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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  
April 3, 2016*

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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*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 3, 2016—Second Sunday of Easter**

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

Gathering #138

“Holy Ground”

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer

*Emily LaFlam*

Prelude

Call to Worship

*John 20:19-22*

One: It was evening, the third day. We'd locked all the doors.

**All: We were scared that the people who'd crucified Jesus were going to come for us next.**

One: All of sudden, he came into the room; that is, he was standing there with us.

**All: He said, “Peace be with you.”  
He showed us his hands and his side.  
We were overcome with joy.**

One: He was there, we could see him, and he said it again:

**All: “Peace be with you. Just as the Father sent me—  
as a generous outpouring of love for the world—  
so I'm sending you.”**

One: Then he breathed on us, saying “Receive my Holy Spirit. Go and continue the work I began.”

**All: (sing) Breathe on me breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.**

\*Hymn #620 “Under His Wings”

**\*Confession: Jesus, you breathed your Spirit into us and sent us out to love the world as you did—risking everything, always ready to lay down our lives for the sake of the**

**wounded, the weak and the poor. But it's hard; our lives are very comfortable; we take our privilege for granted; we're encouraged daily to mistrust the people who need us most. So, in anger and sorrow, suspicion and fear, we have closed our hearts to you and our neighbors. And still you offer us forgiveness; and still, in spite of the doors we have locked, you stand among us and offer us peace. And so, as we come to this holy meal together, we ask you to unlock our darkened hearts so we can receive the gift of light you have prepared for us. We pray by the power of your Spirit. AMEN**

\*Assurance of Pardon and Gloria Patri #813

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

Anthem

“Till He Comes Again”

*Schrader*

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

\*Doxology #815 and Offertory Prayer

Scripture

Acts 5:27-32

Sermon

“Spirit Filled Voices, Spirit Formed Lives”

\*Hymn #390

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*Hymn #56

“To God Be the Glory”

\*Benediction

\*Response #231

“Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart”

\* Postlude

## 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](http://www.freshairfund.org) for more information.

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Yum!! **Thank you** to everyone who attended the Palm Saturday breakfast!

The Children's Mission fund raised \$360 for their piggy banks.

Your Generosity has also funded:

One Great Hour of Sharing = \$1,445

Deacon's Fund = \$268 February / \$264 March

Food Pantry (in addition to items) = \$171 February / \$195 March

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## Spring Clean Up Day

Mark your calendars for Saturday, **May 14<sup>th</sup>**!

## Notices for the week of April 3 – April 9, 2016

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TODAY..... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study - Classroom  
10:00 am ....Worship Service and Communion  
Sunday School  
11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor  
Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath  
Tues..... 6:00 pm ....Al Anon – Ladies Parlor  
Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
6:30 pm ....Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor  
7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
Sat..... 8:00 am ....Men's Breakfast – Muh residence  
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:**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Glenda Iles

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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Men's Breakfast 8:00 am April 9 at the Muh Residence

*NOTE*

The **May** breakfast will take place on the **FIRST** Saturday, the 7th to accommodate church clean-up day!  
It will be held at the Menzies residence.

## April 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.

**Larry Haley** – dying; may he close his eyes here on earth today and before he knows it, awake in heaven. (June Davis)

**Peter Low** – started chemo in Monday to treat an aggressive form of bone marrow cancer. (Tina Peabody)

Judy Oleary's sister, Denada, needs a more surgery soon. (Donna Matz)

**Diane White** needs 3 more stints, but the doctors in Florida are sending her home to MA to have them done there. Diane's husband, Jeff, is having severe leg cramps. (Donna Matz)

**Jackie Home**, a Littleton resident, had a cardiac event while in Berlin last weekend. Severity is unknown. (Su Schott)

### Cancer

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| Ron LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)        | Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)    |
| Alison Bolt (Linda Warden)       | Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles) |
| Holly Hyslop (Su Schott)         | Joe Carter (Donna Matz)        |
| Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)     | Kathy Gordon (Judy Warden)     |
| Diane Stinaker (Judy Warden)     | Mike Jorde (Donna Matz)        |
| Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)      | Ray Morton (Dottie Morton)     |
| Jim Sturtevant (Mary Sturtevant) | Joan Ziter (Judy Warden)       |
| Carol Detrick (Wilma Weddington) |                                |

### Family Issues

Elizabeth Grimm (Wilma Weddington) The Weddington Family

### Illness/Recovery

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| Patricia Tuck (Pat Tuck)              | Bill & Janet Doyle (Emily LaFlam) |
| Jeremy Doyle (Emily LaFlam)           | Ed Warden (Judy Warden)           |
| Ryan Benson (Su Schott)               | Barbara Enderson (Judy Warden)    |
| Dan Benson (Su Schott)                | Don Bliss (Don Bliss)             |
| Diane White (Marti Faulkner)          | Camie Quail (Glenda Iles)         |
| Ann Cosgrove (Glenda Iles)            | Marvin Curnutt (Emily LaFlam)     |
| Martha Jane Aldrich (Barbara Holland) |                                   |

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Bob Bigelow (Marti Faulkner)  
Family of James Edison (Wilma Weddington)

### 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.***