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*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.*

*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire  
March 26, 2017*

Pastor:  
**Rev. W. David Weddington**  
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**Music Director & Organist**  
Dorothy Morton

Wednesdays. 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Worship Service and Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship  
11:15 a.m.

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Church office hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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*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.*

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**United Church of Christ**

**March 26, 2017**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

Gathering #431                    “Shine, Jesus, Shine”                    *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome and Announcements                    *Emily LaFlam*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading                    from Ephesians 4 and 5

One: So I beg you, prisoner of Christ that I am,  
to lead a life worthy of your calling,  
a life that is humble, gentle and patient.

**All: Let us bear with one another in love;  
we are one in the Spirit, knit together in peace.  
There is one Body and one Spirit;  
we share one hope, one Lord, one baptism,  
one God, Creator of all, above all, through all and in all.**

One: Once we were darkness, but now, in Christ, we are light;  
let us live as children of light.

**All: For the fruit of the light is found  
in all that is good and right and true.  
Let us seek out and do what is pleasing to Christ,  
living in the light, as we sing God’s praise:  
“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you!”**

\*Hymn #293                    “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Children’s Time

Anthem                    “The Prayer”                    *Sager/Foster*

Moments of Concern and Celebration  
(please fill out a blue card in the pew)  
Pastoral Prayer and Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music  
\*Doxology (#815)  
\*Offertory Prayer

Scripture                    John 9:1-41

\*Hymn #505                    “He Touched Me”

Sermon                    “and there was Light”

\*Hymn #343                    “Amazing Grace”

\*Benediction

\*Response #431                    “Shine, Jesus, Shine”                    *vs. 3*

\*Postlude

Lectionary readings for the coming week:  
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 30; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45



# Easter Lily Order Form



Easter lily orders are now being taken. The cost is **\$15** a lily

**All orders must be given to Glenda Iles by March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "Cherry Blossom"**

Order forms are available at the back of the sanctuary under the Madonna Window ~  
Any questions? Call Glenda at 398-7353

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## The Community Outreach Group is

Hosting a rehearsal dinner for the Littleton High School Drama Dept.  
again this Spring on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> for 50 people!

***Please consider helping with this Outreach and Random Act of Kindness by purchasing a pizza or water, making a dessert or helping at the dinner!***

We will be serving Pizza, 1 big simple salad, water and hand-held desserts.

There is a sign-up sheet with instructions in the **Ladies Parlor during Fellowship**  
*Any questions? See Tim Gould!*

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Are you looking for a wonderful way to provide a service for a child in need?

### **The Fresh Air Fund**

is seeking families willing to open their hearts and homes to New York City children for one or two weeks this summer.

Hosts may request a boy or girl between the ages of 7 and 12. As a volunteer host family you will help a child enjoy the simple pleasures of a summer away from the hot city streets. Please call Sally Sherrard at 444-2289 or visit [www.freshairfund.org](http://www.freshairfund.org) for more information.

## Notices for the week of March 26, 2017 – April 1, 2017

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- TODAY.... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study – Classroom
- 10:00 am ....Worship Service and Sunday School
- 11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor
- 11:30 am ....Exploring Holy Scripture – Classroom
- Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath
- Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor
- 7:00 pm ....Eastern Star – Fellowship Hall
- Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor
- 6:30 pm ....Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
- Sat..... 4:00 pm ....Game Night – Ladies Parlor
- 7:00 pm ....AA – Fellowship Hall

AA meetings: Monday – Friday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

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**Usher/Greeter:** Bob Muh

**Coffee Fellowship:** Dottie & Dudley Bailey

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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Please send Pam any pictures, articles or information for the April issue of Steeple Talk!

She is working on the next issue on Tuesday.

Thank you!

## March Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

### CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, the Youth of our Community, the future of our World, and Rev. David and Wilma Weddington as they participate and lead us into the future.

**Shelia Tobyne** – lost her brother to cancer. (Marti Faulkner)

**Caroline Gale** – fell and broke hip, at rehab in Concord. (Elaine Stroop)

**Brian Muh (and family)** – new position with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship; bringing Christ to college campuses. (Alice & Bob Muh)

### Cancer

|                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)        | Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)         |
| Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)        | Peter Low (Tina Peabody)             |
| Joni Prell (Linda Warden)          | Rebecca Griffin Martel (Glenda Iles) |
| James Stewart (Tim Gould)          | Rita Biagioni (Bob Oleary)           |
| Ron Bolt (Alison Bolt)             | Arped Lind (June Davis)              |
| Judy Jalbert (June Davis)          | Travis Gay (Judy Warden)             |
| Mike McKillop (Brenda Fairweather) | Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)       |

### Family Concerns

Barry Jacobson & Amy Welsh (Wilma Weddington)  
Arthur Arnold & Kris Still & Family (Glenda Iles)  
Aaron & Gabriel Morton (Dottie Morton)  
Leslie & Heather Dunbar (Alice Muh)

### Illness/Recovery

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| Peggy Heatly (Marti Faulkner)  | Pat Whipple (Emily LaFlam)    |
| Denise Batchelder (Karen Lord) | Stanley Rapee (Mark Blodgett) |
| Bette Vaugh (Tina Peabody)     |                               |

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Al Whetstine (Wilma Weddington)  
Family of Shirley Smith (Alison Bolt)  
Family of Nancy Lange (Bob Muh)

### Military

The names of people in the military are on the name board by office.

*To add a name to our prayer list, please fill out a blue card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate or hand them to a Deacon. The name will remain in the bulletin for approximately 4 weeks. We understand that some situations are very serious and a longer period of time would be helpful. You may call the office with any names that need to be added or to update the status.*

*If you or someone you care about would like a visit or call, please contact Pastor David at 603-991-0535 or Pam Nute at 603-444-3376.*

*If you have an emergency during the week and Pastor David is away, please call the church office at 444-3376 and Pam Nute will contact someone for you.*

*\*\*Names listed without original contact person will be removed from the list if we are not notified. In order to keep this list up-to-date, it is important that we be notified when someone should come off the list. Thank you.*