

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
April 5, 2015*

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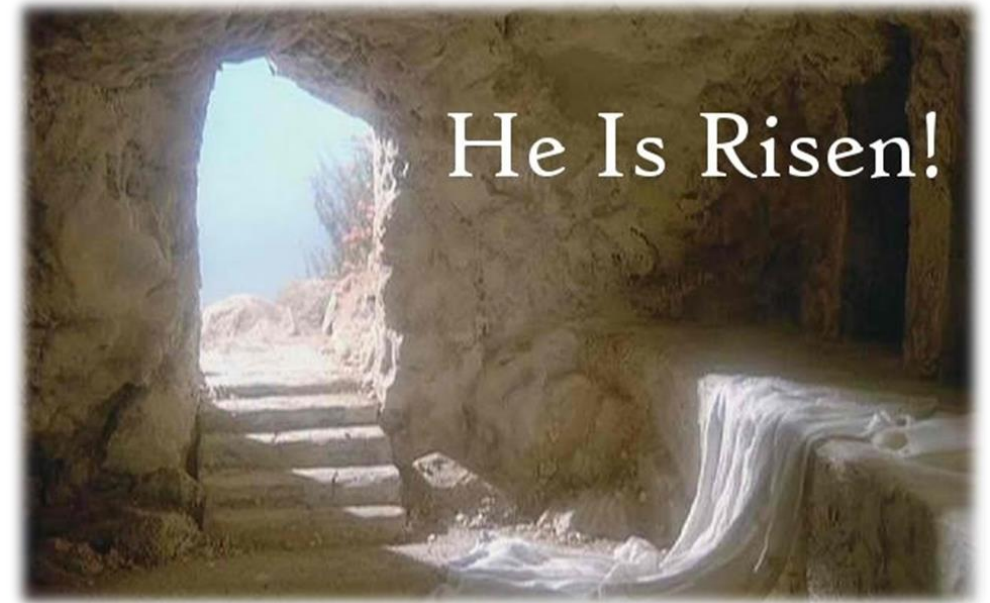
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*Thank you for joining us for worship today! It is our sincere hope that all who gather in this place will know and experience the love, forgiveness, hope, and new life available through Jesus Christ.*



**Pastor:**  
Rev. W. David Weddington  
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**Music Director & Organist,** Dorothy Morton: Wed. 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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*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**  
**April 5, 2015**  
**Easter Sunday**

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

\*Gathering Music #357      “Christ Arose”      *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome & Announcements      *Deacon—Lars Nielson*

Opening Prayer

Prelude      “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”      *arr. Larson*  
*Jo Beth Dudley, flute*

Responsive Reading

One: Deep in the darkness you lay, dear Jesus;  
we saw you die; it broke our hearts in two.

**All: Soft in the silence you lay, dear Jesus,  
we wept as they laid you in the ground.**

One: Sorrowful, missing the sound of your voice,  
sad that we would never hear you call our name again,

**All: Grieving, we came to this green and solemn place  
to pour out our tears at your tomb.**

One: And then this . . . Dear Jesus, then impossible this!  
Our eyes won't take in . . . our fine words elude . . .

**All: Open our hearts to this moment, dear Jesus;  
help us perceive what we cannot express;  
help us receive what we cannot imagine.  
Come in your gentleness; come in your glory;  
come and reign over us now!**

\*Hymn (*insert*)      “Thine Is the Glory”

**Confession: God of abundant love and life, in the light that  
pours forth from the empty tomb, we pause to see ourselves**

**with honest eyes. We said we would follow Jesus, but we  
have gone our own way like willful sheep. By the things we  
have done and the things we've left undone, we have broken  
your laws and grieved your Spirit. God of abundant love and  
life, forgive us, we pray. Lift our souls from the darkness of  
death into the brightness of Easter; and grant that, from now  
on, we may live lives that are worthy of your calling. We pray  
in the name of Jesus, our Resurrected Lord. Amen**

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* Gloria Patri #813

\* Statement of Faith (*inside hymnal cover*)

Choir Anthem      “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”      *Haas*

Children's Time

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: “Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful” *Chambers*

\*Doxology #815 and Offertory Prayer

Scripture      Mark 16:1-8

Sermon      “Speechless”

\*Hymn #368      “He Lives”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion      (*insert*)

\*Hymn #367      “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”      *vs. 1-3*

\*Benediction

\*Response #367      “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”      *vs. 4*

\*Postlude

**WE WISH TO THANK all of the persons listed for contributing the lilies displayed in our sanctuary for Easter.**

Janet Doyle in memory of Dick Holland

Martha Jane Aldrich in loving honor of C. Ralph Aldrich

Alison Bolt in memory of my parents, Laverne Smith Kohl and F. Edward Dea

June Davis in memory of Regina and Charles Cicerone

Bob and Judy Oleary in memory of our parents

Roberta Lavoie & Jean Kimball in memory of her parents, Maurice & Doris Stearns

Carol Mason in memory of her parents, Lee & Helen Clark and Jeff Mason, her son

Reg and Emily Laflam in honor of our family

Suzanne Schott in memory of loved ones

Wilma J. Weddington in honor of Dottie and Ray Morton ~ Joy in the Lord

Bob and Alice Muh in memory of Everett and Margaret Muh and Robert L. Bergen, Jr.

**Happy Easter**

**Energy Fair & Workshops  
Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Profile School in Bethlehem**

**For more information visit [www.ammenergy.org](http://www.ammenergy.org)**

**Notices for the week of April 5, 2015 – April 11, 2015**

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TODAY.... 10:00 am....Worship Service- Easter

Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath

Tues..... 6:00 pm....Al Anon/Ladies Parlor

Wed..... 1:30 pm....Ladies Society – Ladies Parlor

6:30 pm....Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor

7:00 pm....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall

Thurs..... 5:00 pm....Mission Committee – Ladies Parlor

Fri.....11:00 am....NCPLD – Ladies Parlor

Sat..... 7:30 pm ...AA – Fellowship Hall

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

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**Usher/Greeter:** Jo Kratman and Bob & Judy Oleary

**Flowers:** see the list on Page 6 of who donated Easter lilies



# April Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

## CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, the improvement of our economic situation, Iran and its people, 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.

Arthur Hunt as he starts his radiation treatments for the tumors in his back (Bob Iles)

Dianah Hale – sick with influenza B, to recover and gain strength

Walter Weddington, Sr. – endoscopy, dealing with anemia – prayers for healing and renewal of energy. (Wilma Weddington)

Paul MacMillan – recurrence of cancer (Tina Peabody)

## Cancer

Lisa Boissonneault (Linda Warden)      Roxie Bowker (Rachel Clark)  
Patti Cruickshank Schott (Su Schott)    Jim Aguilar (Phil & Joyce Krill)  
Pam Lynch (Linda Warden) .....Ron LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)  
Andy Andrews (Marti Faulkner).....John Potocki (Linda Warden)  
Donna Bliss Rosenberg (Don Bliss)

## Illness/Recovery

Jessica Goodell (Glenda Iles)              Dave Theisen (Judy Warden)  
Melodie Paskowski (Judy Warden)    Art Hunt (Laurie Boswell)  
Karen Elizabeth Krill (Joyce & Phil Krill)  
Jimmie Dudley (Jo Beth Dudley)

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Leslie Ward, *uncle of Pat Whipple* (Tina Peabody)  
Family of Dick Holland (Judy Warden)  
Family of Shirley Stefanik (Tim Gould)  
Family of Ruth McKenzie (Tina Peabody)

## 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.*

