

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ

May 5, 2024

Why Church?

A Worship Series for the Season of Eastertide

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

*Hymn #378 “Jerusalem, My Happy Home” *New Century Hymnal*

Gathering – Why Church? *Mark Blodgett*

Anthem

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 13

Engaging the Word

*Hymn #349 “I Come with Joy”

Prayers of the People

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

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

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 #250 “Listen to Your Savior Call”

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 – Lars Nielson, Laurie Boswell
and Mark Blodgett

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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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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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	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 6: White Mtn. Voices Rehearsal – 6:45pm – Sanctuary
- Tuesday, May 7: Dinner Bell Hosts at All Saints Church – 5:00PM
- Wednesday, May 8: Choir rehearsal – Ladies Parlor – 6:00pm
- Sunday, May 12: Curran Smith Confirmation!
Adult Bible Study – The Good Book – Classroom & Zoom – 11:45 am

Sunday, May 5, 2024, 2:00-3:30PM - Holocaust Remembrance Day, Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation, 39 Strawberry Hill Road, Bethlehem.

We hope that our congregation and our neighboring church communities might fill the pews at Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation for an afternoon program of candle lighting, music and remembrance for all who have died in the Holocaust and other genocides. “It is a beautiful program which starts on a somber note but then builds connection, hope and community.”

As the war continues between Hamas and Israel, this is a time we can reach out in faith, hope, love and care to all who are affected by the war including our Jewish friends and neighbors who have experienced the personal impact of the rise of anti-Semitism the past six months. Our presence and prayer on May 5 will be a great support and encouragement in a time of stress, anxiety and fear. I hope you can join us. Do let me know if we can give you a ride, Peter.

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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.