

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Wandering Heart – A Worship Series for the Season of Lent

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

*Hymn #233 “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” *New Century Hymnal*

Gathering

The stone is rolled away!

We assume it is a mistake.

The angels say, “He is not here!”

We assume their news is fake.

The women tell the story,

But we do not want to hear it.

Peter runs to the tomb,

But we do not understand.

Forgive us, God, for thinking an empty tomb

Is nothing more than a prank.

**Forgive us for seeing discarded burial clothes
and still holding tight to death.**

Forgive us for pushing away reasons to hope

When you are alive and well in the world.

Teach us to see what you see.

Unravel the threads of our unbelief.

Amen.

Anthem

Scripture Reading John 20:1-10

Engaging the Word

Peter runs to the empty tomb. What are you running toward?

Prayer: God of the garden, just as Peter ran toward you on that Easter morning, I too am running. I am running toward a stronger sense of self. I am running toward my call. I am running toward deeper relationships and deeper faith. I am running into the arms of love. Like Peter, I run toward you. Wait for me. I am on my way. Amen.

*Hymn #241 “Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”

Prayers of the People

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

Stewardship Moment – Special Offering for the Little Free Pantry

*A Doxology for Lent

**Let trumpets sound and voices sing
Let all on earth their praises bring
For Christ has conquered sin and death
And given life eternal breath. Amen.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #245 “The Day of Resurrection”

Blessing

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

Prayers by Rev. Sarah A. Speed/A Sanctified Art LLC/sanctifiedart.org

Calendar:

Wednesday, April 3: Choir rehearsal – Fellowship Hall – 6:00pm

Peter will be away until Saturday, April 6th **CHURCH BRUNCH NEXT SUNDAY!**

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.

March Prayer Requests

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

WE WISH TO THANK all of the persons listed for contributing Easter lilies that you see displayed in our church.

Joyce & Phil Krill – In memory of our parents

Emily & Reg LaFlam – In memory of our son, Ron

Karen Lord – In Honor of Organ and Tissue Donors

Dottie Morton – In memory of my husband, Ray

Alice & Bob Muh – To the Glory of God

Marion Schlosser – In memory of Louis Schlosser

Su Schott – In honor of Family



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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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