

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**May 7, 2023**

**Eastertide: On the Road of Life**

***“Love is a Verb”***

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

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #56                    “To God Be the Glory”

Gathering

Choir Anthem

Scripture Reading            John 21:15-19

Sermon

\*Hymn #349                “O How He Loves You and Me”

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns

The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

Stewardship Moment

\*Doxology (#815)  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn #688                “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

*Leadership: Ross Fairweather*

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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.*

***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 – 11:30 AM – Ladies Parlor

Monday, May 8: Shining Lights Board 5:30 PM

White Mtn. Voices rehearsal 6:45 PM – Sanctuary

Tuesday, May 9: Eastern Star 6:00 PM – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 10: Finance Meeting 1:00 PM – Classroom

Choir Rehearsal 6 PM – Ladies Parlor

Thursday, May 11: Property Meeting 8:00 AM – Classroom

Ladies Society 1:00 PM – Ladies Parlor

Saturday, May 13: Clean up Day! 9:00 AM

The Pastor will be away from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>

## May Prayer Requests

Karen & Vic Carbonneau  
Virginia Hyatt  
Alison & Ron Bolt  
Jim Blanchard  
Crystalyn Molnar  
Polly Ehrman  
Kathy Dubreuil  
Maurice Doherty and family

Barbara Holland  
Roberta Lavoie  
Madison Ferland  
Wilma Weddington  
Arpad Lind  
Susan Smith  
Michelle Seekamp  
Family of Heather Walker

Linda and Bob Warden  
Karin Brown  
Carter Gustafson  
Alice & Frank Tillotson  
Kevin Bergen  
John Heraty  
Family of Paul Somers

*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*

## 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!

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