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

Sunday, May 10th, 2026

9:30 a.m.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
The Noisy Offering**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***OPENING HYMN:** “All Creatures of Our God and King” V 217

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP:** inspired by Psalm 66

One: Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God’s praise be heard.

Many: For God who claims us, tests us, and sustains us comes and invites us to come to them.

One: Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God’s praise be heard.

Many: Blessed be God, who has not rejected our prayer or removed their steadfast love from us.

One: Bless the Holy One, O peoples; let the sound of God’s praise be heard.

Many: Come as we proclaim, witness, and testify to all God has done. Bless the Holy One!*

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

Prayer for Transformation and New Life in Peace

Gracious and Eternal One, we proclaim that you breathe life into us and know us fully. We truly believe that you will not, nor ever leave us desolate. Yet, sometimes, it seems that you remain unknown to us. Our hearts remain troubled. Sometimes we search for you and feel alone. Yet we rest in the assurance that when we seek you, we will find you. Yet we also admit, there are times, aren’t there, when we rather keep you in compartments so that you will not fully impact our lives. Or challenge us to reach just a little bit more. There are moments when we close ourselves off from your revealing word, guiding hand, and nudging Spirit. There are moments when the loneliness overcomes

us and all we seek is peace. Give us we pray peace, peace of heart, peace of mind, peace in our soul. 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 ~*unison*

Holy and Present God, hear the sound of praise as we share this space and time gathered among you. May our hearts be opened and our minds engaged. Let the Spirit of Truth live in our songs of adoration, prayers of intercession, and words of pondering. In your name, glory and honor. 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

*** HYMN:** "Jesu, Jesu"

V593

THE FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON: John 14:15-21 RSV

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹He who has my

commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

HERE ENDS THE READING. THANKS BE TO GOD.

GIFT OF MUSIC: “All Night, All Day” arr. Patsy Ford Sims
Sung by Chancel Choir

SERMON Rev. Ed Cornell

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

THE OFFERTORY

As we gather in the presence of God, let us acknowledge and act upon the blessings we receive and the gifts bestowed upon us. Let us give generously, as we are able, to fund the ministry of this gathered body and the work of Christ’s church in the world.

*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 and Thanksgiving

Righteous God, receive these gifts we offer from our hearts and hands that they and we might be of service in your kindom and for your glory. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Touch the Earth Lightly” V 307

***THE BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

** Tune: Text; Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978.

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Today we welcome Rev. Ed Cornell as our guest preacher!

Rev. Ed Cornell M. Div, LPC, is an ordained pastor serving in the United Church of Christ. During his ministry, He has served faith communities ranging from Youth Shelters for run-away- teens to settled pastorates across Connecticut. He has recently retired from settled pulpit ministry. Today his ministry focus is primarily centered in counseling. Reverent Cornell is a trained Pastoral care Specialist and along with his M.Div. he holds a degree in clinical counselling, a member of the AAPC and is licensed to practice in CT. His practice Shoreline Pastoral Counselling LLC is located in Guilford Ct. <https://www.shorelinepastoralcounseling.com/>

Ed Cornell provides a pastoral focus to his work counseling individuals, and couples. His practice assists clients with loss and grief, marriage and divorce, family changes, adoption, career issues and retirement.

Still in love with the local church as he travels and visits faith communities, he enjoys witnessing what the new post-pandemic faith community will look like, as it transitions. Rev. Ed is also interested in how today's young adults are stretching out adolescents maturing later into adulthood. Rev. Ed is also curious about changing attitudes of older middle age and older adult males.

Ed is married to Peg for 53 years they have lived in Madison for 49 years. They have two sons, three grandchildren and several grand dogs. His personal hobbies are modeling trains, the Chautauqua Institution where he is a dialog facilitator, golf and bowling. His personal goal is to bowl poorly for a long time. .

Deacon is Joan Bennett.

The Greeter is Beth Anderson.

Today's flowers are given by Beth Anderson in celebration of mothers everywhere on their special day.

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: Andrew Butterworth 5/13

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a special Mother's Day Fellowship Hour this Sunday in Carroll Hall following worship. Please join us in the celebration.

Youth Sunday will be celebrated on May 17th. The youth of our Church School will lead us in prayer and scripture. We hope as many children as possible will participate.

Remember the Memorial Day Parade on May 23rd. The church will not participate in the parade this year and we encourage you to come to the church lawn to watch.

Heritage Sunday will be celebrated on June 7 this year. **If you joined the North Haven Congregational Church in 1976 or have been a member for 50 years or more please let church office know so we can update the list.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Sunday	5/10	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 6:30	WORSHIP (In-Person/Live Stream) Tibetan American (K, CR) AA (CH)
Monday	5/11	9:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 7:00	Music Together FOOD PANTRY OPEN WOMENS' BIBLE STUDY (Zoom) Sons & Daughters of Italy (CH)
Tuesday	5/12	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 (PL,CH) United Girls' Choir (CH,DBL,S) Music Together (DBL) BIBLE STUDY (Zoom)
Wednesday	5/13	9:30 a.m. 10:00 7:00 p.m.	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN MLB (Library)
Thursday	5/14	7:00 p.m. 7:00	CHANCEL CHOIR Garden Club (CH)
Friday	5/15	9:30 a.m. 10:00 10:30	Music Together (DBL) FOOD PANTRY OPEN Music Together (DBL)
Saturday	5/16	7:30 a.m. 8:30 9:30 2:00 p.m.	MENS FELLOWSHIP (CH) Music Together (DBL) Music Together (DBL) FOOD DELIVERY- Boy Scouts
Sunday	5/17	9:30 a.m. 1:00 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.

GOD

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(Vous créatures du Seigneur)

Unison

1 All crea - tures of our God and King,
2 O rush - ing winds and breez - es soft,

lift up your voice and with us sing:
O clouds that ride the winds a - loft,

Harmony

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!
sing prais - es, hal - le - lu - jah!

Unison

Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en beam,
O ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice,

Words St Francis of Assisi 1225; English trans. William Henry Draper ca. 1919, alt.,
French trans. adapt. J.-J. Bovet 1950

Music Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne 1623, harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams 1906
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LASST UNS ERFREUEN
8 8 8 8 with hallelujahs

soft shin - ing moon with sil - ver gleam,
O lights of even - ing, find a voice:

Harmony

sing sing prais - es, sing prais - es,
sing prais - es, sing prais - es,

Unison

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

- 3 Earth, ever fertile, day by day
brings forth rich blessings on our way:
sing praises, hallelujah!
The flowers and fruits that verdant grow,
let them God's glory also show:
sing praises, hallelujah!
- 4 And everyone of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part:
sing praises, hallelujah!
All who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and yield up all your care:
sing praises, hallelujah!
- 5 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness:
sing praises, hallelujah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, three in one:
sing praises, hallelujah!

- 3 Loué sois-tu pour sire feu,
vivant, robuste, glorieux,
alléluia, alléluia!
La terre, en maternelle soeur,
nous comble de ses mille fleurs,
rendons gloire, alléluia!
- 4 Heureux les artisans de paix,
leur nom soit béni à jamais,
alléluia, alléluia!
Ceux qui ont souffert et pâti,
ils te remettent leurs soucis,
rendons gloire, alléluia!
- 5 Dieu trois fois saint, nous te louons,
nous te chantons, nous t'adorons,
alléluia, alléluia!
Gloire au Père et louange au Fils,
et loué soit le Saint-Esprit,
rendons gloire, alléluia!

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love 593

Refrain (Unison)

Je - su,* Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bours we have from you. *Fine*

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh - bours are rich — and poor, var - ied in col - our and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, mas - ter who acts as a slave — to them.
 race, neigh - bours are near — and far — a - way.
 love, all — are neigh - bours to us — and you.
 feet, this is the way we should live — with you.

* 'Jesu' may be pronounced 'Yay-soo'

Words: Tom Colvin 1969

Music: Ghanaian folk song, adapt. Tom Colvin 1969

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CHEREPONI

Irregular with refrain

Touch the Earth Lightly

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1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow and the sun,

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter,
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

trust for the child - ren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

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TENDERNESS

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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.