

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Coffee Hour:** Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour following service today.

Join us for our **Spring Arts & Crafts Fair, May 4th** from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the Parish House. Find something for every one with a unique selection of homemade items including jewelry, toys, candles & lotion, and lots more!

**Book of Remembrance Sunday is May 19th.** Donations may be made until May 12. Please include the names of those to be memorialized and make out checks to BOR First Congregational Church, Envelopes are available at entrances to the church.

The **deadline for donations for the A. Russell Ayre Scholarship Fund is Wednesday, May 1st.** Donations can be made in person or online.



### The First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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<b>Today's Service</b>		
Deacon on Duty	Jen Albright	
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Ushers	Gail Peck, Debbie Poole & Tom Tucker	
Scripture Reader	Jen Albright	
Acolytes	Mackenzie Loughran & Bobby Loughran	

*"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*



April 28, 2024

**WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**PRELUDE**

*Be Thou My Vision/arr. Douglas E. Wagner*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

**People: O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

Leader: For the Lord is our God and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**All: God's people have gathered. Let us worship God together!**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**GLORIA PATRI\***

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**HYMN\***

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna #222

**INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER**

**Holy God, you have given us the seasons of the year and the seasons of our lives. The years come and go, but you remain the same. Your love is always there. Help us now to open ourselves to the gift of your presence. Collect our scattered thoughts. Speak your word to us. Transform this hour. We ask this in Jesus' name who taught us to pray, saying:**

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Choral Response

**SERVICE OF BAPTISM**

**HYMN**

*Jesus Loves Me #113*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 23

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Thanks Be to Thee/G.F. Handel*

**Song of Presentation\***

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Offering Prayer\***

**Eternal God, we praise you for all you have done for us and everyone in Jesus. Help us to make our own offering complete by living in obedience to you. Use us to do your work. For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

**HYMN\***

*Softly and Tenderly #340*

*Church School children will process to the Parish House during the second verse.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

John 10:11

Choral Response

**SERMON**

*The Lord is My Shepherd*

Choral Response

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**HYMN\***

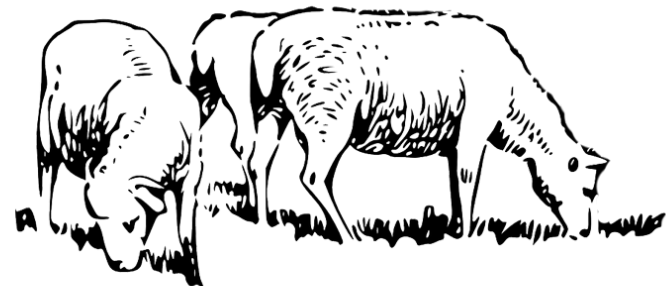
*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #233*

**BENEDICTION\*** - spoken and sung.

**POSTLUDE**

*O Worship the King/ arr. Douglas E. Wagner*

*\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit*



***All Are Welcome Here:*** For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. Large print bulletins are available at both entrances. Additionally, services are live streamed in the chapel, should you need to step out of the service for any reason. Simply turn on the TV. Please see a Deacon if you need assistance.