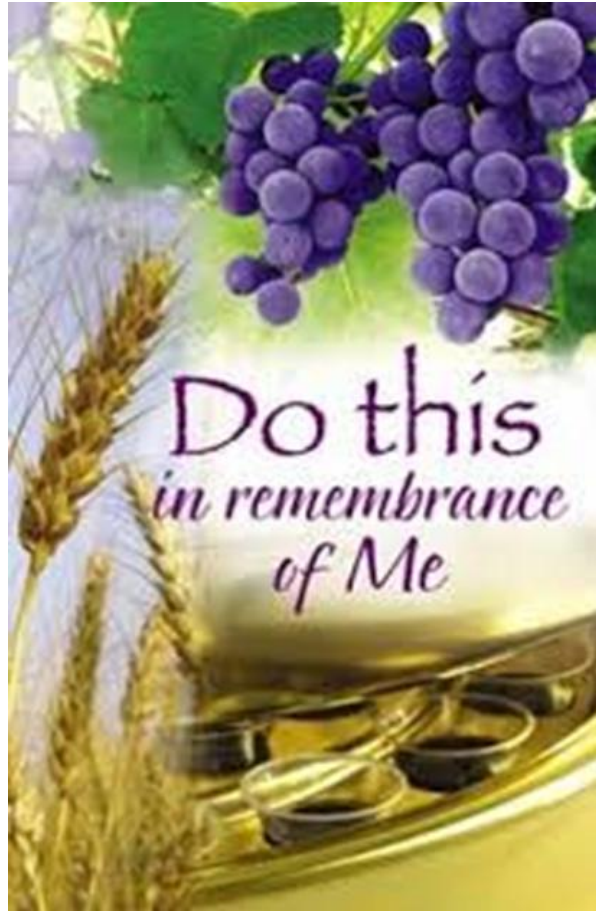


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**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Sunday, May 3, 2026

9:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of Holy Communion

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***OPENING HYMN: "We Are One"**

V402

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Where shattered hearts are made whole, where wounded souls
are healed, where life is stronger than death:

there, the stone has been rolled away.

Where the lonely become our friends, where a stranger is
welcomed home, where hope is stronger than despair,

there, we find Jesus walking.

Where closed wallets are opened, where the anxious find
serenity, where love is stronger than hate:

there, Jesus is opening our eyes.

The stone has been rolled away! Jesus is our companion on the
journey! Our eyes are opened to the needs of others!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is with us! **

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

**This is our prayer, O God; May our love flow outward
through the universe to its height and its depth. A limitless
love, without hatred or boundaries. And as we stand or walk,
sit or lie down...As long as we are awake, let us strive for
this love with one mind and bring heaven to earth. 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 INVOCATION AND CONFESSION: ~unison

We become comfortable, Joyous God, with our lives, with our faith, with our friends and family. We are so secure, your gospel jars us with your hopes for us. We know we should tell your story, but doesn't everyone who matters know it already? We could invite others to your table, but then we might have to share. We could welcome the strangers, but worry they might feel uneasy among so many new faces.

Forgive us, God of Easter. Walk with us, so we can become companions to the lost. Welcome us, so we can include the hopeless and the homeless. Love us, so we can share that love with everyone we meet on our journey, as we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into life with you.

Silence is kept

God loves us so much, God will listen to our cries, our prayers, our hopes, and our dreams. God's promises are for all, those who are right beside us, as well as those who live on the other side of the world.

What can we give to God for such grace? We will lift our hearts to God, giving thanks for the mercy that has been given to us. Thanks be to God! 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 FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 22:19-20 P 1231

¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

THE SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 24:28-35 p 1234

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us^[f] while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

THE GIFT OF MUSIC: “In Remembrance of Me”

Words and Music by Buryl Red and Ragan Courtney
Sung by the Chancel Choir

SERMON: “Refuse To Forget”

Rev. Cindy

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“We Are One” v4 V402

We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand unite,
in the word we receive there’s a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave, as we love, we are loved, and we seek
justice in God’s ways as we move together from this place.

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response

THE OFFERTORY

*Doxology

Tune: Lasst uns erfuen

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

Gracious God, in this season of new life, we give you thanks and praise for these gifts. May they be used to bring new life to others. As we offer you our gifts, we offer you our hearts as well, remembering it is Christ who leads us and empowers us for ministry. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION INVITATION

THANKS AND PRAISE

O God who meets us on the lakeshore and at banquet tables, who huddles around bonfires and in church kitchens, we give thanks that wherever we gather, you find us. When we feel lost, you offer us a home in the comfort of your love.

Whether we are strangers or friends, family or neighbors, help us to feel your grace in the people around this table. In serving one another, may we live your call to be your servants. Thank you for the many ways you feed us, from early morning feasts to late night snacks. Thank you for the food you offer us for our spirits, food that nourishes and soothes, food that satisfies and delights.

REMEMBERING JESUS

We remember the supper shared with disciples the night before Jesus' arrest, and we remember another meal shared on the road to Emmaus, the resurrected Christ meeting his disciples in their grief, hope clouded by despair, hearts poured out in conversation.

As he had done so before, Jesus gave thanks, he broke the bread and offered it to his friends. They ate, and instead of grief, they tasted grace. They drank, and instead of despair, they recognized love in their midst.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, take this bread and cup and transform them into the bread of life and the cup of blessing. Prepare our weary hearts to feast on a welcome that includes all. In eating together, may we be one as the Body of Christ.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Let us come to the table and eat, knowing nothing can keep us separate from Christ's welcome and love.

The elements are shared.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you for this meal shared in the company of friends. Having rested and been fed, may we go from this place committed to feeding any person who hungers for love, offering the same blessings we have received. *****

***CLOSING HYMN: "The Summons"**

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***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

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Deacon is Jim Bennett. **Scripture Reader** is Jim Bennett.
The Greeter is Beth Anderson.

Camera Operator is Damon Quinn.

Today's flowers are given by Carol Mitchell in celebration of the beauty and hope at this time of year with thanks for family and friends.

Join us for Fellowship Hour in Carroll Hall following worship.

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, Charlotte Shea, Michael Hill and the family and friends of Tim Peiffer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Robin Rose 5//4, Wendy Civitello 5/5, George Coulston 5/5, Bryant Munson 5/8.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Jim Detweiler (203-234-7328) at Hope Christian Church, for information.

Women's Fellowship Craft & Tag Sale – May 9 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Help is needed. Spaces are available for your personal craft or tag sale. Contact the church office or sign up in Carroll Hall after worship. We have lots of interesting items for our Tag Sale. Come and see what bargains you can find on Saturday May 9th!

Celebration of Life – On June 6 at 11:00 am a Celebration of Life for Tim Peiffer will be held in the Sanctuary. We continue to hold his son Joshua and all of his family and friends in our prayers as they journey in grief.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	5/03	9:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Bringing Joy – Mar Jong (CH) AA (CH)
Monday	5/04	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 1:00 4:00	Music Together FOOD PANTRY OPEN Retired Fed Employees (CH) WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Tuesday	5/05	9:30 a.m. 9:30 10:30 12:00 p.m. 3:00 4:30 6:00	Al-Anon (K) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) PLP (CH) United Girls' Choir (CH,DBL,S) Music Together (DBL) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	5/06	9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Lions Club (CH)
Thursday	5/07	6:30 p.m. 7:00	Mothers of Twins CHANCEL CHOIR
Friday	5/08	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	5/09	7:30 a.m. 8:30 9:00 9:30 2:00 p.m.	MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH) Music Together (DBL) WF CRAFT & TAG SALE (CH) Music Together (DBL) FOOD DELIVERY
Sunday	5/10	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:30	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Tibetan American (K,CR) AA (CH)

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

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.

We Are One

C Em/B Gm6/Bb A7

1 We are one as we come, as we come, joy-ful to be
 2 We are one as we share, as we share, bro-ken-ness and
 3 We are one as we feast, as we feast, peace be-comes the
 4 We are one as we hear, as we hear, heart and hand u-

OPENING AND MORNING HYMNS

Dm Bb Dm/A

here, in the praise on our lips there's a
 fear, in the touch of a hand there's a
 sign, in the bread and the wine there's a
 nite, in the word we re-ceive there's a

G7sus4 G7 C G7sus4 G7 C

sense that God is near. We are one as we
 sense that God is here. We are one as we
 sense of love di-vine. We are one as we
 sense that God is light. We are one as we

Em Gm C7 F

sing, as we seek, we are found, and we
 care, as we heal, we are healed, and we
 come, as we feed, we are fed, and we
 leave, as we love, we are loved, and we

F B7 C/G A7 Dm G7 C

come need-ful of God's grace as we meet, to-ge-ther in this place.
 share warmth in God's em-brace as we pray to-ge-ther in this place.
 feel God's re-fresh-ing grace as we meet at ta-ble in this place.
 seek jus-tice in God's ways as we move to-ge-ther from this place.

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WE ARE ONE
Irregular

We Gather Here
(Come, Share the Lord)

1 We gath - er here in Je - sus' name,
 2 He joins us here, he breaks the bread,
 3 We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing;

his love is burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame;
 the One who pours the cup is ris - en from the dead;
 we'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King;

for through the lov - ing son God fash - ions us as one:
 the One we love the most is now our gra - cious host:
 now we an - tic - i - pate the feast for which we wait:

Fine

Come take the bread, come drink the wine, come, share the Lord.

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DIVERNON
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HOLY COMMUNION

1 No one is a stran-ger here, — ev - ery - one be - longs,
 2 We are now a fam - i - ly of which Christ is the head,

find - ing our for - give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs.
 though un - seen he meets us here in the break - ing of the bread.

D.C.

567 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.

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KELVINGROVE

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