

All Are Welcome Here: For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. Please see a Deacon if you need assistance.

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

The **Spring Meeting of the church will be on Sunday, May 18th**, directly following worship service in the sanctuary.

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.

Lunch & Learn - Join us on **June 4th** for our Lunch & Learn that will feature Suzanne Von Holt speaking about New Milford as a "Bee City". This is a potluck luncheon and all are welcome. Please email RSVP to news@nmchurch.org.

Lawn Mowing Sign-Up. It's that time of year again! We are in need of a volunteers to mow our church lawn. Please email Rachael if interested: rwright@nmchurch.org.

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



**First Congregational Church of New Milford
May 11, 2025**

WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

The Butterfly Song / Brian Howard

Cherub Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is my strength and my song. The Lord has become my salvation.

People: Out of my distress I called on the Lord. God answered me and set me free.

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His steadfast love endures forever.

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

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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*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! #4

INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty God, in this hour we gather here to worship you. In Jesus you have shown us the depth and breadth of your care for us. With that same love, you have made and continue to sustain this world and each one of our lives. Now with faithful people everywhere, we bow our heads in prayer and lift our hearts and voices with hymns to praise you. Glory and power, blessing and honor be to you, O God. We ask this in Jesus' name who taught us to pray:

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

Genesis 12:1-5

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

Open Thou Mine Eyes / arr. Michael Cox

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 God we bring these gifts to you, tokens of our work, our time and our loyalty. May your blessing be upon them and our lives. And may we be continually led to see how we may serve you more effectively through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN*

Morning Has Broken #53

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:8-9

Choral Response

SERMON

Blessed to be a Blessing

Choral Response

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN*

Rejoice, the Lord is King! #699

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung

POSTLUDE

In God, My Faithful God / arr. Dietrich Buxtehude

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

