

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire*

April 22, 2018

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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  
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 22, 2018: Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Those who are able may stand where marked (\*).

Gathering #612      “In This Very Room”      *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome and Announcements      *Mary Menzies*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading      *Isaiah 58:5-8*

One: Is this the fast God wants from us?  
to pull a long face? make a show of our guilt?

**All: Is this acceptable worship? to hang our heads,  
and lie around moping in sackcloth and ashes?**

One: Isn't this the fast God wants from us:  
to release the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs  
of the yoke, and let the oppressed go free;

**All: to break every yoke, share our bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into our houses;  
when we see the naked, to cover them;  
not to hide from our brothers and sisters in need?**

One: Then our light will break forth like the dawn;  
our healing will spring up quickly; our vindicator  
will go before us; the glory of God will be our rear guard.

**All: Then we will call and our God will answer;  
we'll cry out for help and our loving God will say,  
“Here I am.” Here I am. Here we are. Halleluiah. Amen.**

\*Hymn #393      “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Anthem      “I Surrender All”      *Johnson*

Children's Time

Moments of Concern and Celebration  
(Please fill out a blue card in the pew)  
Pastoral Prayer  
Savior's Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music  
\*Doxology #815  
\*Offertory Prayer

Scripture      1 John 3:16-24      Pew Bible page 223 NT

\*Hymn #677      “Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy”

Sermon:      “Meeting Place: Here I Am”

\*Hymn #589      “Here I Am, Lord”

\*Benediction

\*Response #612      “In This Very Room”      *vs. 3*

\*Postlude

*Scripture Readings for next week: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.*

***Pam will be out of the office next week!***

Thank you to Rachel Clark, Emily LaFlam, Bob Muh and Linda Warden for covering the office while she is gone.

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**Please put your blue colored insert at the back of the sanctuary after the service if you do not wish to purchase a ticket to Support Shining Lights. It will get passed along next week! Thank you.**

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There will be a music committee meeting after church on April 29<sup>th</sup>



**Reminder: Food Collection next Sunday!**

*The Food Cupboard is in need of the following items:*

Jam/jelly. Small containers of condiments. Coffee. Soups, stews, canned meat, canned fruit. Salad dressing.

**Thank You!**

**We have also gotten lots of requests for toilet paper and paper towels!**

**Notices for the week of April 22, 2018 – April 28, 2018**

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TODAY... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Class – Classroom  
10:00 am ....Worship Service and Sunday School  
11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor

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 Rehearsal – Ladies Parlor  
7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall

Sat..... 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:** Mary & Elizabeth Lopes

**Coffee Fellowship:** Elizabeth & Mary Lopes

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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## 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.

**Stuart & Karen Lord** – safe travel – to Italy for two weeks with daughter and friends. Health for Stuart who has had severe bronchitis. (Karen Lord)

**Dorothy Usher** – had a cardiac event. Is home now. (Judy Oleary)

**Jesse Dupuis** (adult) – seizure – medication not working, has three young children.

### 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)          | Fred Englet – (Ed O'Brien)        |
| Paula Thomas (Emily LaFlam)        |                                   |

### Family Issues/Concerns

Mike & Rebecca Limberg (Alice Muh)

### Illness/Recovery

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| Betsy Bergen (Alice Muh)              | Jody Youngman (Emily LaFlam) |
| Phil Tomashek (Marti Faulkner)        | Carolyn Daigle (June Davis)  |
| Brenda Fairweather (Ross Fairweather) |                              |

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Jean Kimball  
Family of Casey Pillsbury  
Family of Janet Doyle

### 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.*

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