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North Haven, Connecticut  
*An Open & Affirming Congregation*

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

**Sunday, April 20, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Easter Sunday**

**PRELUDE:** *God So Loved the World*

John Stainer

arr. Ethel Smith

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

Charles Callahan

*Hornpipe* (From Water Music)

G.F. Handel

Reginald Mayo III & Jon Noyes, trumpets

Heather Meachen, organ

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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**CHORAL INTROIT** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (Verse 1)

Text: Henry van Dyke

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

Sung by the Children’s Choir, Chancel Choir, Congregation

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, light, and love;*

*Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, Opening to the sun above.*

*Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the gloom of doubt away;*

*Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!*

**\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Praise God, who brings life out of death and hope out  
of despair!

**PEOPLE: Praise God, who has raised Jesus Christ from the dead.**

Leader: Praise God, who gathers up the fragments left by human  
destruction and creates new possibilities.

**PEOPLE: Christ has risen!**

**ALL: Alleluia! Christ has risen indeed!\*\***

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

Creating God, your fingers trace

the bold designs of farthest space;

let sun and moon and stars and light

and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold

earth's mysteries known or yet untold;

let waters fragile blend with air,

enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace  
all now despised for creed or race;  
let peace, descending like a dove,  
make known on earth your healing love.## Amen

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**~*unison*

Gracious Redeemer, we come to you in the morning of the resurrection. We expect to find you among the tombs and grave clothes of our world, but you are alive. Sin cannot hold you; death cannot bind you; and, just as we have been weeping and mourning that you have been taken from us, you meet us in the garden of the new life and send us running to share the good news of the gospel to the very ends of the earth. You are risen, indeed. We have seen you and so we believe that joy comes from grief.\*\*\* We pray in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**LITANY OF CONFESSION:**

**PEOPLE:** God forgive.

**ALL:** Tender God, raise us in your love so that, with joy, we may witness to your awesome deeds, in the name of Jesus the Risen One. Amen.\*\* ~*silence*~

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**ALL:** Christ is with us always. Alleluia! 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.

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *Gloria* in D Major, RV 589 Mvt 1

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Sung by the Chancel Choir

Libai Jordan, violin, & Jon Noyes, trumpet

Text: Gloria in excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the highest)

**THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Isaiah 65:17-25

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For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in

Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

\* **HYMN:** “Now the Green Blade Rises”

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**THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON:** John 20:1-18      Page 1258

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to

them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** *We Shall Rise*

J.E. Thomas, Appalachian  
Arr Sheldon Curry (b. 1945)

Sung by the Chancel Choir

1) On that resurrection morning  
When the trumpet of God shall  
sound,  
We shall rise! (Hallelujah!)  
We shall rise!  
Then the saints will come  
rejoicing,  
And no tears will e’er be found;  
We shall rise! (Hallelujah!)  
We shall rise!  
[CHORUS]

**Chorus:**  
We shall rise! (Hallelujah!)  
We shall rise! (Amen!)  
On that resurrection morning,  
When death’s prison bars are broken,  
We shall rise! (Hallelujah!)  
We shall rise!

2) On that resurrection morning,  
Blessed thought it is to me,  
We shall rise! (Hallelujah!)  
We shall rise!  
I will see my blessed Savior  
Who so freely died for me,  
We shall rise! (Hallelujah!)  
We shall rise!  
[CHORUS]

3) On that resurrection morning,  
We shall meet him in the air,  
We shall rise! (Hallelujah!)  
And be carried to glory to our  
home so bright and fair.  
We shall rise! (Hallelujah!)  
We shall rise!  
[CHORUS]

**SERMON:** “(Mis)Taken”

Scott Morrow

# PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

### THE OFFERTORY: *Sarabande*

Angelo Corelli (1653-1713)

arr. Phil Snedecor

Reginald Mayo III, Trumpet, & Heather Meachen, Organ

#### \*Doxology

Tune: Lasst uns erfruen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

(“Let us rejoice”)

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!&&

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

### GREETING OF PEACE ~unison

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

### \*CLOSING HYMN: “Thine Is the Glory”

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### \*THE BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE: *Trumpet Voluntary*

Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)

arr. Phil Snedecor & Malcolm Archer

Reginald Mayo III & Jon Noyes, trumpets

\*Whether in body or spirit, please rise.

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

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



## **THANKS TO TRUMPETS AND VIOLIN**

We are grateful for all the musicians who are here singing praises to God every week, including members of the Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, and the Congregation. On this particular Easter morning, we would like to offer a very warm welcome and special thanks to our fabulous guest musicians, **Libai Jordan** on violin, **Reginald Mayo III**, trumpet, and **Jon Noyes**, trumpet. Thank you all for your musicianship this week and Happy Easter!"

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Special Meeting of the Congregation: Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 10:45am**

This is a special meeting of the Congregation to discuss 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, under 12yo, are free admission. Students are \$10. Adults are \$15 and we are very grateful for your 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.

**Community Supper Friday, April 25, 5p.m.** The North Haven Rotary Club will offer a Community Supper this Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 5 p.m. at St. John’s Episcopal Church. This event is all about food and fellowship with the community. A free-will offering will be received.

**Medication Take-Back Day, April 26, 10am-2pm** The annual Drug TakeBack will be held at North Haven Fire Headquarters, 11 Broadway, this Saturday, April 26, 10a.m.- 2 p.m. This is a drive-thru drop-off of expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. Sharps, aerosols, mercury thermometers, and iodine-containing meds are not accepted.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS\***

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4/20</b>	<b>6:00 a.m.</b> 9:30	<b>SUNRISE SERVICE (TOWN GREEN)</b> <b>WORSHIP:</b> EASTER Sunday (NHCC)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4/21</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 1:00 p.m. 4:30 6:00	<b>OFFICE CLOSED (Easter Monday)</b> <b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Music Together (DBL) Food Pantry Ukelele (DBL) CT Record Club (K)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4/22</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 6:00	<b>Al-Anon (K) 10-11:30</b> Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>4/23</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 12:00 p.m. 4:30	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Danish Sisterhood (K) Ukulele (DBL)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>4/24</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b> 7:00	<b>Ukulele (DBL)</b> CHANCEL CHOIR
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4/25</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:00 10:30 5:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Rotary Community Supper – St. John’s
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4/26</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b> 10:30 11:30 3:00 p.m.	<b>Music Together (DBL)</b> Music Together (DBL) Rhythm Kids (DBL) Tibetan American (K, CR)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4/27</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>WORSHIP:</b> Second Sunday of EASTER

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



# *Easter Lily Dedications - 2025*

Carol Amico, Jesse, Amy & Scott Morrow - In loving memory of Frances & Anthony Amico, Robert Amico, and Marylou & Robert Morrow

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

Gloria Bellonio - In loving memory of Joyce Bellonio.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Susan Compton - In loving memory of my brother Tim.

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

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

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

Peter & Cheryl Hall – In loving memory of Harriet Slack.

Vivian Harris, Eric, Todd, & Matthew – In loving memory of Edward Charles Harris.

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

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

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

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

Joyce & Ted Manzo - In loving memory of David Carter Enslee, son of Ted's college roommate, George Enslee, and Joyce's college roommate, Genie Carter Enslee.

Barbara Massey - In loving memory of my sister-in-law, Fraydele Massey.

Heather Mastracchio - In loving memory of Ed Eybel, Sr.

Carol Dawless Mitchell- In loving memory of Jörn & Mary Berg-Johnsen and William S. Dawless.

Bryant & Sara Munson - In loving memory of Philip Munson.

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

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

Peter & Vicky Struk - In loving memory of Vicky's mother, Harriett Slack.

Cathy Welch - In memory of my beloved husband Ken and our parents Henry & Martha Griffis and Max & Betty Welch, my brother David Griffis, and niece Misty Noreen Lynch.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Lauren Campos 04/22, Larry Ballantyne 04/22, Brody Mickolyzck 04/24, Paula Diehl 04/26.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:** Bryant & Sara Munson 04/23, Tony & Cheryl Solecki 04/24 (would have been 54 years).

**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.

Descant

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

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 - jah!

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

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 - jah!

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

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 - jah!

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

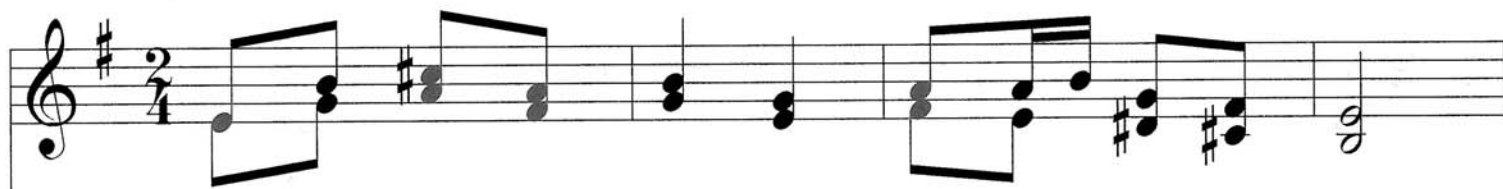
suf - fer to re - deem our loss.

sin - ners to re - deem and save.

where the an - gels ev - er sing.

praise the Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

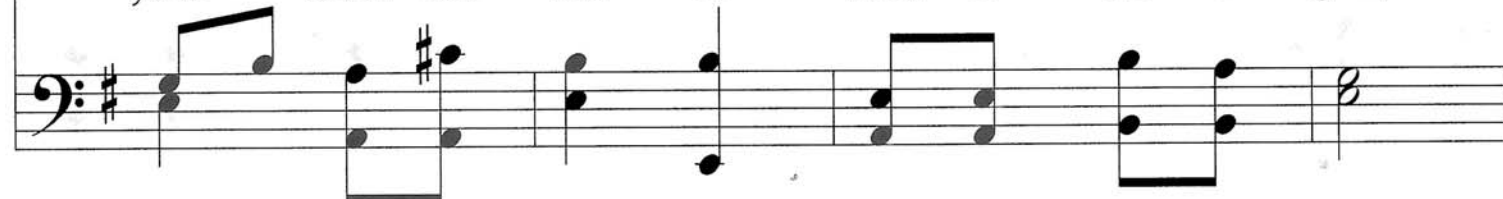
Hal - le - lu - jah!



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by hat - red slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would ne - ver wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain, like wheat a - ris - ing green.

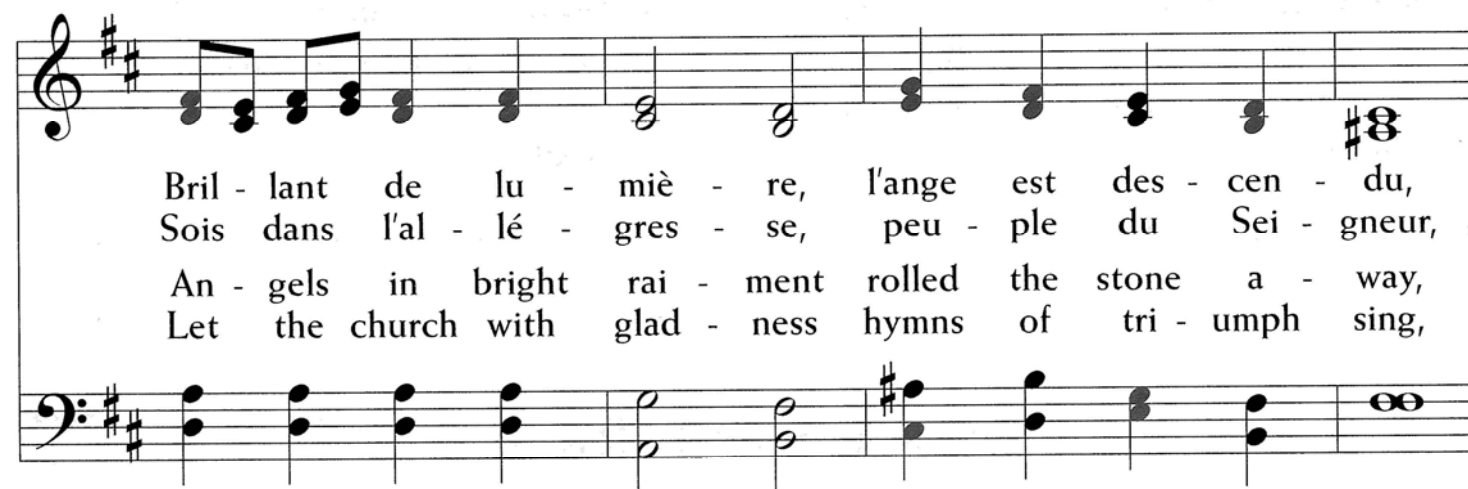




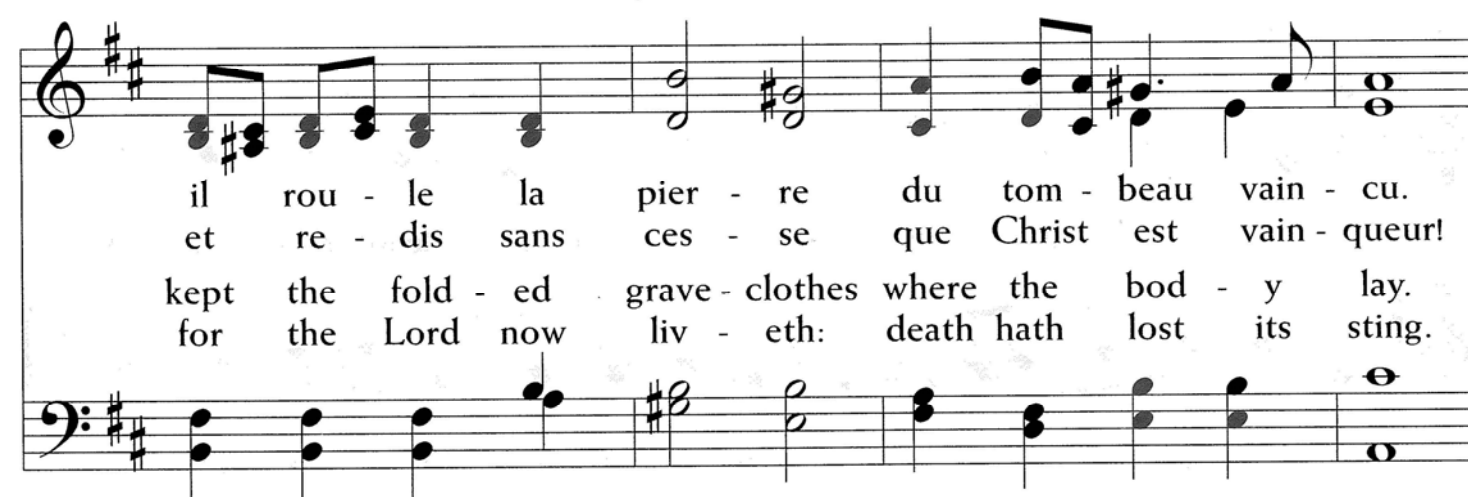
1 À toi la gloi - re, Ô Res - sus - ci - té!  
 2 Vois - le pa - raî - tre: c'est lui, c'est Jé - sus,  
 1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son:  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb!



À toi la vic - toi - re pour l'é - ter - ni - té!  
 ton sau - veur, ton maî - tre! Oh! ne dou - te plus.  
 end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.  
 Lov - ing - ly he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom.



Bril - lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est des - cen - du,  
 Sois dans l'al - lé - gres - se, peu - ple du Sei - gneur,  
 An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,  
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,



il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.  
 et re - dis sans ces - se que Christ est vain - queur!  
 kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where the bod - y lay.  
 for the Lord now liv - eth: death hath lost its sting.



*Refrain*

À toi la gloi - re, Ô Res - sus - ci - té!  
Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son:

À toi la vic - toi - re pour l'é - ter - ni - té!  
end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

3 Craindrais-je encore?

Il vit à jamais,  
celui que j'adore,  
le prince de paix;  
il est ma victoire,  
mon puissant soutien,  
ma vie et ma gloire:  
non, je ne crains rien!

*Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is nought without thee:  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above.

*Refrain*



# 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

