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

**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Second Sunday of Easter  
The Sacrament of Communion**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

**\*OPENING HYMN: "The Day of Resurrection"**

**V164**

**CHORAL INTROIT: *This is the Day***

Traditional Folk tune by Les Garrett

Sung by the Chancel Choir

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Christ our Savior is risen from the dead! Alleluia!

**PEOPLE: Break forth into song together! God comforts those  
whose hearts are broken in sorrow.**

Leader: We who once suffered in death, we who once cried in  
despair—

**PEOPLE: Now we know victory over death! Now we know joy  
over despair!**

**ALL: For God has raised Christ from the grave! The tomb is  
empty and death has been defeated for all the earth!\*\***

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

Oh God, you made yourself known to us in the person of Jesus,  
and now you are made flesh in all people.

Let us be a community of the incarnation, a people who sorrow,  
suffer, hope and rejoice with all human beings.

Let us be Christ to one another. Let us be peace.## 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 CONFESSION:~unison**

Gracious God, we confess before you our slowness to embrace the  
new life you offer.

You offer springtime to our souls, but we prefer the winter of  
coldness and indifference.

We continue in despair and self-doubt, rather than rejoicing in  
knowing you love us.

We forget that we have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ. Afraid to die, we cannot receive new life.

Forgive us and restore the joy of knowing you. May Christ be known among us in the breaking of bread.\*\* Amen

~ *silence* ~

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Acts 4:32-35 Page 1265

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

\* **HYMN:** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

**V382**

**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** John 20:19-31 Page 1259

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put

it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

**MEDITATION:** “Goodness Gracious Grits” Scott Morrow

## **PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Choral Response

## **THE OFFERTORY**

\*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

## **THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

Hymn of Preparation: “We Gather Here” V469

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:** “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee” V 560

## \***THE BENEDICTION**

## **CHORAL BENEDICTION:** *Go Serve the Risen Savior*

A Parting Hymn for Eastertide

Music: Alfred H. Ackley ("He Lives")

Text: R. G. Huff (2021)

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Go serve the Risen Savior! Rise up, go on your way. Our Christ is resurrected, set free from death's dark grave. The grieving days are ended, the cross, the pain, the strife. We join him in his rising and endless life.

Go out with joy! Christ Jesus lives today. Have faith in him, be true to him in all you do and say. Go out with joy! May all your conflicts cease. O church of Christ, the Risen Lord, go out in joy and peace.

## **POSTLUDE**

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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**Deacon** is Nancy Mahoney. **Scripture Reader** is Jim Bennett. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson. **Fellowship Hour** is hosted by Barbara Massey. **Lilies** decorate the sanctuary in celebration of Easter.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Gloria Santamauro 04/07.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Rich & Sandy Mayhew 04/11, Ann & Herb Schneider 04/12.

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

### **Quote of the Week:**

Everyone is excited about the upcoming wedding of Brad and Melody. They are having a “country style” wedding, and everyone is invited to join them as they exchange cows in the church courtyard.

*Church Chuckles – Every Day Thoughts*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Mission Team Spotlight**

This week's Mission Team Spotlight is Memorial Gifts. Barbara Massey and Cathy Welch are the Memorial Gifts Team members. Funds come into the Memorial Gifts account when a church member or friend makes a special contribution to the church, usually in honor of someone who has passed away. Donations have also been received in honor of a special occasion such as a family member or friend's birthday or anniversary. At times, the gifts are designated to specific funds such as the children's library, the Food Pantry, the Music Fund, and others. These funds are then used for special church projects when requested and by other church teams. For example, some years ago, a new communion table cover and paraments were requested by the Deacons and funds for these were approved by Memorial Gifts and purchased. Other examples of how the Memorial Gift's funds have been used include the beautiful teak bench outside the sanctuary, the very useful birch table in Carroll Hall, new flooring in the choir room, the rebinding of Voices United and Pilgrim hymnals, updating of the fire and security systems throughout the building, and the list goes on. All contributions are used to benefit the workings and beautification of the church to which the Team is very grateful. If you would like to honor a special person or occasion in someone's life, please consider contributing to the church's Memorial Gifts Fund. Thank you.

### **Taking Back Unwanted Prescription Drugs On Saturday, April 27th at Fire Headquarters from 10am – 2pm**

The Town of North Haven and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) will be teaming up once again to give the public the opportunity to prevent pill misuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Visitors are asked to bring medications for safe disposal to North Haven Fire Headquarters located at 11 Broadway. The service is free and anonymous, with no questions asked. This is the 24th National DEA Takeback Day, with collection events taking place every April and October.

This is a drive through drop-off event. Visitors simply need to pull down the driveway of Fire Headquarters and drive around to the back of the building, where they will be greeted by staff to accept the medications. Visitors will be asked to remain in their vehicles and to hand the medications through the window to the staff. Visitors are discouraged from exiting their vehicles or walking up to the disposal tables.

Vapes and other e-cigarette devices or cartridges are also now being accepted; please remove the batteries before dropping these items off for safe disposal. Items that will not be accepted include syringes, needles or other sharps, inhalers, such as those for asthma, aerosol cans, mercury thermometers, iodine-containing medications and illegal drugs or substances (including marijuana which is still a schedule 1 drug under federal law).

Please leave all medications in their original containers if possible. Cross out the person's name with a black marker to ensure privacy.

For more information, please contact Carla Picard in Community Services at 203-239-5321 x504.

### **TAG SALE MAY 18, 9:00-2:00 p.m.**

Spring is here, time to freshen up your home and help Women's Fellowship with our fun raiser! We will be holding our Annual Tag Sale and your help is needed! The more items we have, the more money we will raise for the church.

We are looking for any items that you are ready to get rid of (not junk or clothing) dishes, glasses, kitchen items, pots , pans, anything kitchen. Any tools, towels, lamps, wall hangings, throw pillows, table cloths, napkins or anything decorative, Knick knacks, photo frames, etc. are all acceptable!

Please bring your items to the church before May 6th.

We will also need help pricing, setting up, cleaning up and selling during the tag sale!

Please let Carol Mitchell or Dot Pierce know if you are able to help!!

Thank you in advance to all!!!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4/7</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 1:30 p.m.	<b>WORSHIP –</b> <b>(In-Person/Live Stream)</b> Musical Folk (DBL)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4/8</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 1:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4/9</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 3:30 6:00 7:30	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) PLP (L) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) Bible Study (Zoom) Nutmeg Treasure Hunters (CH)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/10</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) MLB (L)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/11</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> 6:00 7:00 7:00	<b>Music Together: Ukulele 1 (DBL)</b> Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR North Haven Garden Club (CH)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4/12</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Danish Brotherhood (K)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4/13</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30	<b>SPRING CLEANUP (LAWN)</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4/14</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 11:00	<b>WORSHIP –</b> <b>(In-Person/Live Stream)</b> DEACONS (K)

\*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  
Dave Nelson, Sexton





1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2 Our hearts be free of e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God!  
 the Christ in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and, listen - ing to the ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 Christ's own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ in - deed is ris - en, our Joy that has no end.



1 Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 1 Souf - fle du Dieu vi - vant, a - ni - me tout en moi;  
 2 Souf - fle du Dieu vi - vant, viens pu - ri - fier ma foi;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til my will is one with thine, to do and to en - dure.  
 que ton a - mour me rende ai - mant, ser - vant ain - si que toi.  
 que ce soit ton vou - loir puis - sant qui s'ac - com - plisse en moi.

3 Breathe on me, breath of God,  
 till I am wholly thine,  
 until this earthly part of me  
 glows with thy fire divine.

3 Souffle du Dieu vivant,  
 mets ton feu dans mon coeur;  
 que tout en moi soit rayonnant  
 de ton éclat, Seigneur.

4 Breathe on me, breath of God:  
 so shall I never die,  
 but live with thee the perfect life  
 of thine eternity.

4 Souffle du Dieu vivant,  
 écarte enfin la mort;  
 que pour jamais, dès maintenant,  
 j'appartienne au Dieu fort.

# Hymn of Preparation: "We Gather Here"

V469

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name,  
 2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,  
 3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;  
 the One who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;  
 we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

for through the lov - ing son God fash - ions us as one:  
 the One we love the most is now our gra - cious host:  
 now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

*Fine*

Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

1 No one is a stran - ger here, — ev - ery - one be - longs;  
 2 We are now a fam - i - ly of which Christ is the head;

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find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.  
 though un - seen he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

**\*CLOSING HYMN: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"**

V 560

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move with some clear,  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee, in clos - er,  
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; teach me thy se - cret,  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sure and strong, in trust that tri - umphs ov - er wrong,  
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

**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.