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Sunday, May 11, 2025

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An Open & Affirming Congregation

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GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Lord God of Morning and of Night*

arr. J. S. Bach

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***OPENING HYMN:** "Come, We That Love"

V 714

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb who was slain, lives.

PEOPLE: Worthy is the Lamb to receive power and wisdom and
glory and blessing!

Leader: Myriads of the faithful, freed and called to be a nation of
priests of God, sing praise:

ALL: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God, for
ever and ever.** Amen.

***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.## Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

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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

Risen Savior, we thank you that in your resurrection we are
transformed. We are free from living graveclothes that have bound us
– prejudices, fears, angers, self-centeredness, loneliness. We thank
you that in your resurrection those dear to us are embraced. In you
they have victory over suffering, unknown on earth, and the joy of
your presence always. We thank you that in your resurrection we
ourselves may hope for the end of pain, grief, tears, weakness, and for
everlasting life in the beauty of your spirit. 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.

THE NOISY OFFERING

Karlee Etter

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Karlee Etter

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 23

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The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

* **HYMN:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 10:22-30

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At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: *God of the Women*

Tune: Traditional Irish melody SLANE (Be Thou My Vision)

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (CarolynsHymns.com)

Sung by the Guys in Bowties Mothers' Day Choir

God of the women who answered your call,
Trusting your promises, giving their all,
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth —
Give us their courage to live in your truth.

God of the women who walked Jesus' Way,
Giving their resources, learning to pray,
Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —
May we give freely as they did before.

God of the women long put to the test,
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,
Quietly asking: "Who smiled at my birth?" —
In Jesus' dying you show us our worth.

God of the women who ran from the tomb,
Prayed with the others in that upper room,
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day —
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
May we be joyful in answering your call.
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near —
That we may share in your ministry here.

SERMON: "The Winter of Our Apocalypse"

Scott Morrow

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY: *Arioso*

J. S. Bach, arr. Allen Robertson

*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:** “Will The Circle Be Unbroken”

Insert

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: *Concluding Voluntary*

R. G. Thompson

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon & Scripture Reader is Jim Bennett.

Greeter is Beth Anderson.

Highlighting our Mission Teams: Pastoral Relations Mission Team

The goal of this group is to help guide and support our church pastor.

Current membership is Jim Bennett, Jeanne Mecca, Rev. Scott Morrow,
Stephen Simonson, and Cathy Welch.

In Our Prayers This Week are: Family of Tony Solecki, Linda
Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Herb & Ann
Schneider.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

6th Annual On-Line Fundraising Auction

Sunday June 22 is the date for bringing items to church to donate to our 6th annual On-Line Fundraising Auction.

After worship on June 22, items can be brought to the chapel. The auction will go live on-line on July 7 and close July 14.

We have already received generous donations including 14 karat gold rings, necklaces and bracelets, Lenox cake plates and a lovely set of china. In preparation for the auction, please send photos of items you could donate to Patience. Items needed include mid-century modern items, just about anything teak, record albums, receiver, lift chair in good condition, sterling silver items, kayak, antiques, small occasional table, anything unusual. Items that have done very well in our first five auctions include a canoe, Thule car-top carrier, antique license plate, fur coats, fly rods, turntable, liftchair, Karastan rugs, antique wagon, sought-after pyrex, turquoise, unique large dollhouse, ceramic Christmas tree, fine jewelry, oil painting, captain's chairs. If you know a neighbor or relative downsizing, please ask if they have something they would donate. Funds raised go to this year's church budget as voted at our annual meeting (fundraising income). Contact a member of the B Team with any questions: Patience Benassi, Martin Benassi, Priscilla Bradford, Martha Butterworth.

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	5/11	9:30 a.m.	WORSHIP: Fourth Sunday of EASTER
Monday	5/12	9:30 a.m. 10:30 1:00 p.m. 4:30	Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Food Pantry Ukelele (DBL)
Tuesday	5/13	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 12:00 3:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) 10-11:30 Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (Library) BUILDING & GROUNDS (H) United Girls' Choir (CH, K, Sanct) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	5/14	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30 4:30 p.m. 7:00	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL) Ukulele (DBL) MLB (L)
Thursday	5/15	4:15 p.m. 4:30 7:00	Pierpont Hill Board Meeting (CH) Ukulele (DBL) CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	5/16	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	5/17	7:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 11:30 3:00 p.m.	MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) Rhythm Kids (DBL) Tibetan American (K, CR)
Sunday	5/18	9:30 a.m. 10:30 4:30 p.m.	WORSHIP: Fifth Sunday of EASTER FIRE DRILL CONFIRMATION CLASS (CH)

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Andrew Butterworth 05/13, Jack Corcoran 05/15, Todd Shea 05/17.

*OPENING HYMN: "Come, We That Love"

V 714



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known,
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery tear be dry;

join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join
 but chil - dren of the heaven - ly King, but
 be - fore we reach the heaven - ly fields, be -
 we're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground, we're

in a song with sweet ac - cord and thus sur -
 chil - dren of the heaven - ly King may speak their
 fore we reach the heaven - ly fields or walk the
 march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground to fair - er

Refrain
 round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
 joys a - broad, may speak their joys a - broad. We're march - ing to
 gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
 worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on; we're march - ing

up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

* HYMN: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

V626



1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, O weary one, lay down
 your head upon my breast."
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 weary and worn and sad;
 I found in him a resting place,
 and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
 the living water; thirsty one,
 stoop down, and drink, and live."
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched,
 my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's light;
 look unto me, your morn shall rise,
 and all your day be bright."
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till travelling days are done.

*CLOSING HYMN: “Will The Circle Be Unbroken” Insert

G

C

G

G7

C

1. There are loved ones in the glo - ry whose dear forms you
2. In the joy - ous days of child - hood, oft they told of
3. You re - mem - ber songs of heav - en which you sang with
4. You can pic - ture hap - py gath'r - ings 'round the fire - side
5. One by one their seats were emp - tied, one by one they

G

C

G

of - ten miss. When you close your earth - ly
won - drous love, point - ed to the dy - ing
child - ish voice. Do you love the hymns they
long a - go; and you think of tear - ful
went a - way. Here the cir - cle has been

D7

G

C

G

sto - ry, will you join them in their bliss?
Sav - ior; now they dwell with Him a - bove.
taught you, or are songs of earth your choice?
part - ings, when they left you here be - low.
bro - ken. Will it be com - plete one day?

Refrain

Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken by and

by, by and by? In a bet - ter

home a - wait - ing in the sky, Lord, in the sky?

Chord symbols: D7, G, G7, C, G, D, G, C, G

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.

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

