

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
April 21, 2024

Why Church? *A Worship Series for the Season of Eastertide*
What are our Gifts?

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

*Hymn #175 “O Lord, Our Lord” *Celebration Hymnal*

Gathering – Why Church? *Dottie Morton*

**I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not
slumber.**

**Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee my day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this
time forth, and even for evermore.** (Psalm 121, King James Version)

Anthem

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

Engaging the Word

*Hymn #170 “Give Thanks” *Celebration Hymnal*

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 #76 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” *New Century Hymnal*

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 – Dan Kiefer and Lars Nielson

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.

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

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.

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Calendar:

Wednesday, April 24: Choir rehearsal – Ladies Parlor – 6:00pm
Saturday, April 27: Council Retreat – All Saints Church – 9:00am
Sunday, April 28: Adult Bible Study – The Good Book – Classroom & Zoom – 11:45 am

Peter will be away from Monday April 29th to Monday, May 6th

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	Sue Peabody	Tina Peabody
Mike Matz	Paul Damiano	Craig Dowdall	Mike Boswell
Ed O'Brien	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

TODAY!

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

**Come meet the parents and children of Shining Lights
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.