

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
April 16, 2023

Eastertide: “On the Road of Life”

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

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Opening Prayer

*Hymn “There Is a Balm in Gilead” *insert*

Scripture Reading John 20:11-18

*Hymn “In Solitude” *insert*

Gathering

Choir Anthem “All This Joy” *John Denver*

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

Stewardship Moment

*Doxology (#815)
Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #686 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*Benediction

*Postlude

Leadership: Ross Fairweather, David Sykes, Su Schott

Eastertide Worship Series: “On the Road of Life”
(Sundays, April 16 – May 21)

Easter Sunday is followed by the Season of Eastertide and this year while we hear the stories of the resurrection appearances of Christ, we’ll be sharing and hearing reflections from our own journey’s through life and faith. Pastor and Novelist Frederick Buechner once said, “I wish I didn’t have to talk about myself so much, but it is in the intimacy and particularity of my own life and experience that God speaks.” Perhaps that is true for you as well and we would all be so gifted by hearing your story of what you have experienced and learned on the “road of life.” If you might be interested in offering a story from your life experience, let Peter know! Come meet with Peter at noon on Monday, April 17 to talk through some ideas of ways to share stories together.

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.

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.

Calendar

Today! Diversity Group Introduction – 11:30 AM – Ladies Parlor

Wednesday, April 19: Choir Rehearsal 6 PM – Ladies Parlor

Thursday, April 20: Finance Committee Mtng. 1:30 PM – Classroom

Saturday, April 22: Italian Community Dinner 5PM – Fellowship Hall

April Prayer Requests

Karen & Vic Carbonneau
Virginia Hyatt
Karin Brown
Madison Ferland
Jim Blanchard
Alice & Frank Tillotson
Family of Rob Poulsen
Kevin Bergen
Family of Bronwyn McGhee

Barbara Holland
Roberta Lavoie
Alison & Ron Bolt
Carter Gustafson
Scott Ling
Reg LaFlam
Crystalyn Molnar
Polly Ehrman
John Heraty

Linda and Bob Warden
Heather Walker
Joan Dexter
Jon Blodgett
Wilma Weddington
John Campbell
Arpad Lind
Susan Smith

After 4 weeks names will be removed unless requested to continue.

Please contact Elaine Pollak, Caring Tree chair, at (802) 633-3669 or laneylou@gmail.com

Fundraising Dinner next Saturday!

This will be the first big fundraising dinner in several years! Lots of help and resources are needed to make this a success. Judy O'Leary is heading up the kitchen crew. She can be contacted at 603-860-5235 if you would like to know how you can help.

Pam Nute is heading up the "front of house" (cashiers, dining area) and if this is something you are interested in helping with or knowing more about, please contact Pam at fstcong189@gmail.com or call the office at 444-3376.

This is also a fun fellowship opportunity and we hope you will join us by helping or bringing family and friends for a great homemade meal!

How can You help?

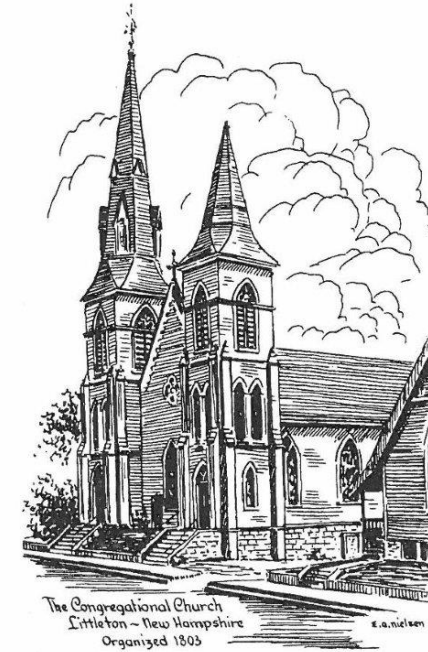
Please contact Pam and Eric if you would like to **help set up the hall on Friday afternoon at 4pm.**

By signing up on the "Help Wanted" poster at the back of the sanctuary (or emailing/calling Pam in the office). Needed: coffee/beverage host/hostess, dish washers and CLEAN UP!
And by signing up on the Food donations section on the same poster!

Let everyone you know about this fun event! **Posters are available to hang wherever you find a bulletin board!**

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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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