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North Haven, Connecticut  
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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Third Sunday of Easter  
Family Sunday**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** No. 3 *Canzona*

Leon Boellman

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “The Head That Once Was Crowned” **V190**

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Sing praises to God, you faithful, give thanks to the Holy One!

**PEOPLE: Weeping may linger for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

Leader: You turn our weeping to dancing, God; you remove the garments of mourning and clothe us in gladness.

**ALL: May we praise you and not be silent! We will give thanks to you, O God, forever!\*\***

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

Let us open our hearts to the love of God.

Let us break open the doors and let the stranger in.

Let us embrace rich and poor, the beautiful and the bruised, both tears and laughter, for God’s arms are wide and in Her there is no stranger!

Let us walk the way of the open heart. <sup>###</sup> 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**

We come before you, O God, in Easter joy, seeking to be a people of the resurrection. Be known among us; assure us of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Word and Spirit, reveal your purpose in our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. \*\* 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 FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Acts 3:12-19

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When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

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

\* **HYMN:** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**V288****THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Luke 24:36-48

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While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *Now the Green Blade Rises*

Trad. French carol (Noël Nouvelet)

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Harmonized by Martin Shaw

**SERMON:** “The Gift of Spaciousness”

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

**GREETING OF PEACE** *~unison*

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

**\*CLOSING HYMN:** “Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks” **V179**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** No. 4 “Herr Jesu Chris, dich zu uns wend”

Johann Gottfried Walther

\*Those who are able, please stand.

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

**Greeter** is Beth Anderson. **Lilies** decorate the sanctuary in celebration of Easter.

**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

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

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Donald Adams II 04/15, Betsy Gumbart 04/17, Carla Hill 04/17.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Drew & Heather Mastracchio 04/15, Martin & Patience Benassi 04/16, Merrilee & George Gladkosky 04/19.

**Quote of the Week:**

Dear God,

Is there any way to do extra credit to make sure I get into heaven?

Benjamin, age 8

*Church Chuckles – Every Day Thoughts*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Saturday,  
April 27**

**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**DEATakeBack.com**



### **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.



**A springtime choral music concert featuring the United Girls' Choir** On Saturday May 4, at 7:00 pm the North Haven Congregational Church is delighted to host a spring concert featuring the world renowned United Girls' Choir (UGC). This concert is a follow up to UGC's holiday concert offered at NHCC in December. If you missed that concert you won't want to miss this one!

The United Girls' Choir is known for performing complex and advanced musical arrangements with pristine intonation and phrasing. To hear this kind of singing in a spacious and historic church is a real gift.

Over the past two decades, UGC has given thousands of choristers, ages 5-18, the chance to sing for joy, develop confidence and leadership skills, and build lifelong friendships in a safe, supportive environment.

The Pierpont Concert series has been hosted at North Haven Congregational Church since the year 2000. The concert will take place at the North Haven Congregational Church, located at 28 Church Street, North Haven, across from the Town Green. There is ample parking and the church is handicapped accessible. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

Student tickets are \$10 and children under age 12 are free admission.

Please call 203-239-5691 to reserve your tickets. Doors open at 6:30pm. Cash, check, and Venmo accepted at the door.

### **Mission Team Spotlight**

The Mission Team Spotlight this week is the Floral Mission Team. Sue Tibor coordinates special flowers and decorations for the sanctuary to make the church welcoming and to enhance the beauty of the space. Special flowers are arranged in the chancel in front of the communion table. This includes poinsettias for Christmas Eve, palms for Palm Sunday, lilies for Easter and the week before Thanksgiving, Sue sets up a cornucopia with vegetables and autumn decorations. Church members add fruits and vegetables to the cornucopia during that Sunday's worship that are donated later. Sue ensures that the lilies and poinsettias are delivered to homebound and recently bereaved church members and cards are written to accompany the flowers. Sue also decorates the sanctuary window sills with candles during Advent and other seasonal decorations. John Tibor also assists Sue at times. There are also wreaths during Advent, and seasonal Spring wreaths to arrange. The flowers on the communion table are not coordinated by the Floral Mission Team, those flowers are donated and arranged by church members, often in honor of someone or in memory of loved ones. Those flowers are recommended to be low and wide arrangements, not tall arrangements, as they are usually placed in front of our cross.



## **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!!

Women's Fellowship will be donating a portion of the proceeds raised



Help people,  
even when you  
know they can't  
help you back.

from the Tag Sale to help a young couple and their two young daughters, from Peru, who are getting settled in North Haven.

Their needs, currently, are clothing for both girls ages 9 & 7.

Women's Fellowship will use the money to purchase some clothing and also give them a gift card to help get started.

We will be accepting monetary donations, checks payable to Women's Fellowship Tag Sale.

Thank you all for helping!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

<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)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4/15</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 1:00 p.m. 6:00	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN CT Record Club (K)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4/16</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 6:00	<b>Al-Anon (K)</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) PLP (L) Bible Study (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/17</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:00	<b>WINDOW DEADLINE</b> Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/18</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> 4:30 p.m. 7:00	<b>ENDOWMENT MEETING (H)</b> Music Together: Ukulele 1 (DBL) CHANCEL CHOIR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4/19</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4/20</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m.	<b>SPRING CLEANUP – rain date</b> <b>(LAWN)</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Birthday Party (CH)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4/21</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP –</b> <b>(In-Person/Live Stream)</b>

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

\*OPENING HYMN: "The Head That Once Was Crowned"

V190

G Em C D G D G (D)

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is  
 2 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the  
 ♦ 3 To them the cross, with all its shame, with  
 4 They suf - fer here with Christ be - low, they  
 5 The cross he bore is life and health, though

G A7 D G D (Em Bm)

crowned with glo - ry now; a roy - al di - a -  
 joy of all be - low, to whom he man - i -  
 ♦ all its grace, is given, their name an ev - er -  
 reign with him a - bove, their pro - fit and their  
 shame and death to him, his peo - ple's hope, his

C Am D G (C G) D7 G

dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
 fest his love and grants his name to know.  
 ♦ last - ing name, their joy the joy of heaven.  
 joy to know the mys - tery of his love.  
 peo - ple's wealth, their ev - er - last - ing theme.

Descant

3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,  
 D G A7 G D

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, God our Cre - a - tor;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,  
 G D E (B7 E7) A

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row—  
 A7 D D Em D G

thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row—

won - drous the por - tion thy bless - ings pro - vide.  
 as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 won - drous the por - tion thy bless - ings pro - vide.

*Chords: G#dim7, D, A, D*

*Refrain*

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by  
 Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

*Chords: A, G, D, B7, Am, Em, A7*

morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -  
 morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

*Chords: D, A, E7, A, A7, D, Em, D*

vid - ed — great is thy faith - ful - ness, ev - er to me!  
 vid - ed — great is thy faith - ful - ness, ev - er to me!

*Chords: G, G#dim7, D, A7, D*

**\*CLOSING HYMN: "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks" V179**

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:  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ,  
 4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

F Dm Bb C D.C.

first - born of all cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and is ris - en.  
 now we shall live for ev - er.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - iour.

## **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.





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*presents*

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SPRING

Tag Sale



**HOSTED BY THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Date: May 18th

Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Set up: 7:30 am

Location: North Haven Congregational Church  
28 Church St North

Haven, CT 06473 | 203-239-5691



**SPACES AVAILABLE:**

**OUTSIDE ON THE CHURCH LAWN**

\$30.00 (BRING YOUR OWN TABLE AND CHAIR)

**INSIDE THE CHURCH**

\$35.00 (TABLE AND CHAIR PROVIDED)

**CALLING ALL VENDORS:**

- COMMUNITY VENDORS WELCOME
- CHURCH MEMBERS CAN RESERVE SPACES TOO

**DONATE & SELL:**

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP WILL HAVE A TABLE AND WELCOMES DONATIONS OF ITEMS TO SELL

**LUNCH SPECIAL:**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP WILL COOK UP DELICIOUS HAMBURGERS & HOT DOGS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT:**

- LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
- CHURCH PROJECTS AND BUDGET

**LET'S MAKE THIS YEAR'S TAG SALE THE BEST ONE YET!**

FOR INQUIRIES AND RESERVATIONS, CONTACT CHURCH OFFICE (203) 239-5691



**COME SHOP WITH US**