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Sunday, April 12, 2026

9:30 a.m.

**2nd Sunday of Easter
The Sacrament of Communion**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

***OPENING HYMN:** “You Tell Me That the Lord is Risen” V185

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** ~*Responsively* Psalm 16 Selections

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**People: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

People: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

People: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE** unison

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes. May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, 'till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace. Amen. (Lyrics, Voices United #682 v1)

***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 every shall be, World
without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION:

All-merciful tender God, you have given birth to our world, conceiving and bearing all that lives and breathes. We come to you as your daughters and sons, aware of our aggression and our drive to manipulate others. We ask you to forgive us, and by the gentle touch of your spirit help us to find a renewed sense of compassion, that we may truly live as your people. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

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 EPISTLE LESSON: Selections from Acts II Page 1262

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—

²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from

the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to

this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his

throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are

witnesses. ³³ Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God and

having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.” ’

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE GIFT OF MUSIC: “We Are One”

Words: Doreen Lanksbear-Smith

Music: Jeeva Sam, Arr. David Kai

Sung by the Chancel Choir

SERMON: “Believers and/or Doubters?” Rev. Steve Peterson

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

VU376

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

OFFERING

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THE OFFERTORY: O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee - Karvonen

* Doxology

Tune: Lasst uns erfren

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

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

May we not keep our blessings but give them away: so that others might learn new dance steps, so children might be fed, so bridges might be built, and so grace may flow to all in your world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. #

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: "Come with Joy"

VU477

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ~ (*Unison*)

Our gracious God, we thank you for loving the world into existence and sustaining all life by your goodness. With gratitude we recall that you revealed yourself through prophets and teachers and most fully in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Through the power of your Spirit, let us know afresh the joy of Christ's living presence, the strength to face every circumstance of life, and the knowledge that nothing can separate us from your love. Amen.

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SHARING THE BREAD

SHARING THE CUP

PRAYER ~ (*Unison*)

O God, we thank you for uniting us by baptism in the body of Christ and by this meal filling us with joy and hope. Grant that in the days ahead our lips which have sung your praises may speak the truth, our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the needs of the world, our hands which have held this loaf and cup may be active in your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

***CLOSING HYMN “O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word” VU 84**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: St. Kevin

E. Broughton

***Those who are able, please stand.**

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Today we are pleased to welcome Rev. Steve Peterson as our guest preacher and Gail DeBoer as our guest organist.

Deacon is Nancy Mahoney.

Scripture Reader is Nancy Mahoney.

The Greeter is Beth Anderson.

Please join us at Fellowship Hour in Carroll Hall following worship.

Today's flowers are given by Carla Hill to celebrate this month my husband Mike, and my 60th birthday and in May our 27th Wedding Anniversary. Also, to Honor my parents Phil and Cindy James 64th Wedding Anniversary in Heaven.

Church Staff: All the Members, Ministers to the World
The Reverend Cindy Stasko, Bridge Pastor
Karlee Etter, Ministry Coordinator for Children
Jeffrey Hutchins, Director of Music
Heather Meachen, Organist
Carol Mitchell, Bridge Administrator
Dave Nelson, Sexton

In Our Prayers This Week are: The Rev. Deb Ruotolo, Lee Guckert, Melanie Howlett, Linda Rankin, Linda Shannon, Marlene Bellonio, Meg Adams, Ann Schneider, and Charlotte Shea.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Donald Adams II 04/15, Carla Hill 04/17

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Need a new reusable shopping bag? Our food Pantry has been chosen by the North Haven Stop and Shop for the month of April to receive a donation of \$1.00 for each \$2.50 bag purchased. This is a good way to support the Food Pantry and reduce the use of paper and plastic bags.

The **Pierpont Concert** on May 2 at 7:00 p.m. will feature the United Girls' Choir, a very talented group of young singers. Tickets will be available soon at Fellowship Hour.

North Haven Community Prayer Breakfast will be held on May 7th at the Clarion Inn, 201 Washington Ave. from 7:30 -9:00 a.m. The theme this year is *Prayer and the Shaping of a Nation*. A full breakfast will be served and it will be a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together in unity, encouragement, and faith. Reserve your seat soon. This event is free to our community, and seating is limited. Contact Hope Christian Church for information.

Women's Fellowship Craft & Tag Sale – May 9 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Help is needed. Contact the church office or sign up in Carroll Hall after worship.

185 You Tell Me That the Lord Is Risen

1 You tell me that the Lord is ris^en, that you have seen his face.
 2 You claim a res - ur - rec - tion here, that God has bro - ken death.
 3 "Now peace be with you. Come, my friend, my wound - ed bod - y see.
 4 "How blest are they, how for - tu - nate who know with - out the sight.

Then tell me why you crouch in fear and hide with - in this place.
 No eas - y words like these will soothe the pain that tears my breath.
 Let the rich cour - age of your doubt bring you to fresh be - lief.
 But Thom - as, you are fa - voured too, for search - ing yields its light."

You say that he spoke words of peace and stood just as be - fore.
 How well do I re - call his face, com - pas - sion, strength in fear.
 Fear not to won - der at the Word, to search the depths of grace.
 So may each pil - grim in the Way, each road to Christ be blest,

But 'til I touch his ve - ry flesh I will not trust your joy.
 How deep my grief that he should die. Spare me your words of cheer!
 Reach out and touch, here is my hand. Re - ceive the gift of faith."
 'til lips de - clare, "My Lord and God!", Christ's bod - y one at last.

Words: Rob Johns 1985

Music: English traditional melody; arr. Arthur Seymour Sullivan 1874

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I Come with Joy

Unison

F Bb 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

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

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

Dm Csus4 Cm Bb Am F

Gm Am Bb C Cm7 F

O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word

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The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in four numbered lines, with the first line of lyrics appearing under the first system and the remaining three lines appearing under the second system.

1 O ra - diant Christ, in - car - nate Word, e -
2 Our bar - tered, bus - y lives burn dim, too
3 Your glo - ry shone at Jor - dan's stream, the
4 O Light of Na - tions, fill the earth, our

ter - nal love re - vealed in time: come, make your home with -
tired to care, too numb to feel. Come, shine up - on our
font where we were born a - new. At - tune your church to
faith and hope and love re - new. Come, lead the peo - ples

in our hearts, that we may dwell in light sub - lime.
shad - owed world: your ra - diance bathes with power to heal.
know you near, il - lu - mine all we say and do.
to your peace, as stars once led the way to you.

Words: Ruth Duck 1994

Music: Robert Schumann 1839, adapt.

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