

**CHURCH STAFF**  
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Organist & Music Director: Dorothy Morton  
Administrative Assistant: Pam Nute

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

*April 29, 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

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

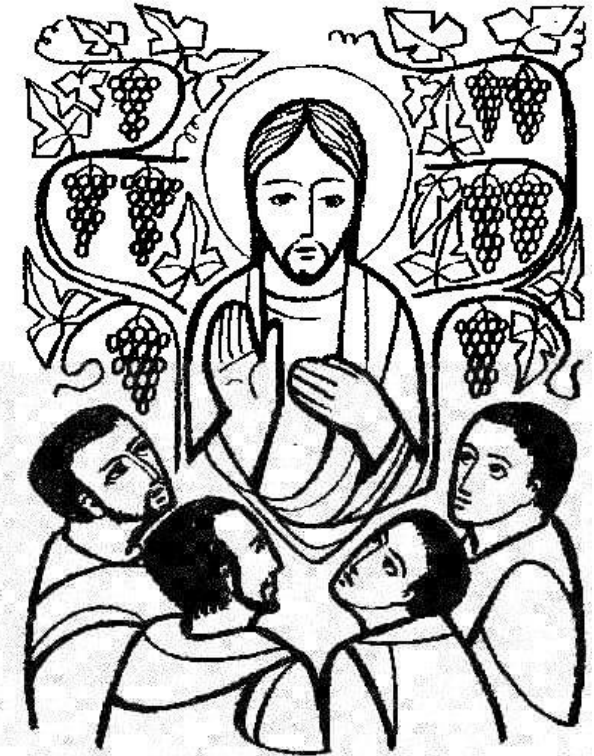
Worship Service and Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.

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 29, 2018: Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Those who are able may stand where marked (\*).

Gathering #423 "The Bond of Love"

Welcome and Announcements *Mary Menzies*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Psalm 126*

One: God, when you brought us home from our exile,  
we were like those who dream.

**All: Our mouths were filled with laughter  
and our tongues with shouts of joy.**

One: Then it was said among the nations:  
"Look! God has done great things for them."

**All: Look! God has done great things for us,  
O come, let us rejoice!**

One: Merciful God, bring us home again:

**All: Let your blessings flow  
through our parched and weary lives  
like streams of water in an arid land.**

One: We have sowed the soil with our bitter tears;  
O God, let us reap with shouts of joy.

**All: We went out weeping, bearing seed for sowing.  
Bring us home with shouts of joy,  
carrying our sheaves.**

\*Hymn (*insert*) "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Anthem "The Prayer of Saint Francis" *Pote*

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 John 15:1-8 (Pew Bible pg. 107 NT)

\*Hymn #667 "Lord, Speak to Me"

Sermon: "Fruit"

\*Hymn #568 "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"

\*Benediction

\*Response #426 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" *vs. 1, 3*

\*Postlude

*Scripture Readings for next week: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17.*

***Pam will be out of the office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. She'll be back on Thursday!***

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

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There will be a music committee meeting after church Today!



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Spring  
Clean Up

**Our Church Clean-up Day will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 5. We'll have a list of projects. Come and choose the one that suits your skills.**

**Steeple Talk will be published a few days late in May. If you would like to submit an article or picture, please Send to Pam by Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you.**

**Notices for the week of April 29, 2018 – May 5, 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  
OFFICE CLOSED  
Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor  
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:** Su Schott and Elaine Stroop

**Coffee Fellowship:**

**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.

Jeff and Diane White in a terrible car accident (Donna Matz)  
Barney Wiers had to enter a nursing home. (Tina Peabody)

### Cancer

|                                                                 |                                   |
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| Linda Reed Tamm—daughter of Marge and Bert Reed—(Elaine Stroop) |                                   |
| 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) |
| Dorothy Usher (Judy Oleary)           | 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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