

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.”*



**First Congregational Church of New Milford
May 17, 2026**

WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

An American Medley arr. by Anna Laura Page

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Look to the heavens, people of God.

People: See the power of the Most High God.

Leader: Christ ascends to heaven in glory.

People: Shout to God with cries of joy.

Leader: Clap your hand, you of Love incarnate.

People: Sing praises to God, our king.

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*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #233

INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

God, Most High, as Christ ascended into the heavens, may our hearts ascend to you. Open our eyes to the power of your Spirit and open our lives to the fullness of your power, that we may be clothed with power on high.

Overwhelm us with your presence among us, so that we may be filled with your joy. We pray in Jesus' name, 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

Ephesians 1:15-23

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

Spirit of God/arr. Joseph M. Martin

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*

Holy God, with joy, we bring our gifts. With joy, we offer our lives. May these offerings bring joy throughout the world. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #5

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:44-53

Choral Response

SERMON

Where Is Jesus?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Choral Response

HYMN*

Rejoice, You Pure in Heart, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5 #15

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung

POSTLUDE

I'm Gonna Sing/Ain't-a That Good News?/Trad. Arr. Larry Shackley

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

Today's liturgy has been adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual.

THANK YOU

- **Hannah Albright** - Deacon on Duty
- **Sophie Ryan** - Acolyte
- **Deacons and Youth** - Ushers
- **Bell Choir** for their gift of music.
- **Katie Johnson and the Jackson family** for organizing the craft fair and everyone who participated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Are Welcome Here: For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. 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.

Coffee Hour: Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall following today's worship.

Bible Study Group will meet in the Taylor room following today's service.

Women of the Bible study group meet in the Chapel on Monday's at 1:00 PM.

Rev. Marie will be out of the office on Thursday, May 21 and Friday, May 22.

The office will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

If you would like to **acknowledge a 2026 High School, College, Advanced Degree graduate**, please submit the student's name, degree, school to the office by Tuesday, May 26. Carole: czeigler@nmchurch.org

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, May 18 :**Church Council Meeting** at 6:30 pm in the Taylor Room

Tuesday, May 19: FCCNM will be hosting the **Litchfield South Association Meeting** from 6:00 -9:00 pm in the church.

Sunday, May 24: **Book of Remembrance.** All donations for that date have been received and a list of donors and those to be memorialized is posted on the bulletin board outside the chapel. Please check the list for omissions, spelling, etc. At our special service of remembrance, the names will be read aloud and the bells tolled.

Sunday, May 31: **Children's Day**

Sunday, May 31: **Church Picnic,**

Sunday, June 7: **Scholarship Day**

Sunday, June 21: **Choir Appreciation Day,** (I apologize for last week's mix-up)

Saturday, July 18: **Church Tag Sale**

If you are interested in making a donation, **Digital Giving** is available.

Please scan the QR Code to donate.

We kindly ask that you use the comment feature to direct your contribution.

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Your continued support for the church is appreciated.

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