

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**April 7, 2024**

**Come and Have Breakfast! Brunch Church!**

*As you come in, leave any items you've brought to share for our brunch on the tables by the kitchen and find your way to the table of your choice. Perhaps you'll sit with some people you don't know well!*

*Today we are gathering for a delicious and fun way to worship together as we share brunch, worship and communion together around tables. Most of the worship service happens right at your table so you don't need to turn and face anywhere but to see each other.*

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

\*Hymn "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;  
We are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.

Go get your food and beverages for brunch and enjoy!

Scripture Reading John 21:1-14

Share at your tables, **What have you learned from Peter's journey of faith? (Find one or two things you can share back with the large group.)**

Prayer: **Jesus of Nazareth, thank you for calling ordinary people to be your disciples. Peter was a mix of belief and unbelief, always trying to follow in your footsteps without tripping on his own two feet. So often I feel the same. Peter's story is my story. Peter's journey is my journey.**

Hymn "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:  
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Blessing

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?

He said to him,

**You know I love you.**

Jesus said, Feed my lambs.

Jesus then asked a second time, Simon son of John do you love me?

**Yes, Master, you know I love you.**

Jesus said, Shepherd my sheep.

Then he said it a third time, Simon, son of John, do you love me?

Peter was upset that he asked for the third time, Do you love me?, so he answered,

**Master you know everything there is to know. You've got to know that I love you.**

Jesus said, Feed my sheep.

*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 8: Office and SLLC closed  
Tuesday, April 9: Eastern Star – Fellowship Hall – 6:00 pm  
Wednesday, April 10: Property Committee – Classroom – 11:30am  
Finance Committee – Classroom – 1:00pm  
Choir rehearsal – Ladies Parlor – 6:00pm

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**April Prayer Requests**

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| 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           | Family of 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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| <b>Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz</b><br>Pastor                 | 189 Main Street<br>Littleton, NH 03561                                 |
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| <b>Music Director &amp; Organist</b><br>Dorothy Morton | www.1stconglittleton.org<br>~~~~<br>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.*

**Online giving:** <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR4H/home>

**So thank you again for showing us that kingdom work can happen with ordinary human hands. I believe. Help my unbelief. In your name I pray, Amen.**

Table Prayers: Pray together at your tables:

**God of second chances, God of grace, meet us here. Just as you met the disciples at the beach, meet us here. Meet us now. Walk toward us and gather us in.**

**Like Peter, we have known storms.**

**This week, we have grieved.**

**This week, we have felt overwhelmed by the news and helpless to make a difference.**

**This week, we have been lonely, stressed, uncertain.**

(Go around the table and invite everyone who wishes to share a prayer for where God's presence and love is needed.)

**Fortunately, like Peter we have also seen you stop the storms. We have seen your fingerprints in our lives in ways we did not always expect.**

**So with gratitude in our hearts, we come today to say thank you.**

**Thank you for this church family that feels like a home.**

(Go around the table and invite everyone who wishes to share a gratitude and joy.)

**We offer all our prayers in the name of the one who shows us your face of love and your way of love, Jesus the Christ who taught us to pray,**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together"

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
My God, have mercy on me.

Communion:

**We remember the story: As the two disciples came near to the village where they were headed, the stranger who had been walking with them acted as if he were going on, but they pressed him. "Stay and have supper with us. It's nearly evening, the day is done."**

**He went in with them. And here is what happened. He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him.**

**May this loaf be the bread of compassion with which we nourish each other.**

**May this cup be the wine of joy we find in each other. Receiving this bread and this cup, God grant that we may also receive a new way of seeing, a new way of being.**

(Pass the bread to each other with the words, The Bread of Life, the Body of Christ and the cup with the words, The Cup of Blessing, the Blood of Christ.) Eat and drink.

After you have shared communion, share this prayer together:  
**Thank you God for inviting us to this table to receive these gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**