

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
April 14, 2024

Why Church? *A Worship Series for the Season of Eastertide*
Aging Gracefully

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

*Hymn #58 “Spirit of Love” *New Century Hymnal*

Gathering – Why Church?

Anthem

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 29, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Engaging the Word “The Plan, Grace, Faith and Community”

*Hymn #516 “O Grant Us, God, a Little Space”

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer *(See right of bulletin for words)*

Stewardship Moment

*A Doxology for Eastertide

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #28 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Blessing

Postlude

Those who are able may stand where marked ().*

Each Sunday during Eastertide we’ll hear from someone in our community about three of the important junctures in their spiritual life, why they are here at First Congregational and what makes them continue to say yes to being part of this church community. If you would be willing to share your story of life and faith, do let Peter know after church today!

Thank you to our Worship Leaders today – Amy Greene and Lars Nielsen

We Welcome Rev. Linda Fraser, Woman of Faith whose career has been grounded in Truth, Integrity and Service. Roman Catholic nun for nine years; Teacher, Manufacturing and Logistics Executive in the High Tech industry; Entrepreneur; Management Consultant, Interfaith Minister; Hospice Chaplain; End of Life Doula; and Death Literacy Specialist.

AND.... Eldest of Four, Aunt, Wife, Friend, Widow, Off Shore Sailor, Scuba Diver, Skier, Motorcycle rider, Musician, Crafts and Painting, she loves to go out on her inflatable kayak and fish.

We hope you’ll join us as we continue the conversation with Linda after worship in the Ladies Parlor.

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 for ever. Amen.

Thank you for joining us for worship today!

It is our sincere hope that all who gather in this place will know and experience the love, forgiveness, hope, and new life available through Jesus Christ.

Calendar:

Monday, April 15: SLLC Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 17: Choir rehearsal – Ladies Parlor – 6:00pm
Thursday, April 18: Council Meeting – Ladies Parlor & Zoom– noon

April Prayer Requests

Barbara Holland	Linda and Bob Warden	Virginia Hyatt	Roberta Lavoie
David Sykes	Bill Mellekas	Stuart Lord	Jennifer Hines
Rolla Gerlack	Jason Plummer	David Price	Sue Peabody
Tina Peabody	Donna Moulin	Mike Matz	Paul Damiano
Craig Dowdall	Family of Bob Tobin	Mike Boswell	Family of Alison Morris
Family of Polly Ehrman		Freddy and Mandy Nelson	

After 4 weeks names will be removed unless requested to continue.

Please contact Elaine Pollak, Caring Tree chair, at (802) 633-3669 or laneylou@gmail.com

CAKE WALK

April 21st after the service

Please join us downstairs in the fellowship hall for the cake walk!

A cake walk is a fun event for all ages. Donate \$1 each round to walk around a circle on numbers while music is playing (or watch!). Once the music stops, everyone stops on a number and someone picks a number from a basket. Whoever's number is picked gets to choose a cake to bring home! Several rounds are played.

The following day is **Earth Day**, which rhymes with **Birthday!** What a fun **CAKE** holiday!



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And help fundraise for the center!**

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Music Director & Organist Dorothy Morton	www.1stconglittleton.org FCC Shining Lights Learning Center
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	444-7379

Our Mission Statement:

As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.

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