre, en maternelle soeur,  
 nous comble de ses mille fleurs,  
 rendons gloire, alléluia!

4 Heureux les artisans de paix,  
 leur nom soit béni à jamais,  
 alléluia, alléluia!  
 Ceux qui ont souffert et pâti,  
 ils te remettent leurs soucis,  
 rendons gloire, alléluia!

5 Dieu trois fois saint, nous te louons,  
 nous te chantons, nous t'adorons,  
 alléluia, alléluia!  
 Gloire au Père et louange au Fils,  
 et loué soit le Saint-Esprit,  
 rendons gloire, alléluia!

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

D A7 D Em A D E7 A D E A

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine.  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine.  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, power di - vine, fill and nerve this will of mine.  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, law di - vine, reign with - in this soul of mine.  
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine.  
 6 Ho - ly Spir - it, joy di - vine, glad - den now this heart of mine.

D G D Em B Em A D A D

Voice of God and in - ward light, wake my Spir - it, clear my sight.  
 Kin - dle ev - ery high de - sire, pu - ri - fy me with your fire.  
 Bold - ly may I al - ways live, brave - ly serve, and glad - ly give.  
 Be my law, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.  
 Speak to calm this toss - ing sea, grant me your tran - quil - li - ty.  
 In the des - ert ways I sing; spring, O liv - ing wa - ter, spring!



## **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](mailto:kwelch@snet.net) or Tim Peiffer at [thepeiffs@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://Footsteps-Sand.org)