

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

May 12, 2024

Why Church?

A Worship Series for the Season of Eastertide

A Celebration of Confirmation for Curran Smith

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

*Hymn #143 “This Is My Father’s World”

Celebration Hymnal

Gathering – Why Church?

Curran Smith

Anthem

Scripture Readings Psalm 150

Psalm 121

Engaging the Word

*Hymn #354 “God, When I Came into This Life” *New Century Hymnal*

Liturgy for Joining the Church:

Deacon, Mary Menzies: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God’s people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in our ministry as we serve the community and the world?

Curran: I promise, with the help of God.

Deacon, Mary Menzies: Let us, the members of this church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ:

All: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God’s knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Deacon, Mary Menzies: Our church covenant is expressed in our mission and vision statements. Together, may we share these covenant commitments that unite us as God’s people and church:

All: 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.

We share these commitments:

To offer worship that celebrates God’s love and inspires us to bring that love into our daily lives.

To engage people of all ages and at all stages of their spiritual journeys in Christian faith formation.

To serve the community with compassionate hearts in the name of God.

To be intentional and consistent in our support and care for one another.

To be living examples of God’s love as we have come to know it through Jesus Christ.

Prayers of the People

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

Stewardship Moment

Worship Leaders today – Mary Menzies and Curran Smith

*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 #433 “In the Bulb There is a Flower” *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!

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.

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First Congregational Church

*United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
May 12, 2024*

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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	444-7379

Our Mission Statement:

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May 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	Family of Craig Dowdall	
Mike Boswell	Ed O'Brien	Duncan MacIver	
Freddy and Mandy Nelson		JoAnn Fisher	
Family of Linda Tripp		Nancy Hadfield	

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

Calendar:

Monday, May 13: Shining Lights Board – 5:30 pm – Zoom
 White Mtn. Voices Rehearsal – 6:45pm – Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 14: Eastern Star – 6:00pm – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 15: Choir rehearsal – 6:00 pm – Ladies Parlor

Thursday, May 16: Council Meeting – Noon – Ladies Parlor and Zoom
 White Mtn. Voices Rehearsal – 6:45 pm – Sanctuary

Saturday, May 18: Lay Worship Leader meeting – 9:00 am – Ladies Parlor

Sunday, May 19: Adult Bible Study – The Good Book – 11:45 am – Classroom & Zoom
 Community Marching Band practice – 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

WHITE MOUNTAIN VOICES ~ SPRING POPS

TODAY 3:00pm Here !

Music by Bernstein, Gershwin, Strauss, Weill, Gilbert and Sullivan

Suggested Donation \$15.00



Happy Mother's Day!

CAKE WALK

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Cake Walk on April 21ST!

Benefitting Shining Lights Learning Center! \$440 was raised!

