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

Sunday, March 31, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday

PRELUDE: *Minuet* (from *Bernice*) G. F. Handel
Heather Meachen, Organ arr. Malcom Archer

Hornpipe (from *Water Music*) G. F. Handel
Jon Noyes and Reginald Mayo III, trumpets arr. Archer
Heather Meachen, Organ

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT: *Fanfare for Easter* Kenneth Walton
Sung by the Chancel Choir

Christ is risen, alleluia!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Death hath no more dominion over Him.
Death hath no more dominion over Him.
Christ is risen, alleluia!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” **V155**

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Christ has risen!

PEOPLE: Christ has risen indeed!

Leader: God is alive...

PEOPLE: new birth is given.

Leader: Hope is alive...

PEOPLE: a new age is dawning.

Leader: Joy is alive ...

PEOPLE: redemption is here.

Leader: Love is alive ...

PEOPLE: death cannot harm us.

Leader: We are alive ...

PEOPLE: New life is within us!

Leader: The church is alive ...

ALL: God’s Spirit is within us. Let us celebrate the God of resurrection!**

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

Oh Lord, you have said to us, “Peace I leave with you.”

The peace you give is not that of this world:

it is not the peace of order, when order oppresses the poor;

it is not the peace of silence, when silence suppresses pain;

it is not the peace of resignation when resignation bows to injustice.

Your peace is love for all people, justice for all people,

truth for all people – the truth that liberates.

Lord, this is the peace that you promise:

Grant us your peace,

and we will share it with the world. ** Amen.

Waldensian

***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 INVOCATION:~unison

Holy God, giver of new life, we come this morning with our alleluias, our banners and flowers and trumpets and song. We come to worship in beauty and in truth because we have faith that Jesus Christ is raised from the dead, because we have hope that the resurrection will enter into each of our lives and transform them, and because, through Christ’s spirit, we have come to love one another. Accept our worship, gracious God. Be present with us as a daystar, miracle, and mystery, and as the tender hands of grace. Amen. ***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Let us confess our shortcomings, recalling the words of Christ: Jesus said, “Peace be with you.”

PEOPLE: Yet sometimes we sow discord, neglecting to make peace with our sisters and brothers.

Leader: Jesus said, “As God has sent me, so I send you,”

PEOPLE: Yet sometimes we refuse to go, fearing to follow unknown paths of faith.

Leader: Jesus said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”

PEOPLE: But we turn away, rejecting the gifts of the Spirit.

All: Forgive us, blessed God, in the name of Jesus we pray.
Amen.**

~silence~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Glory be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! **

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 FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

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On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***HYMN:** "The Strife is O'er"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Mark 16:1-8

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When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

[[And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen.]]

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

GIFT OF MUSIC *Shout Hallelujah!*

(We Are Marching in the Light of God) Trad. South African Song
arr. Thomas R. Brand
adapt. Jeffrey C. Hutchins

Sung by the Children's Choir and the Chancel Choir

Shout Hallelujah, sing for Joy!
Shout Hallelujah, sing for Joy!
Hallelujah, sing for joy!
We are marching in the Light of God!
We are marching in the Light of God!
Hallelujah, sing for Joy!

SERMON: "He is Going Ahead of You"

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY *Christ Arose*

words and music by Robert Lowry (1826-1899)
Chancel Choir & Trumpets

He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

*Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

GREETING OF PEACE *~unison*

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

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Christ Is Alive"

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Prince of Denmark's March,*

Jeremiah Clarke
arr. Michel Rondeau

Jon Noyes and Reginald Mayo III, trumpets
Heather Meachen, Organ

*Whether in body or spirit, please rise.

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We extend special thanks this morning to trumpeters Jon Noyes and Reginald Mayo III, to Organist Heather Meachen, to Music Director Jeff Hutchins, and to the Chancel Choir!

Greeters today are Patience Benassi & Beth Anderson.

Scripture Reader is Heather Mastracchio.

Lilies decorate the sanctuary in celebration of Easter Sunday.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Ellie Harple, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Shirley Ryan, Joyce Bellonio, Meg Adams, David Gould, and Sarah.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Charlotte Shea 03/31, Janelly Ane Santiago 03/31, Anthony Solecki 04/03, Jeff Hutchins 04/03, Sandy Carter 04/04, Tanner Dubail 04/04, Gloria Santamauro 04/07.

Quote of the Week:

“My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” *Galatians 2:20*

Announcements

The Church Office will be closed tomorrow on Easter Monday.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	3/31	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP - EASTER SUNDAY (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	4/1	1:00 p.m.	EASTER MONDAY-Office Closed Retired Federal Employees (CH)
Tuesday	4/2	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) PLP (L) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	4/3	10:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 7:00	FOOD PANTRY OPEN COMMUNICATIONS (Zoom) Girl Scouts Troop 60071 (K) Lions Club (CH)
Thursday	4/4	4:30 p.m. 6:30 7:00	Music Together: Ukulele 1 (DBL) Mothers of Twins (CH) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	4/5	10:00 a.m.	FOOD PANTRY OPEN
Saturday	4/6	7:30 a.m.	MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH)
Sunday	4/7	9:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.	WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream) Musical Folk (DBL)

*Small print indicates non-Church function
Bold print starts new day.

Descant

4 Sing we to our God a - bove, hal - le - lu - jaht

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day,
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing
 3 But the pains which he en - dured,
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, hal - le - lu - jaht

Praise e - ter - nal as God's love; hal - le - lu - jaht

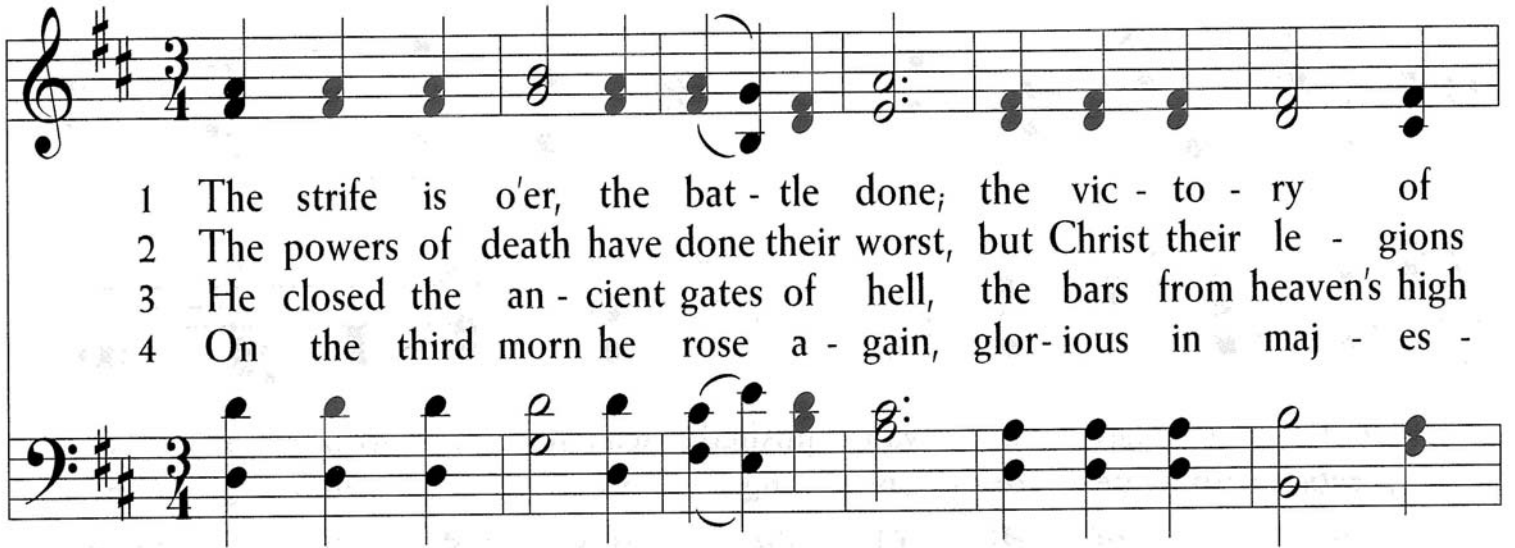
our tri - um - phant ho - ly day,
 un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King,
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured;
 praise e - ter - nal as God's love; hal - le - lu - jaht

Praise our God, ye heaven - ly host, hal - le - lu - jaht

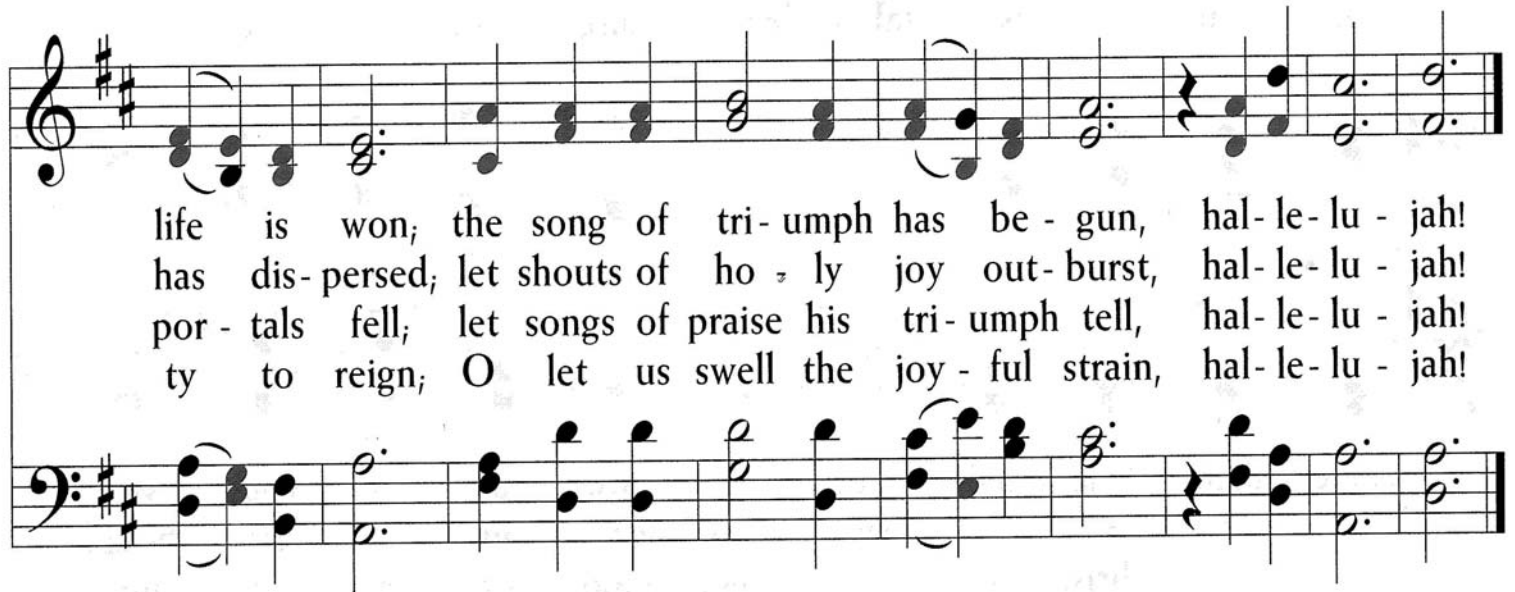
who did once, up - on the cross,
 who en - dured the cross and grave,
 now a - bove the sky he's King,
 praise our God, ye heaven - ly host, hal - le - lu - jaht

Praise the Son and Ho - ly Ghost. Hal - le - lu - jaht

suf - fer to re - deem our loss.
 sin - ners to re - deem and save.
 where the an - gels ev - er sing.
 praise the Son and Ho - ly Ghost. Hal - le - lu - jaht



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to - ry of
2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions
3 He closed the an - cient gates of hell, the bars from heaven's high
4 On the third morn he rose a - gain, glor - ious in maj - es -



life is won; the song of tri - umph has be - gun, hal - le - lu - jah!
has dis - persed; let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst, hal - le - lu - jah!
por - tals fell; let songs of praise his tri - umph tell, hal - le - lu - jah!
ty to reign; O let us swell the joy - ful strain, hal - le - lu - jah!

Descant

5 Christ is a-live, and comes to bring good news to

1 Christ is a-live! Let Chris-tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a-live! No long-er bound to dis-tant
 3 In ev-ery in-sult, rift, and war, where col-our,

this and ev-ery age, till earth and sky and

emp-ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal-es-tine, but sav-ing, heal-ing,
 scorn, or wealth div-ide, Christ suf-fers still, yet

o-cean ring with joy, with jus-tice, love and praise.

prais-es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev-er die.
 here and now, and touch-ing ev-ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e-ven hope has died.

Easter Lily Dedications - March 31, 2024

Chris & Kristen Corcoran - In honor of Joanne Barber & Aileen Corcoran

Barbara Massey - In loving memory of my parents Gert & David Diana.

Susan Compton - In loving memory of my brother Tim.

Bryant & Sara Munson - In loving memory of Philip.

Danielle Carboni - In loving memory of my parents; Daniel and Antoinette Carboni.

Carla (James) & Mike Hill - In loving memory of our family members:

Carla's parents: Philip & Cynthia James, brother: Brian James, Aunt Marcia James Carthaus, uncle: Charles Gedney

Mike's parents: Paul & Barbara Hill, Beloved family pet: Miss Kitty

Mabel & Stephen Peterson - In memory of our parents, Grace & Donald Peterson, Pollyanne & Robert Moen, Mabel's sister, Charlotte Liske, Brother's in law, Byron Liske and Stewart LaRocque.

Cheryl Bogert - In loving memory of Joan & Al Bogert, Ed Hazen, & Milo Runtak.

Linda Lacobelli - In loving memory Anthony Lacobelli, Tony Lacobelli, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Prentice and Mr. & Mrs. Lucien Lacobelli

Beth Anderson - In loving memory of my husband Philip DiPeri and my parents Robert & Catherine Anderson.

Bernie & Elfie Hummel - In loving memory of Bernie & Elfie's parents, Paul & Irmgard Hummel, and Martin & Adelheid Dimmlich.

Lillian & Carl Flodquist - In loving memory of our son David Thomas Flodquist.

Cathy Welch - In memory of my beloved husband Ken and our parents Henry & Martha Griffis and Max & Betty Welch, and my brother David Griffis celebrating his first Easter in Heaven.

Joyce Bellonio - In loving memory of Tony & David Bellonio, Mr. & Mrs. Frank L. Prentice and Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Allen, Sr.

Susan Guckert - In loving memory of my husband Gary Heffernan and my parents George & Agatha Guckert

Mary Ellen & Ed Collett - In loving memory of Charles & Barbara Collett

Sandy Carter - In loving memory of my parents, Richard & Carmel DeCola, my niece Cindy & my grandson Jack

Jim & Joan Bennett - In loving memory of Jean Bennett and Ethel Lemay Flynn

Dot Pierce - In loving memory of Greg and Stephen, my love will be forever.

Carol Mitchell- In loving memory of my cousin Douglas Kinney and brother-in-law Edward Dionian.

Kathy & Ellie Harple - In loving memory of Warren & David Harple

Tom & Wendy Glynn - In loving memory of our beloved brother, brother in law and best friend, Tom Jahoda and Tom's parents Tom & Helga Glynn and Wendy's dad, Richard Jahoda

Gary & AnnMarie Czajkowski - In loving memory of Louis Czajkowski & Susan Stiber, parents of Gary, and Joan Lynch, mother of AnnMarie

Carol Amico and Scott Morrow - In loving memory of Francis & Anthony Amico, Robert Amico, and Marylou & Robert Morrow

Ann & Herbert Schneider - In memory of our parents and Ann's sister.

Joyce & Ted Manzo - In loving memory of our dear friend Liz

DeAngelis, who we, and the world, lost on Easter 3 years ago.

Wendy Civitello - In loving memory of JD Collett & Papa & Nina Collett

Heather Mastracchio - In loving memory of my grandparents

Billy & Jeanne Mecca - In loving memory of Marylou Lampe & Maria Mecca.

Jeff Hutchins - In loving memory of Sylvia Marie Hutchins, wife of Jeff's father, Jerald Hutchins.

Donations from:

Priscilla Bradford

Heather Dillon

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
Dave Nelson, Sexton

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.

