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Palm Sunday



North Haven, Connecticut
An Open & Affirming Congregation

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

Sunday, April 13, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Sixth Sunday in Lent

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Noisy Offering

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF THE PALMS (outside)

SERVICE OF THE PALMS:

Leader: We join with the crowd that eagerly awaited the coming of Jesus.

**People: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Fulfilling prophecy, Jesus entered the city riding humbly on a donkey.

**People: (louder) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Jesus' followers were excited, filled with anticipation. Yet, within a few short days, they were scattered, disillusioned, and frightened, unwilling to follow as far as Christ would have them go.

**People: (softer) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: We, too, long to join the triumphal procession, only to find ourselves burdened by the past, fearful of the future, reluctant to accept the way of the cross.

**People: (softer) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Yet this Palm Sunday, we receive palm branches, a reminder of the welcome offered to Jesus as he traveled toward the cross.

**People: (louder) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Like the crowd in Jerusalem 2000 years ago, we take our palm branches and greet Jesus, shouting:

**People: (very loud - repeat 3x) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God!
Hosanna in the highest! ****

Processional Order (outside): choir, children, adults

*OPENING HYMN: "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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Refrain

Descant

All glo - ry, laud and hon - our to you, Re - deem - er, King,

Fine

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the King of Is - rael, and Da - vid's roy - al son,
2 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
3 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
4 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

D.C

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and bless - ed one.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
to you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great auth - or of all good - ness, O good and grac - ious king.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come! From the city streets.

PEOPLE: Join the happy throng that gathers to honor Jesus!

Leader: Come! From your busy homes and places of business.

PEOPLE: Put down your work in joyful celebration!

Leader: Come! Lay down your sorrows and worries.

PEOPLE: Turn your eyes toward the Savior whom God has sent!

Leader: Let all join in joyful song.

**ALL: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus Christ, who comes in
God's name.** Amen**

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

God of all people,

You call on us today to loose the bonds of injustice,
to let the oppressed go free, to break every yoke.

Transform our lives and lead us to the peace and joy that is Easter!##
Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:~unison

O God, we are like the people of Jerusalem so long ago. We are hungry for a hero. We crave some glimpse of greatness. We are starving for the spectacular. We are gathered here like those who watched the Passion Parade in Jerusalem, craning our necks to catch a glimpse of our Messiah. As we wait here for the Savior to come let us not be disappointed when the special one appears, even though we are certain to be surprised; and give us courage to follow where the one on the donkey might lead us.*** Amen. ~ *silence* ~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ALL: Thanks be to God

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 BAPTISM OF ELENA ROSE TRAVAGLINO

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THE NOISY OFFERING

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PSALM 118

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THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11 Page 1339

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

* **HYMN:** “Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!”

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 19:28-40 Page 1227

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

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

GIFT OF MUSIC: *The Palms (Les Rameaux)* Jean-Baptiste Faure
Sung by the Chancel Choir arr. Charles Hutchinson Gabriel

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: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” V149**

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *A Mighty Fortress*

Roger C. Wilson

Tune: *Ein Feste Burg* by Martin Luther

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Sandy Carter. **Scripture Reader** is Stephen Peterson.

Greeter is Beth Anderson. **Palms decorate the sanctuary in celebration of Palm Sunday.**

In Our Prayers This Week are: Family of Muriel Basilio (Dot Pierce’s sister), Tony and Cheryl Solecki, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann Schneider.

Safe Conduct Policy Mission Team: We would like to thank the following members for agreeing to play this vital role. Members are: Sue Baldino, Joan Bennett, Kim Coughlin, Barbara Massey, and Heather Mastracchio.

**THE SACRAMENT
OF
CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**

April 13, 2025

Elena Rose Travaglino



**THE NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
28 Church Street
North Haven, Connecticut 06473**

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The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Minister

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is a moment in the Christian community when we recognize the grace of God living in each newborn creation.

INTRODUCTION

Minister: People were bringing little children to Jesus that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them:

PEOPLE: “LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, DO NOT STOP THEM; FOR IT IS TO SUCH AS THESE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS. TRULY, I TELL YOU, WHOEVER DOES NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE A LITTLE CHILD WILL NEVER ENTER IT.”

Minister: And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

PEOPLE: JESUS SAID; “UNLESS WE ARE BORN ANEW, WE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD; UNLESS WE ARE BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, WE CANNOT ENTER GOD'S NEW ORDER.”

PRAYER AND BLESSING

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

***QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION**

(The Congregation will please stand)

Deacon: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Elena Rose Travaglino, about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

PEOPLE: WE PROMISE OUR LOVE, SUPPORT, AND CARE TO ELENA ROSE TRAVAGLINO AND TO JOSEPH AND SKYE TRAVAGLINO AS THEY RAISE THEIR CHILD IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH.

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BAPTISM

NAMING OF THE CHILD AND THE BAPTISM

PRAYER OF PRAISE FOR THE BAPTIZED

BENEDICTION: (Unison) ... ELENA ROSE TRAVAGLINO, MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU. MAY THE LORD'S FACE SHINE UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU. MAY THE LORD'S COUNTENANCE BE LIFTED UP UPON YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

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We celebrate the baptism of:

Elena Rose Travaglino

Born: August 23, 2024

Parents:

Joseph & Skye Travaglino

Sponsors:

Haley Rios and Edward Fitzgerald

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Study Continues TODAY

Our Lenten Study will meet for a final session following worship. We are reading in *We Make the Road by Walking*, by Brian McLaren. McLaren encourages readers to consider a more active, practical faith that engages the world with hope. Come read, discuss, and pray!

Special Meeting of the Congregation: Sunday, May 4th 10:45am

We will be holding a special meeting of the Congregation to discuss the transition planning for our new Pastor. This will be an informational meeting.

Pierpont Concert

We are delighted to host a special upcoming concert featuring young people with an abundance of talent! On Saturday May 3, 2025, 7:00PM, we are delighted to welcome back the United Girls' Choir. Last year's concert was thrilling, with numerous complex arrangements of beautiful choral music.

This concert will have amazing and inspiring music! Children are encouraged to attend and those children, under 12yo, are free admission. Students are \$10. Adults are \$15 and we are very grateful for that support.

The Annual Tag Sale will take place on May 10th, 9 a.m.to 2 p.m. We are accepting household items, small appliances (working condition), small pieces of furniture, glassware, home décor, etc. Items may be dropped off in Carroll Hall or the elevator entrance. Please be sure items are clean and in good condition! No clothing! We also will have spaces available if you would like to rent your own space. We will be serving hot dogs, burgers, chips, and soda for a minimal cost. Stop by and find the treasure you've been looking for or just stop by for lunch. Hope to see you there. We need your support!

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, June 7th, 6 p.m. B I N G O

is coming to NHCC Carroll Hall for an evening filled with great prizes—6 designer handbags or \$100 gift cards. Door prizes, raffle gifts, 50/50 raffle, and lots of fun! All proceeds will be donated to the Parking Lot Paving Project! For more information, please see Dot Pierce or call 203-634-6695. Come and join the fun! Dot Pierce, Women's Fellowship

Food Panty – Items needed - pasta sauce, baked beans, soup, and canned fruit. Please bring these items to the church.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	4/13	9:30 a.m. 10:45 12:00 p.m. 4:15	WORSHIP: Palm Sunday LENTEN STUDY (K) Private Celebration (CH) CONFIRMATION
Monday	4/14	9:30 a.m. 10:30 12:00 p.m. 1:00 4:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Holy Week: Noon-time Prayer (Sanctuary) Food Pantry Ukelele (DBL)
Tuesday	4/15	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 6:00 7:00	Al-Anon (K) 10-11:30 Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Holy Week: Noon-time Prayer (Sanctuary) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) PARKING LOT CAMPAIGN (L)
Wednesday	4/16	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 4:30 5:15 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Holy Week: Noon-time Prayer (Sanctuary) Ukulele (DBL) PASTORAL RELATIONS (Zoom) Al-Anon District Family (K)
Thursday	4/17	12:00 p.m. 4:30 7:00	Holy Week: Noon-time Prayer (Sanctuary) Ukulele (DBL) MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
Friday	4/18	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Holy Week: Noon-time Prayer (Sanctuary)
Saturday	4/19	8:00 a.m. 8:00 9:30 10:30 11:30 3:00 p.m.	SPRING CLEAN-UP MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Rhythm Kids (DBL) Tibetan American (K, CR)
Sunday	4/20	6:00 a.m. 9:30	SUNRISE SERVICE (TOWN GREEN) WORSHIP: EASTER Sunday (NHCC)

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

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.

Response

Antiphon: Carolyn Jennings, 1994

Unison

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The righ - teous shall en - ter the gate of God.

(Selection for Palm/Passion Sunday)

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¹O give thanks to God, for God is good;
God’s steadfast love endures forever!

²Let all Israel say,
“God’s steadfast love endures
forever.”

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and
give thanks to God.

²⁰This is the gate of God;
the righteous shall enter through it.

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²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has
become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is God’s doing; it is
marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that God has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O God!
O God, we beseech you, give us
success! ℞

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of God.
We bless you from the house of God.

²⁷The Sovereign is God, and God has
given us light.
Bind the festal procession with
branches, up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks
to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

²⁹O give thanks to God, for God is good,
for God’s steadfast love endures
forever. ℞

(May be sung with double tone.)

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

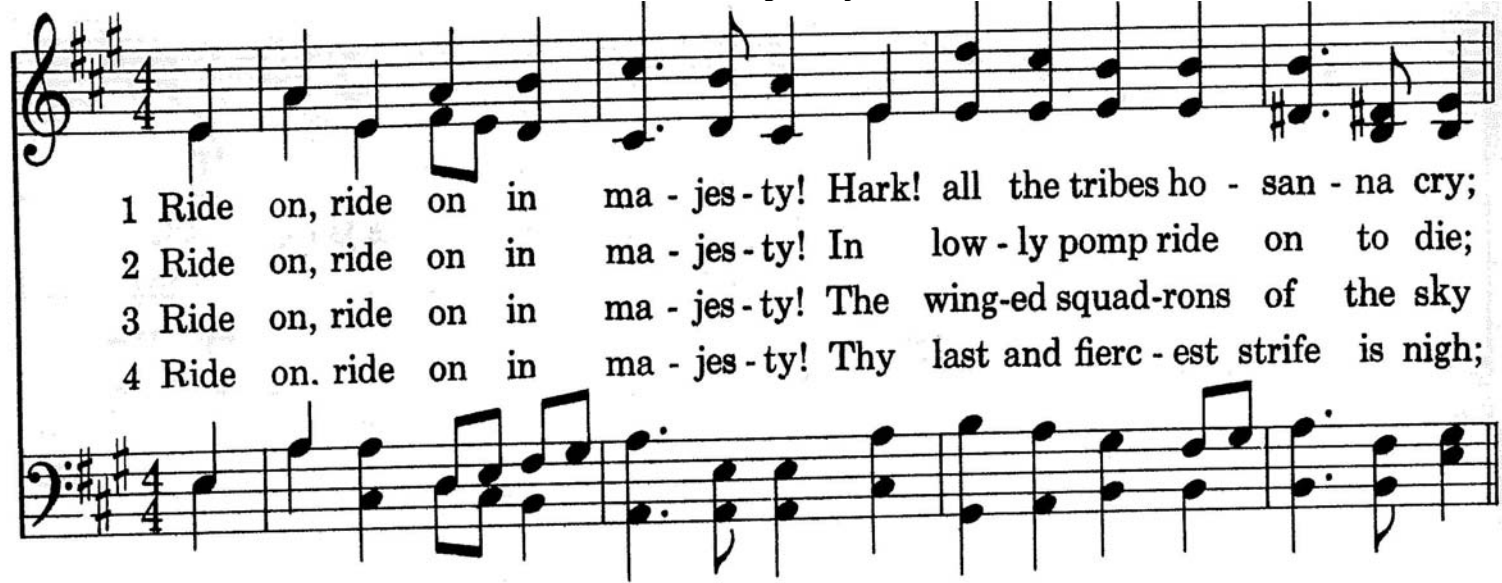
We are a hub for the larger community as a church of action:

- 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.

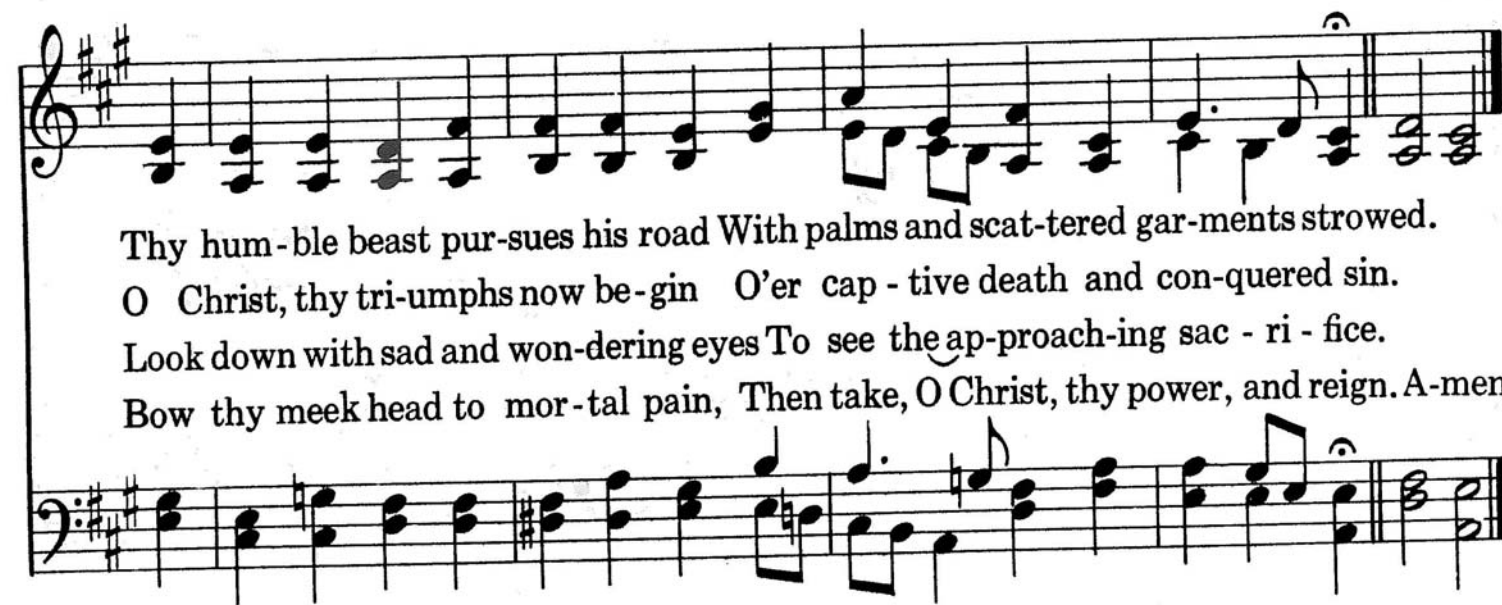
VALUES

We:

- Pray together, encourage each other, and trust one another;
- Take personal responsibility for fellowship and our community; and
- Celebrate with honored traditions.

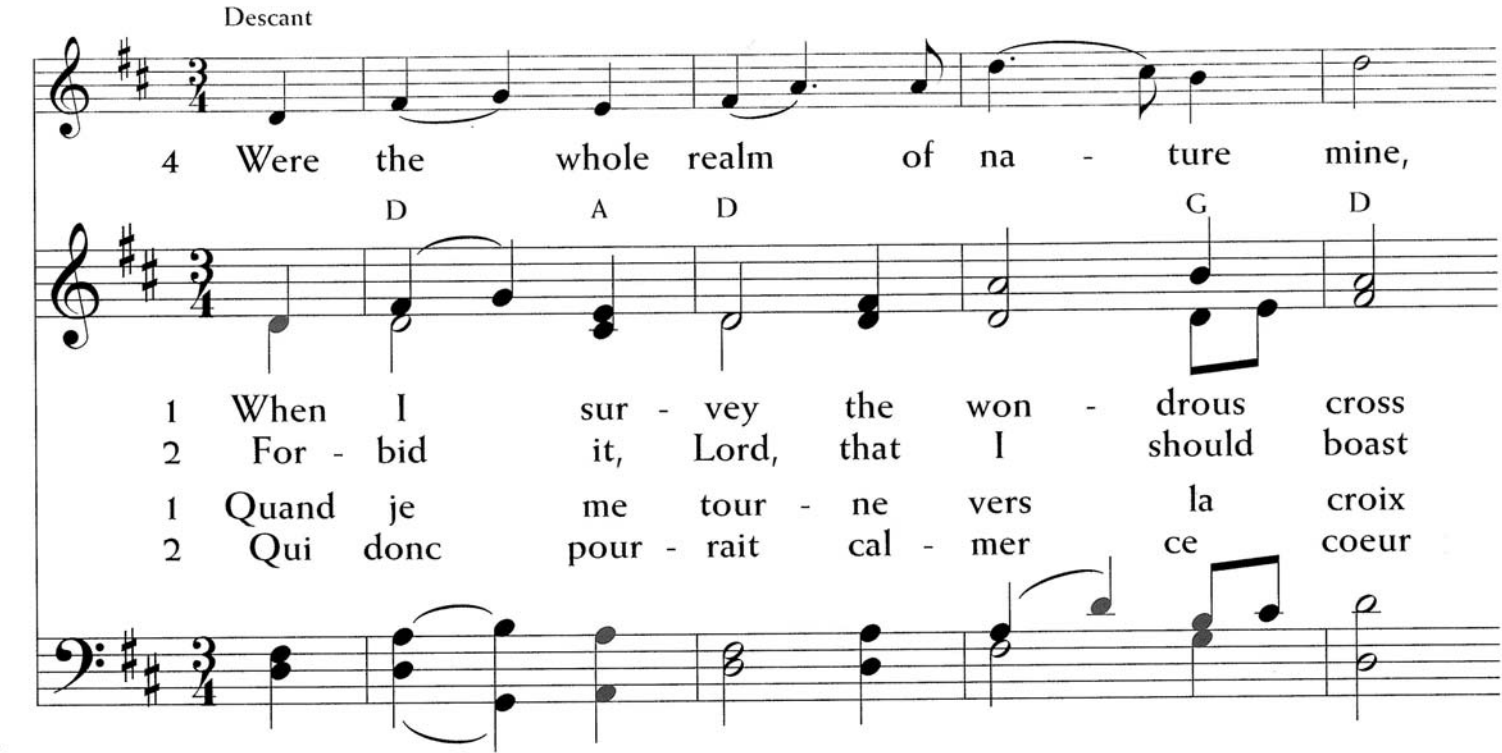


1 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! Hark! all the tribes ho - san - na cry;
2 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die;
3 Ride on, ride on in ma - jes - ty! The wing - ed squad - rons of the sky
4 Ride on. ride on in ma - jes - ty! Thy last and fierc - est strife is nigh;



Thy hum - ble beast pur - sues his road With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
O Christ, thy tri - umphs now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
Look down with sad and won - dering eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
Bow thy meek head to mor - tal pain, Then take, O Christ, thy power, and reign. A - men.

Descant



4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,
D A D G D

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
1 Quand je me tour - ne vers la croix
2 Qui donc pour - rait cal - mer ce coeur

that were a pres - ent far too small:

on which the Prince of glo - ry died,
save in the death of Christ, my God:
où Christ ex - pi - re sur le bois
hor - mis la croix de mon Sau - veur?

love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,

my rich - est gain I count but loss,
all the vain things that charm me most,
mon coeur bles - sé, rem - pli de deuil,
Tous mes plai - sirs, mes vains dé - sirs,

de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
prend en dé - goût mon fol or - gueil.
je veux, ô Christ, te les of - frir.

3 See from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

3 Oh vois, des mains, de son côté,
du front d'épines couronné,
douleur, angoisse, amour mêlés,
descendre pour nous racheter.

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

4 Si je t'offrais le monde entier
ce don serait pris en pitié.
Amour si grand, si pur, si doux
veut âme, corps, mon coeur, mon tout!

BUILDING COMMUNITY, PAVING THE WAY FOR OUR FUTURE

North Haven Congregational Church

1 Corinthians 12:7
To each is given the
manifestation of the
Spirit for the common
good



Food Pantry



Defibrillator and
commercial-grade
dishwasher



Front Steps Repairs



Parking Lot
Restoration



Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Scott G. Morrow, Senior Pastor
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Julie Schweickert, Office Manager
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