

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
April 27, 2025

Eastertide: On the Road to Emmaus

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Prelude

Unison Prayer of Invocation – (From the Celtic Rune of Hospitality)

**I saw a stranger yesterday,
I put food in the eating place,
Drink in the drinking place,
Music in the listening place
And in the sacred name of the Trinity
The stranger blessed myself and my house,
My cattle and my dear ones,
And the lark sang her song
Often, Often, Often
Goes Christ in the strangers guise.
May our eyes be open anew today
To see and know you Christ
In the strangers we meet.**

* Hymn #377 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” *Celebration Hymnal*

A Moment for the Young and Young at Heart

Special Offering for the Little Free Pantry

This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine!
This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine!
This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine!
Let it shine! Let it shine! I’m going to let it shine!

Up on the mountain top, I’m going to let it shine!....

Greeting One Another

Anthem

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

* Hymn #256 “We Live by Faith and Not by Sight” *New Century Hymnal*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer *(See back of bulletin for words)*

Offertory

*Doxology *(See back of bulletins for words)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn #368 “He Lives!” *New Century Hymnal*

Benediction

Postlude

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

About the Celtic Rune of Hospitality:

In Celtic cultures, including Ireland and Scotland, hospitality was a deeply ingrained value. It was considered unacceptable to turn a stranger away or close the door on a traveler in need. The Rune of Hospitality is not just a spiritual concept but a practical call to action. It involves offering food, drink and shelter to those who arrive at your doorstep, showing kindness and generosity to those in need. A “rune” is a character in the alphabet used by the Germanic people’s from the 3rd to 13th centuries.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

April Prayer Requests

Barbara Holland	Linda and Bob Warden	Virginia Hyatt	Roberta Lavoie
Ed O'Brien	Jason Plummer	Arianna English	Marianne Langdoc
Cutter Flynn	Dudley & Dottie Bailey	Nancy Hadfield	Donna Lauren
Ryan Hall	Hannah Leslie	Dave Keller	Henrietta Howard
Michael Ford	Keith Bergeron	Family of Sandy Monroe	

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

Donations to the Food Pantry and the church can be made here:



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

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Our Mission Statement:

We unite to worship God and share Christ's love by caring for our wider community in a way that welcomes all and invites and inspires the gift of spiritual renewal.

**Thank you to our worship leaders today,
Su Schott and Dan Kiefer**

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.

Please check out the sign up board at the back of the sanctuary ~ Support and Desserts are needed for the fundraising dinner on Sunday, May 18th!

Calendar:

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am – Adult Bible Class – Classroom

Wednesday, April 30: Bible Study and Prayer – 8:30 am – Zoom

Choir rehearsal – 6:00 pm – Ladies Parlor

Thursday, May 1: Pam out of the office

Saturday, May 3: Eastern Star – Noon to 5pm – Fellowship Hall

Peter is away Monday and Tuesday and will return on Wednesday, April 30th

A sign-up board to help at the Dinner Bell meal (Next Tuesday, May 6th) is located at the back of the sanctuary ~ Please contact Cynthia Nielson if you have any questions

Thank you to everyone who participated in the
Cake Walk!

\$515 was raised for Shining Lights Learning Center!



**One Great Hour of Sharing
\$2,420 was raised!**

