

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. Please see a Deacon if you need assistance.

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

Get your Easter Flowers! An assortment of spring potted plants will be available for purchase after today's service.

Book of Remembrance Sunday is May 25th. Donations and a list of those to be memorialized in the book should be submitted no later than May 11th. Checks should be made out to *Book of Remembrance First Congregational Church*. Envelopes for this purpose are available at the front and rear entrances of the sanctuary.

If you would like to celebrate a special occasion, **consider flowers for Church Service** in honor of or in memory of an event or person. Contact a member of the Flower Committee for information: Anne Olson, Bonnie Westerberg, Sandy Gammons, or Debbie Poole.

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



**April 20, 2025 -
Easter Sunday**

The First Congregational Church United Church of Christ

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 PM

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Today's Service

Deacon on Duty	Hannah Albright
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Ushers	Youth with Deacons
Scripture Reader	Susan Chapin
Acolytes	Kenzie Turner & Chase Rabito

WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

Cherub Choir

Christ Has Risen! Alleluia!/Toni Sullivan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: God has claimed us as his own.

Leader: God has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 the Lord is Risen Today #216

INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you for this happy day. Christ is risen. Death is defeated. Love has conquered. And our lives can never be the same. Help us to be attentive to your voice, whispering within, inspiring us to faith. In this hour may we worship you in all sincerity and truth. 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

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11:25

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

Rejoice, the Lord is King!//arr. Dan Forrest

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*

Generous God, receive our offering. Guide those who use it that it may help give life to those in need. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

HYMN

O Sons and Daughters, Sing Your Praise #220

SCRIPTURE READING

1Corinthians 15:3-8, 54-57

Choral Response

SERMON

The Resurrection and the Life

Choral Response

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN*

The Strife is O'er #221

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung.

POSTLUDE

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!//arr. Albin C. Whitworth

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

