



**First Congregational Church of New Milford
May 31, 2026
Children's Day**



WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty/arr. Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is with us, right here and now.

People: We open our lives to our Creator.

Leader: God cares for us and gives us glory.

People: We open our hearts to our Creator.

Leader: God appoints us keepers of the earth.

People: We dedicate ourselves to our Creator.

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*

God Is Here, vs. 1, 3, 4 #280

INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

From the time you fashioned the heavens and the earth from a formless void, O God, your creative energy has done marvelous works, all around us. May your creative Spirit be at work in our hearts and minds today as we worship you and, always, as we strive to live in obedience to your will. 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

Psalm 8

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

This Little Light of Mine/arr. Joel Raney

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, bless these gifts that they may be used for ministries of
compassion. Bless these people gathered here, bringing their gifts and their
lives in service to you. For we offer ourselves and our gifts to you. Amen.**

CHERUB CHOIR

The Lion and the Lamb/Natalie Sleeth

RECOGNITION OF OUR ACOLYTES

(see insert)

**RECOGNITION OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, HELPERS, AND
CE COMMITTEE**

(see insert)

HYMN*

Jesus Loves Me#113

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:16-20

Choral Response

SERMON

How Big is God

RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES

(see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Choral Response

HYMN*

Creator God, Creating Still #62

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung

POSTLUDE

Toccata in F/Dietrich Buxtehude

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

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

THANK YOU

- **Gail Peck** - Deacon on Duty
- **Bella Gallik** - Acolyte
- **Youth with Deacons**- Ushers
- **Meg Wittmann** - Scripture Reader

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.

Summer Music: During the summer months we will sing your favorite Hymns. Please fill out the summer music card with your Hymn selection and place it in the collection plate.

Please join us for our **Annual Church Picnic in the church parking lot 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 Monday, June 1.

Lunch and Learn will meet in the Taylor Room on Wednesday June 3 at 12:30 pm.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, June 6: **Betty Lou Emmons Service & Reception at 1:00 pm**

Sunday, June 7: **Scholarship Day**

Monday, June 15: **Church Council Meeting**

Sunday, June 21: **Choir Appreciation Day**

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

ACOLYTES

Shelby Behrens

Lily McGee

Bella Gallik

Sophie Ryan

Evelyn Johnson

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, HELPERS, AND CE COMMITTEE

HEAD CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER

Carol McKay

ASSISTANT TEACHERS

Katie McKay

Katie Simmons

Meg Wittmann

CE DIRECTOR

Katie Johnson

COUNCIL CO-CHAIRS

Mike Curley

Chris Simmons

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mike Bensema

Carol McKay

Dave Eherts

Erin Metz

Bill Jackson

Carole Schwartzman

Christina Jackson

class of
2026

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

Joseph Cafiero is graduating from UCONN with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management.

Stephen Terry Mayer is graduating from Georgetown University with a Bachelor's Degree in Math and Computer Science.

Robert Meissner is graduating from Glastonbury High School.



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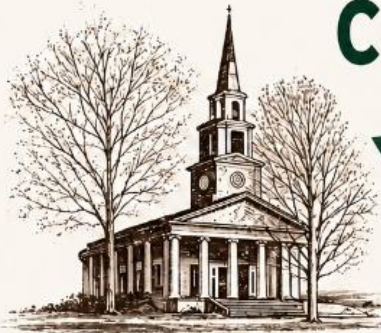
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