

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Prayer: **You have given yourself to us, loving God, in the simple food and drink we have shared. Jesus has been here. Even now, his presence is strengthening us to be his Body. God, give us courage; make us whole and give us peace. Fill us with Holy Spirit and send us out to touch the world with your healing Presence; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Friend. Amen.**

*Hymn #360 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

*Benediction

*Response #358 "Because He Lives" *vs. 1*

*Postlude



CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. W. David Weddington
Organist & Music Director: Dorothy Morton
Administrative Assistant: Pam Nute



*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*

April 1, 2018

Pastor:
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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-Thursday  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 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

April 1, 2018—Easter Sunday

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

*Gathering Music #34 “He Is Lord”

Welcome & Announcements

Mary Menzies

Opening Prayer

Prelude “Alleluja”—*W. A. Mozart* *Jo Beth Dudley, flute*

Responsive Reading:

One: Sadly we watched as he suffered and died;

All: With tears, we laid him in the grave.

One: Dull, without feeling, we sat through the night;

All: Empty, we waited for the dawn.

One: Fearful we came to dress him for burial,

All: Wondering how we would break through the stone.

One: But when we arrived . . . We know what we saw:

**All: Up through our tears and our darkness it rose,
a fullness of love that had grown beyond words;
a fountain of joy overflowing all bounds;
a torrent of life that swept away the power
of sickness and oppression, of sin and death.**

One: And the words rise up in our joy-filled hearts,
and the words name a thing we cannot quite imagine,
though we know it: Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Hymn #367 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Confession: In the light that pours forth from the empty tomb, we pause to see ourselves with honest eyes. We’ve been called to follow Jesus, but too often we have strayed from your good and healthy ways like willful sheep. By the things we’ve done and the things we’ve left undone, we have broken your laws and grieved your Spirit. God, by your Easter power, lift our souls from the darkness of death into the brightness of new life. Forgive us; and grant that, from now on, we may live lives that are worthy of your calling, for we pray in the name of the Resurrected Christ. Amen

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri #813

* Statement of Faith (*United Church of Canada: insert*)

Choir Anthem “Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!”

Althouse

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: “Alleluia Canon”

*Doxology #815 and Offertory Prayer

Moore

Scripture

Mark 16:1-8

Sermon

“Telling the Story Forward”

*Hymn (*insert*)

“As We Gather at Your Table”



Palm Tree Dedications

In loving memory of Anna Jackman and Erma Sheley

In loving memory of her parents, Dr. Frank and Sara Dudley

~ Elaine Stroop

WE WISH TO THANK all of the persons listed for contributing Easter lily's that you see displayed in our church today!

Joan Buffington - In loving memory of Elmer and Anna Jackman from their family

Brenda & Ross Fairweather– In loving memory of Erma Sheley and Bill & Mary Fairweather

Warren Havens – In honor of family

Jen & Josie LaFlam – In loving memory of Roy Hudson and Ron LaFlam

Emily & Reg LaFlam – In loving memory of our son, Ron LaFlam

Estelle & Bob LaFleur – to the glory of God

Alice & Bob Muh – to the glory of God

Judy & Bob Oleary – to the glory of God

Su Schott & family – In loving memory beloved parents and grandparents



Notices for the week of April 1, 2018 – April 7, 2018

TODAY... 9:00 amAdult Bible Class – Classroom
 10:00 amWorship Service and Communion
 11:15 amCoffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor

Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath

Tues..... 6:00 pmAlAnon – Ladies Parlor

Wed..... 5:00 pmAA – Ladies Parlor
 6:30 pmChoir Rehearsal – Ladies Parlor
 7:00 pmWeds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall

Sat..... 8:30 am to Noon – SLLC/State workshop – FH
 7:00 pmAA – Fellowship Hall

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

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Usher/Greeter:

Coffee Fellowship:

Flowers: to the Glory of God

April 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.

Fred Englet – friend from No. Woodstock is having stem cell transplant for treatment of cancer. (Ed O'Brien)

Cancer

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| Barry Jacobson (David Weddington) | Travis Gay (Judy Warden) |
| Judy Dean (Alice Muh) | Mark Morgan (Lars Nielson) |
| Betsy Harman (Judy Warden) | Doreen Degenerica (June Davis) |
| Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden) | Joyce Watrous (Glenda Iles) |
| Mary Ellen Gilbert (Tina Peabody) | Jennifer Abdool (Bruce Webster) |
| Bruce Swanson (Judy Warden) | Richard Price (Alice Muh) |
| Barbara Sarafini (Linda Warden) | Mike MacKillop (Ross Fairweather) |
| Matt Byrne (Tina Peabody) | |

Family Issues/Concerns

Janet Doyle (Glenda Iles)
Margaret Whetstine & Mike Whetstine (Wilma Weddington)

Illness/Recovery

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| Betsy Bergen (Alice Muh) | Dennis Sharpe (Rachel Clark) |
| Phil Tomashek (Marti Faulkner) | Jack Nute (Karen Morneau) |

Loss/Grieving

Family of Ginny Dickman (Linda Warden)
Family of Pam Michaud McBean (Marti Faulkner)
Family of Donna Cruickshank (Linda Warden)
Family of Jean Kimball

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.*

