

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

We are **looking for volunteers to help with coffee hour** during the month of February. Please sign up on the board in Fellowship Hall if you're interested in helping.

February's **Lunch & Learn** will be **this Wednesday, February 5th at 12:30 pm**. A representative from New Milford Hospital will be the speaker. Please RSVP to news@nmchurch.org and let us know what you are bringing for the potluck.

Save the Date: our **Souper Bowl of Caring** Food Drive and Soup Luncheon will be held on **February 9th** in Fellowship Hall after service.

The First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

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Today's Service

Deacon on Duty	Debbie Poole
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"No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



First Congregational Church of New Milford February 2, 2025

WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

Prelude in E/Alexander Scriabin

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

All: Let us praise and thank the Lord. Let us worship God together.

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*

All Creatures of Our God and King #22

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, you have made us with a mind to know you, a heart to love you and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love unstable and our obedience is incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness. Yet you are patient with your children. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our savior, do not hold our sins against us but in your tender love, forgive.

SILENT CONFESSION

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

LORD'S PRAYER

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

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

The Glory of the Father/Egil Hovland

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*

Lord, with this gift of money we bring the offering of our lives to you. Help us to serve you in our daily tasks. Help us do your work in the world. Amen.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

#361 in Hymnal

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND PEACE

Leader: Beloved, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

People: The children of God come from east and west, and from north and south and sit at the table in the realm of God.

Leader: Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

The Deacons will serve communion. Gluten free crackers are in the center cup. Please hold the bread and juice until we partake as a group.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thanks be to you, O God, for your presence and your purpose, for your loving kindness and your steadfast spirit. May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our generosity, and unify our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.

HYMN*

Come, Share the Lord #408

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 11:1-13

Choral Response

SERMON *Life Lessons from the Parables of Jesus: How's Your Prayer Life?*

Choral Response

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN*

O Word of God Incarnate #322

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung

POSTLUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee/arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

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