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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 27, 2016

Pastor:

Rev. W. David Weddington E-mail: pastordavid@myfairpoint.net

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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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 27, 2016 Easter Sunday

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

Gathering #365

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

vs. 1

Welcome and Announcements

Ann Craxton

Prayer

Prelude "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" JoBeth Dudley, flute (traditional Spanish melody arranged by Lloyd Larson)

Call to Worship (Remembering Brussels) Philippians 4:4-7 One: In the valley of the shadow, we lift up our heads and declare our faith that Life will triumph.

All: On a day of pain and sorrow, we lift up our voices and shout aloud: We will not be afraid.

One: Rejoice in the risen Christ always, dear friends.

All: We will say it again: Rejoice!

One: Let your gentleness go out to everyone around you.

All: Look! The Lord Jesus is near!

One: Don't let anxiety burden your life.
Instead, lift your hearts up in prayer, giving thanks,
as you make your needs known to our generous God—

All: And the peace of God, deeper than all understanding, will fill us, protect us, empower and move us to share this amazing good news with the world: Christ is risen! Rejoice! Alleluia!

*Processional Hymn #367 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Anthem "Easter Carol"

Shafferman/Drennan

vs. 2

Children's Time

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)
Pastoral Prayer and Savior's Prayer ("trespasses")

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music "Sonata" JoBeth Dudley, flute
(from "Der Gertreue Musikmeister" by Georg Philipp Telemann)
*Doxology #815 and Offertory Prayer

*Hymn #357 "Christ Arose"

Scripture Luke 24:1-12

Sermon "And Let Our Lives Bear Witness to This Overwhelming Joy"

*Hymn #359 "Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Benediction

*Response #365 "Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Postlude

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

Alison Bolt in memory of my parents, Laverne Smith Kohl whose faith, courage and voice inspire me now and always

Laurie Boswell, Sarah & Matt Hunt in memory of Art Hunt

Bonnie, Connie, Mike & Laurie Boswell in memory Earl & Jane Boswell

June Davis in memory of Regina and Charles Cicerone

Brenda and Ross Fairweather in honor of Bill & Mary Fairweather

Joyce & Phil Krill in memory of Mr. & Mrs. George H. Krill and Mr. & Mrs. Elmer A. Beyrer

The Ladies Society in memory of past members

Emily & Reg LaFlam in memory of our parents, Doris & Robert Leord and Lorraine & Roland Fisher

Roberta Lavoie & Jean Kimball in memory of Maurice & Doris Stearns and Douglas Kimball

Karen & Stuart Lord in memory and honor of organ and tissue donors and their families

Dottie Morton in honor of our 43rd wedding anniversary

Bob and Alice Muh

Bob and Judy Oleary in memory of our parents

Suzanne Schott and family in memory of beloved grandparents of the Schott-Sleeper family

Linda and Bob Warden in honor of Ginger Miller

Wilma & David Weddington in memory of David Grimm and in honor of Walter Weddington

Happy Easter!

Usher/Greeter: BG Frazier & Linda Warden

Coffee Fellowship: Dottie Morton and the Choir

Flowers: With thanks for my blessings including the love and support of family and friends, *Tina Peabody*

April Steeple Talk Articles are needed! Please submit to Pam in the office by Tuesday morning, 3/29. Thank you!

Fresh Air Fund

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 for more information.

March Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, the improvement of our economic situation, Syria 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.

Marvin Curnutt (Emily's cousin) – Prayers to him so he can be well enough to go home on March 31st. He has been in a nursing home for 1 1/2 years.

(Emily LaFlam)

James Edison – grieving death of brother (Wilma Weddington)

Elizabeth Grimm – support for her, a caregiver (Wilma Weddington)

David & Wilma & the Weddington family – discernment for Walter Weddington's care (Wilma Weddington)

Carol Detrick – healing – cancer (Wilma Weddington)

Cancer

Ron LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)
Alison Bolt (Linda Warden)
Holly Hyslop (Su Schott)
Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)
Diane Stinaker (Judy Warden)
Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)
Jim Sturtevant (Mary Sturtevant)

Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)
Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)
Joe Carter (Donna Matz)
Kathy Gordon (Judy Warden)
Mike Jorde (Donna Matz)
Ray Morton (Dottie Morton)
Joan Ziter (Judy Warden)

Illness/Recovery

Patricia Tuck (Pat Tuck) Bob Iles (Alice Muh) Bill & Janet Doyle (Emily LaFlam) Jeremy Doyle (Emily LaFlam)

Illness/Recovery (con't.)

Ed Warden (Judy Warden) Cynthia Nielson (Lars Nielson) Ryan Benson (Su Schott) Barbara Enderson (Judy Warden)

Dan Benson (Su Schott)

Diane White (Marti Faulkner)

Don Bliss (Don Bliss)

Camie Quail (Glenda Iles)

Martha Jane Aldrich (Barbara Holland)

Ann Cosgrove (Glenda Iles)

Loss/Grieving

Family of Bob Bigelow (Marti Faulkner) Blaney Family (Jody Blaney)

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 <u>without</u> original contact person will be removed from the list if we are not notified. In order to keep this list up-todate, it is important that we be notified when someone should come off the list. Thank you.