

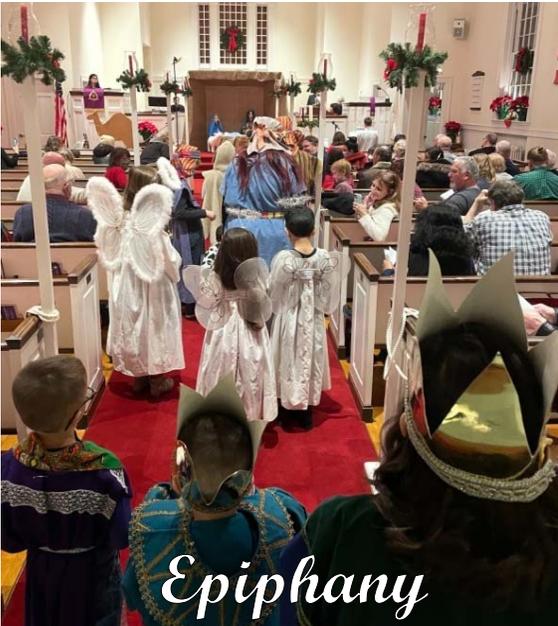
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North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, May 21, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Youth Sunday: The Seasons of the Son

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Daydreams*

Eugenie Rocherolle

***OPENING HYMN:** “We Praise You, Creator”

V293

CHORAL INTROIT: *Jesus Loves Me This I Know*

Traditional

Children’s Choir w/ASL

Anna Bartlett Warner (1859)

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ to reveal new life.

PEOPLE: Praise God, who sends the Spirit to empower the church.

Leader: Praise God with trumpet sound, praise God with flute and harp.

PEOPLE: Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipes!

ALL: Let everything that breathes sing praise.**

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

Heavenly Mother, we could do this forever...

cradle our children to our hearts and whisper:

Peace...Peace

May the only shadow in their lives

be the shadow of Your wings, O God.

For children everywhere,

Let there be love,

Let there be Christ,

Let there be peace!### Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION:~unison

Resurrected Savior, Savior of new life and new hope, we come to you in humble prayer and joyous song, for Easter has changed our lives.

We are no longer frightened people – because you live, we have courage to face life and to face death. We are no longer lonely people – because you live, we can accept ourselves and reach out to each other. We are no longer scattered people – because you live, we may come together to worship and to witness in our weakness and our strength to the presence of your reign among us and the promise of your reign to come.** 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 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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

NOISY OFFERING

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 17:1-5, 7-11

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After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SEASONS OF THE SON

ADVENT Scripture – Isaiah 9:2-3, 7

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The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

Great will be his authority, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Hymn: “A Candle is Burning” v. 1

V6

Unison

1 A can - dle is burn - ing, a flame warm and bright,
a can - dle of hope in De - cem - ber's dark night.
a can - dle of hope in De - cem - ber's dark night.
While an - gels sing bless - ings from heaven's star - ry sky,
our hearts we pre - pare now for Je - sus is nigh.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Hymn: “Still, Still, Still” v. 1, 2

V47

1 Still, still, still: the night is calm and
2 Sleep, sleep, sleep: sweet Je - sus, soft - ly

still. The Christ - child in his crib lies sleep - ing,
sleep, while Ma - ry sings and gent - ly holds you,

an - gels round him watch are - keep - ing.
safe - ly in her arms en - folds you.

Still, still, still: the night is calm and still.
Sleep, sleep, sleep: sweet Je - sus soft - ly sleep.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet: Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Hymn: What Star is This with Beams So Bright” v. 1, 2 P144

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, More love - ly
2 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From Ja - cob
than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to announce a new - born
shall a star pro - ceed"; And lo! the east - ern sa - ges

king, Glad ti - dings of our God to bring.
stand, To read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.

LENT Scripture – Matthew 4:1-11

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Jesus was led to the wilderness by the Spirit. After fasting for forty days and forty nights, Jesus was hungry. While in the desert Jesus was tempted three times. But each time Jesus was tempted, he did not falter.

First, Jesus was tempted to turn stones into bread. But Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then Jesus was taken to the Holy city. While there, he stood on the highest point of the temple and was tempted to throw himself down. Jesus was told that he had nothing to fear because God’s angels would keep him from harm. But once again, Jesus quoted scripture. He said, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Lastly, Jesus was taken to a very high mountain and tempted to stop worshiping God. If he did so, Jesus would be given all that he could see in front of him. And Jesus commanded, “Away from me!” Then said, “For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days For us didst fast and pray,
 4 A - bide with us, that so, this life Of suf - fer - ing o - ver - past,
 Teach us with thee to mourn our sins, And close by thee to stay.
 An East - er of un - end - ing joy We may at - tain at last! A - men.

EASTER Scripture – John 20:11-18 Page 1259

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Descant

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

Unison (C) F Dm Gm C

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. Give thanks to the ris - en Christ;

hal - le - lu - jah, praise to God's name.

F A Dm Gm C7 F

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Give praise to God's name.

F Dm Bb C

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth,
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:

F Dm Bb C D.C.

first - born of all cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and is ris - en.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Hymn: “On Pentecost They Gathered” v. 1, 2

V 195

1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed

a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples, to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as Je - sus Christ they praised.

A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
What u - ni - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?

and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *I Danced in the Morning when the World was Begun (Lord of the Dance)* By Sidney Carter
Sung by Combined Choirs

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, At Bethlehem I had my birth.

[Refrain]:

*"Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.*

*"I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
I will lead you all in the Dance," said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and for John; They came with me and the dance went on.

[Refrain]

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The holy people, they said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And they left me there on a cross to die.

[Refrain]

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the devil on your back; They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, But I am the dance and I still go on.

[Refrain]

They cut me down and I leapt up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die,
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
"I am the Lord of the Dance," said he.

[Refrain]

TEACHER APPRECIATION

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Take My Life and Let It Be" P 404

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Invention No. 4 J. S. Bach

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Liturgist is Sam Gott. **Scripture Reader** is Austin Donle. **Greeter** is Cheryl Bogert. **Fellowship Hour** is hosted by Peter Hall.

Today's flowers are given in recognition of all those who volunteer to make our Sunday School program vibrant and fun.

Holy Land Presentation – Today after service

John Tibor and Mary Johnston will be giving a Holy Land Presentation in the Koinonia Room today following service. Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!

SUMMER Church School begins June 5.

This summer, Steve Simonson will be teaching Church school for ten Sundays (see dates below) between June-August. All the children, of both age groups will gather in the Rainbow Room (the usual church school classroom for Grades 3-5) during Sunday worship. Each Sunday will focus on a different theme such as The Good Samaritan, Meaning of Faith, and Humility, Hospitality, Ten Commandments, and Caring for our planet through recycling. Each Sunday, the children will enjoy a bible story and enjoy a craft, activity or games outside, weather permitting. Summer Church School: (no classes 7/2 and 7/9)

June 4, 11, 18, 25

July 16, 23, 30

August 6, 13, 20, 27

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!

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: , Jody Gallagher 5/22, Dorothy Pierce 05/22, George Gladkosky 05/22.

ANNIVERSARIES: Heather & Michael Tolisano 05/24, Kathi & Robert Mickolyzck 05/25.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	5/21	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream) YOUTH SUNDAY
Monday	5/22	9:30 a.m. 10:30 6:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) New Haven Camera Club (K)
Tuesday	5/23	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Parking Lot/Library) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	5/24	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	WINDOW MAILING Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DBL) Girl Scout Troop 60071 (K)
Thursday	5/25	7:00 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	5/26	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	5/27	9:30 a.m. 10:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
Sunday	5/28	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP(In-Person & Live Stream)

*Small print indicates non-Church function

Bold print starts new day.

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

G D G C G D

1 Les cieux et la ter - re cé - lè - brent en chœur
 2 C'est lui qui nous don - ne le prin - temps joy - eux,
 1 We praise you, Cre - a - tor, in earth, sea, and sky:
 2 Each spring - time the blos - soms bloom frag - rant once more;

G D G C G D G

la gloi - re du Pè - re, du Dieu cré - a - teur.
 les fruits de l'au - tom - ne, l'é - té ra - di - eux.
 our Rul - er, our Mak - er, our Sov - ereign most high.
 each sum - mer and aut - umn brings forth its rich store.

D A D7 G D G D7

Qu'il est re - dou - ta - ble dans sa ma - jes - té!
 Lar - gesse in - fi - ni - e que rien ne ta - rit!
 Each new gen - er - a - tion lifts voic - es in praise;
 With wit - ness com - pel - ling our praise and our prayer,

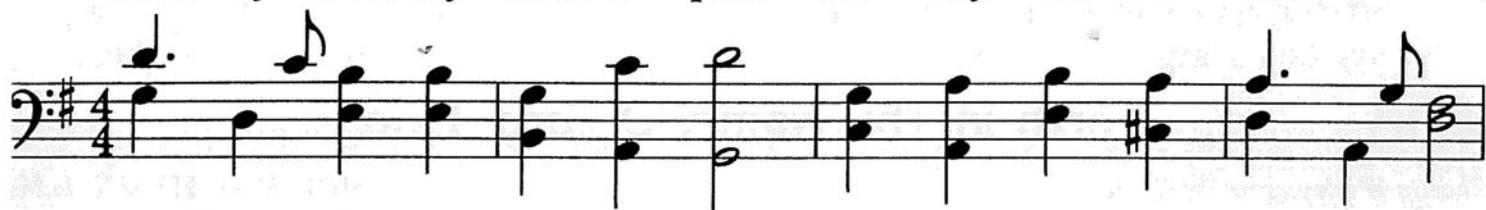
G D G C G D7 G

Qu'il est ad - mi - ra - ble dans sa cha - ri - té!
 Sa main ras - sa - si - e tout ê - tre qui vit.
 how good your cre - a - tion, how gra - cious your ways!
 cre - a - tion is tell - ing of your faith - ful care.

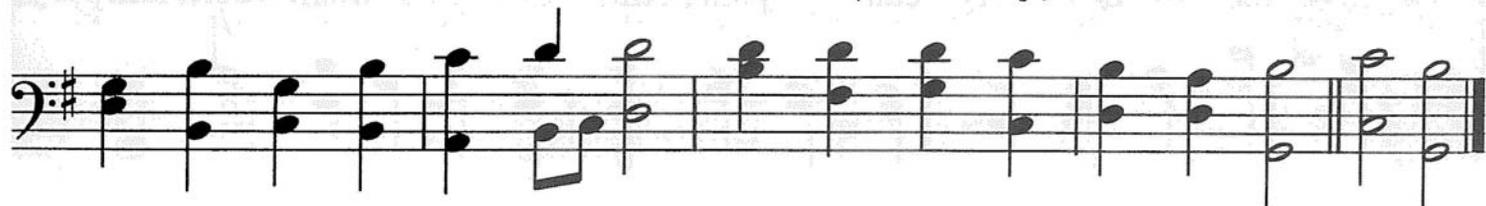
3 Your wondrous works teach us,
 Creator, to trace
 the limitless reaches
 of your love and grace.
 Your grace dwells among us,
 your love goes before:
 from eldest to youngest
 we praise and adore.



1 Take my life, and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my will, and make it thine; It shall be no long - er mine;
4 Take my love: my Lord I pour At thy feet its treas - ure store;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
Take my heart, it is thine own; It shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for thee. A - men.



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.

Youth Sunday: The Seasons of the Son

