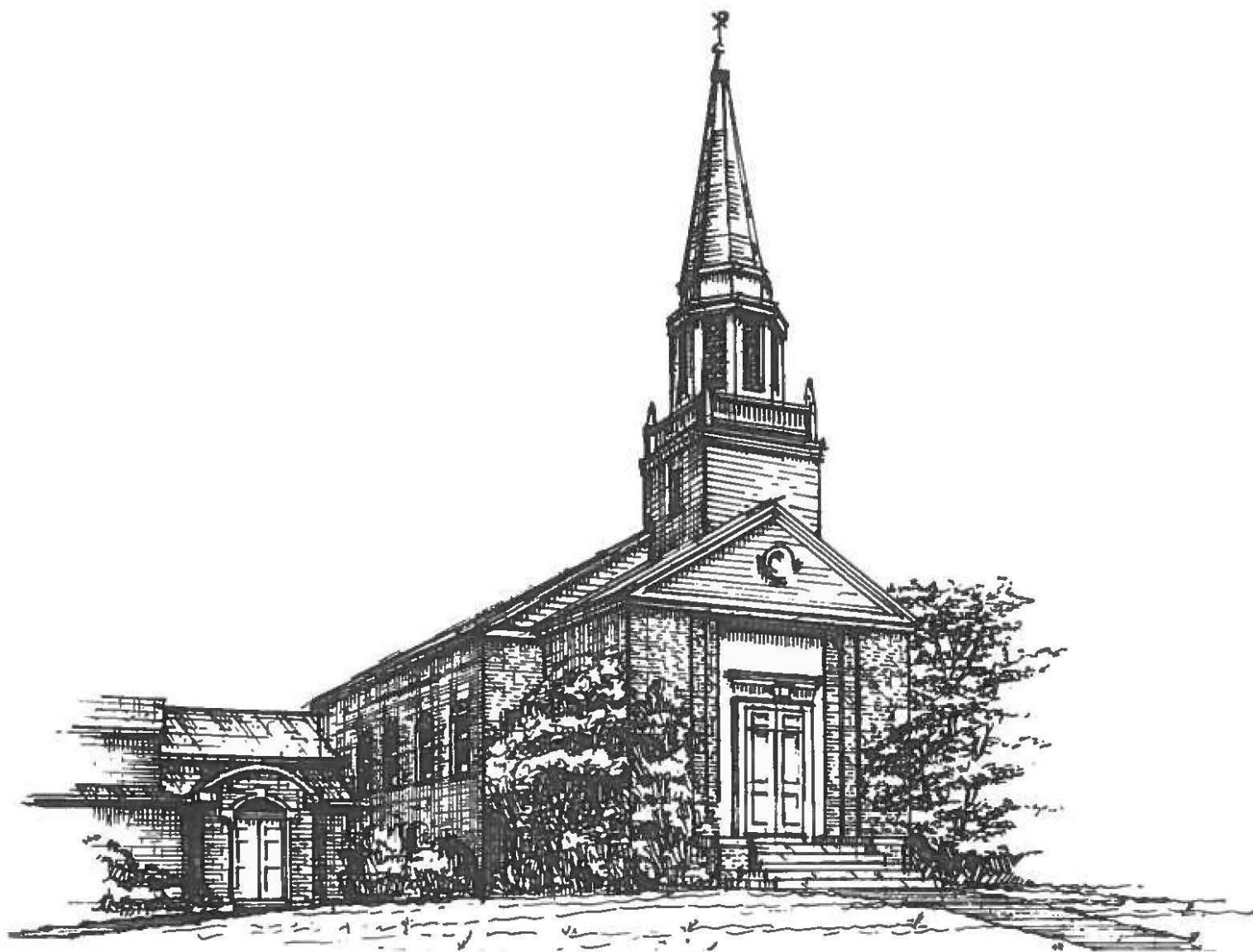


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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, May 5, 2024

9:30 a.m.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Fonde D'Orgue*

Guillaume-Gabriel Nivers

***OPENING HYMN:** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: In the Easter newness and resurrection of this season,

PEOPLE: there is hope.

Leader: In the Easter freedom and joy of this season,

PEOPLE: there is liberation.

Leader: In the Easter alleluias and amens of this season,

PEOPLE: there is grace.

ALL: Christ is risen. Alleluia. Amen.**

***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

***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

Keeper of heaven and earth, guardian of our coming and going forth, of our times of tender reflection and our moments of turmoil, our life is fragile, and we sometimes fray the fabric of life. Sharpen our sensitivities. Teach us to prefer listening to speaking, tenderness rather than aggression, community in a world of alienation.

Deepen for us the meaning of the resurrection, that we not only speak words of transformation but embody those words in our life. Healer, Renewer, Sustainer, Source of Hope and Joy, we offer thanks and praise, Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.**

~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 15:9-17 Page 1254

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** “Blessed Assurance”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6 Page 1383

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *I Am the Bread of Life*
Sung by the Chancel Choir

Suzanne Toolan, RSM

MEDITATION: “Overcoming the World”

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: “I Come with Joy”

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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:** “Will You Come and Follow Me”

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: F Minor *Maestosos*

J. A. Troppman
arr. Carlo Rossini

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Nancy Mahoney. **Communion Servers** are Susan Guckert and Dot Pierce. **Greeter** is Beth Anderson.

Fellowship Hour is hosted by Sandy Carter and Joan Bennett.

Today's flowers are given by Susan Compton in celebration of the spring birthdays of my mother Evelyn, my son Brian, and my brother David.

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: George Coulston 05/05, Bryant Munson 05/08, Sienna Baldino 05/09.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Team Spotlight: MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship began meeting for breakfast in the church kitchen in January 2003 and started very small, with Ken Welch, John Tibor and a few others. Greg Pierce also helped with meal prep for many years. I am told that attendance was sporadic until several years later, when Phil DiPeri happened on the scene and stirred things up by motivating the men to become more involved.

My history with Men's Fellowship only goes back to late 2014, when I first started attending the Saturday breakfasts on a regular basis. The men were meeting bi-weekly at 7:00 am in Carroll Hall's kitchen at that time; David Gould was serving the group as President; and attendance at the breakfasts was consistently in the mid-to-high teens, even surpassing twenty on three occasions.

At the September 3, 2016 breakfast, elections were conducted at which Greg Pierce was elected President, I was chosen Secretary, and Larry Ballantyne was selected MF Treasurer. The following September, I was elevated to the Presidency, while Rob Nielsen was chosen to serve as 1st VP. We were re-elected to those offices in September 2018, but since the fall of 2019, Men's Fellowship has been officially rudderless, with no elections held. Just saying.

The COVID-19 pandemic put a real crimp in our group's ability to get together, as we were forced to move our gatherings online via Zoom from April 2020 to May 2021, with our participation numbers suffering drastically as a result, ranging from a low of 3 to a high of 11. And even

after we resumed in-person breakfasts in mid-2021, our attendance has not yet rebounded to pre-COVID levels, but we're (gradually) getting there.

Nonetheless, Men's Fellowship has been able to financially support many church activities over the years. When the need for replacement windows arose, we were there to help fund them; when the Pastor's Discretionary Fund needed replenishment, MF was there with a donation. Other contributions have been made to the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, the Sleeping Giant Build, the church's 300th Anniversary Celebration, Greg Pierce's Youth Offenders Ministry, the church's Capital Campaign Celebratory Luncheon, North Haven's Annual Prayer Breakfast, Habitat's Rebuilding Together Projects, and others. And for the past two years, we have joined Women's Fellowship in supporting the church budget with \$1,000 donations.

Men's Fellowship has been able to fund these contributions with the money collected at the bi-weekly breakfasts (we charge a whopping \$5 for eggs, hash browns, sausage, coffee, and juice), and with occasional fundraisers. From 2014-2017, the men conducted annual chicken barbeques, and in 2023 (after fully five years in the making), we pulled off a successful Comedy Night event, raising \$1,500 from it. What will we present in 2024? Stay tuned.

Our breakfasts are open to all men in our community, be they church members or not. Our next gathering will be held in our church kitchen on Saturday, May 18th, at 7:30 am. We would welcome YOUR attendance at it.

Jim Bennett

Men's Fellowship (Recording Secretary)

Summer Sunday School

This year Summer Sunday school is scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month during July and August.

July 14 & 28, August 11 and 25

Priscilla Noriega has graciously agreed to coordinate the program. If you would like to learn more about the program or volunteer to help, please contact Karlee.

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!!



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

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

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	5/5	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP – (In-Person/Live Stream)
Monday	5/6	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Retired Federal Employees (CH)
Tuesday	5/7	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 1:30 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (L) Church Safety Committee (L) United Girls Choir (CH, DBL, S) Bible Study (Zoom)
Wednesday	5/8	9:30 a.m. 10:00 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Al-Anon District Family (CH)
Thursday	5/9	1:00 p.m. 4:30 6:00 7:00 7:00	NHCC STAFF MEETING (H) Music Together: Ukulele 1 (DBL) Girl Scout Troop 60151 (K) CHANCEL CHOIR Garden Club (CH)
Friday	5/10	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Danish Brotherhood (K)
Saturday	5/11	9:30 a.m. 10:30 12:00 p.m.	Food Delivery:Post Office (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Baby Shower (CH)
Sunday	5/12	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
Dave Nelson, Sexton

*OPENING HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Descant

4 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 Eb Cm Ab Eb (Bb7 Eb) Bb

1 Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne:
 2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - tre sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,

rich wounds yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied. All hail,
 Eb Cm Eb F Bb (F7 Bb) Eb Fsus4 F Bb

hark, how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 rich wounds yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.

Re - deem - - er, hail! Thou hast died for me; thy praise
 Eb Ab C7 F Bb

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me;

shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.
 Eb Fm Bb Eb Ab Eb Bbsus4 Bb Eb

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

D G D A

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! O what a fore-taste of
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light! Vi-sions of rap-ture now
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav-iour am

E A D G D

glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God,
 burst on my sight; an-gels de-scend-ing, bring from a-bove
 hap-py and blessed; watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove,

D G A D G

born of the Spir-it, washed in Christ's blood.
 ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. This is my sto-ry, this is my
 filled with God's good-ness, lost in Christ's love.

D G D A E A A7 D

song, prais-ing my Sav-iour all the day long; this is my sto-ry,

G D G Em A D

this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-iour all the day long.

Hymn of Preparation: "I Come with Joy"

V477

Unison

F

B \flat

F

1 I come with joy, a child of God, for-giv-en,
 2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as
 ♦ 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di-
 4 The Spir-it of the ris-en Christ, un-seen, but
 5 To-geth-er met, to-geth-er bound by all that

Dm

Csus4

Cm

B \flat

Am

F

loved and free, the life of Je-sus to re-call in
 all are fed, the new com-mu-ni-ty of love in
 ♦ 3 vi-sion ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
 4 ev-er near, is in such friend-ship bet-ter known, a-
 5 God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the

Gm

Am

B \flat

C

Cm7

F

love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
 Christ's com-mun-ion bread, in Christ's com-mun-ion bread.
 ♦ 3 stran-gers now are friends, and stran-gers now are friends.
 4 live a-mong us here, a-live a-mong us here.
 5 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Unison

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
 ♦ 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
 4 Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 5 Christ, your sum - mons e - choes true when you but call my name.

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 ♦ Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 ♦ Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot - steps show.

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
 ♦ and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.