

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
May 1, 2022

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

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Prelude

Call to Worship

*(Responses in **boldface** type)*

This is the day...**when tears are wiped away.**

This is the day...**when shattered hearts are mended.**

This is the day...**when fears are replaced with joy.**

This is the day the Lord...**rolls away the stone of fear.**

This is the day the Lord...**throws off the shroud of death.**

This is the day the Lord...**goes ahead of us into God's future.**

This is the day the Lord has made...**the tombs of our hearts to open.**

This is the day the Lord has made...**sin to lose its power over us.**

This is the day the Lord has made...**our lives full of joy everlasting.**

This is the day the Lord has made! **Let us rejoice that Christ is risen!**

This is the day the Lord has made! **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

***Hymn #360**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer *(trespasses)*

Special Music

We Dedicate Our Gifts

***Doxology (#815)**

*** Offering Prayer**

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:32-43

***Hymn #320**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Sermon

“Today, in Paradise”

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

***Hymn**

“Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

(insert)

Call to Prayer

(Sung to the tune "Morning Has Broken")

One: May God be with you!

All: And with you also!

One: Lift hearts and voices gladly to God.

**All: We come together at the Lord's table,
to taste salvation, fresh from the Word.**

Communion Prayer

Song of Adoration

(Sung to the tune "Holy, Holy, Holy")

**Holy, holy, holy, God beyond our seeing,
thoughts and ways above the sky, and deeper than the sea.
God so far beyond us; closer yet than breathing,
come now among us at our holy feast!**

Words of Institution

“On the Night”

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn #328**

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

***Benediction**

***Response #340**

“Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

Postlude

Thank you to Lars Nielson, Lead Deacon, this week

*Scriptures for Sunday, May 8: Acts 9:36-43~Psalm 23~Revelation 7:9-17~ John 10:22-30
Our guest leader, Victoria Cole may or may not use these texts*

Online Giving <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR4H/home>

May Prayer Requests

Dorothy Usher
Barbara Holland
Denys & Ed O'Brien
Judy and Ed Warden
Roberta Lavoie
Heather Walker
Kate & Gordon Moss
Karin Brown
Brien Ward

Karen Carbonneau
Linda and Bob Warden
Virginia Hyatt
Anna Searles
Kim Antonucci
Reg LaFlam
George Boone
Janet Limberg
Reg LaFlam

The COG group invites you to a
special coffee fellowship: Pancakes ^{Plus!}
June 5th

Pancake +
Breakfast



We've missed you!

Please join us immediately after
the service in the Fellowship Hall

Greeters Needed!

We need people to sign up to be greeters for Sunday Service. Being greeted at the door or not makes an impact on how people respond to God's word and remember their church experience, especially first time visitors. There is a Sign-up sheet in the back. We could cover a year if 26 people signed up to do it twice!

*First Congregational Church
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Littleton, New Hampshire
May 1, 2022
Third Sunday of Easter*



"Golgotha" – Appalachian quilt pattern with three crosses

Welcome:

Rev. Jay Sprout

Music Director & Organist

Dorothy Morton

Worship Service 10:00 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.

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.