

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CANTON CENTER

United Church of Christ

April 17, 2022

~ EASTER SUNDAY ~

10:00 a.m.

*Please stand, if you are able. **Bold** denotes unison response.

CHIMES

WELCOME

Brief announcements from the congregation are welcome. Those wishing to make an announcement are asked to be in the front pews at the start of the announcement period. Prayer request cards may be found on the tables at the back of the church. Offerings may be placed in the marked boxes on the tables at the back of the church. Nursery Room is available in the lower level of the Parish House. Children ages Birth-3 years may visit the Nursery with a parent at any time.

PRELUDE

I Will Rise

Joey Raney

Cherry Brook Chimes Handbell Choir & piano

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed!

Life dawns new,

and love rises strong!

Friends, let us be gathered today in hope and in joy,

with spirits open to God.

Let Easter awaken us and renew us:

Thanks be to God.

*HYMN Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Chalice (blue), 216

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation joins to say Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia! Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia! Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*PRAYER FOR EASTER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of life and new life, God of the now-awakened world, we praise you on this, our festival day, for joy that dawns, for life that rises, for love that overcomes everything. We praise you for the one we follow, Christ crucified yet risen, who for our sakes has lived and died and lives again. In this and all our days, may we be filled with Easter's hope, compelled by its love, made bold by its truth, alive as an Easter people in the world. This we ask in the name of the Risen One, who has taught us to pray together 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE From "The Strife Is O'er"

> The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won; The song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!

READING FROM SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 15, selected verses

ANTHEM Go and Tell His Disciples, from the Easter cantata "Victory" The Senior Choir

READING FROM SCRIPTURE Mark 16:1-8

SERMON A Big Enough Easter

ANTHEM Jesus Shall Reign Victor C. Johnson

The Senior Choir

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns, Pastoral Prayer

*HYMN In the Bulb There Is a Flower Chalice (blue), 638

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree; In cocoons, a hidden promise, butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future, what it holds, a mystery, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end in our beginning, in our time, infinity, In our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory, Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

*BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE (Please be seated) Litany for Easter Gordon Young
The Senior Choir

*POSTLUDE Rejoice Greatly G. F. Handel arr. Jack Schrader

WELCOME

We're glad you've joined us for worship today. Please know that whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! If you are visiting today, please help us get to know you better by filling out one of the visitor cards in the pews and placing it in the offering plate. Questions? Please feel free to ask the pastor, or call the church office during the week.

Next Sun., April 24

Rev. Brenda will be off, Ali Hager will be preaching.

April's Mission Box Collection

Missions will benefit New Hartford's **Hands of Grace's backpack program** which provides weekend meals to children who might have to fend for themselves. Hands of Grace currently supplies two of each item in a 2 gallon plastic bag to an elementary school in Winsted and one in New Hartford.

All items should be single serving in size:

cereals, hot or cold - oatmeal packets, ramen noodles, Chef Boyardee meals, macaroni & cheese, fruit cups and juice boxes

64 oz juice bottles, 12-16 oz cans of coffee, and crackers

also are always needed for the "shopping shelves" which is separate from the backpack program.

Yard Goats Game ~Mark your calendars!

On **May 15th**, we'll be heading to Hartford to watch a Yard Goats game. Did you get your tickets? It will be a great afternoon! Come and have fun with 30 of your closest church friends. Please see Linda McAllister (Wider Church Committee Chair) for more info.

Sun	day	17	Monday	18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday	22	Saturday 23
V	Easter Worship 10:00 am		Choir 5:00 pm ACA 7 pm		Council Zoom 7 pm AA 7 pm		Choir 5:30 pm			AA 11 pm

2022 EASTER FLOWERS

Given by: In Loving Memory of:

Winifred Bristol husband Willard, son Sterling and

daughters Christine & Winifred

Marianne Burbank Mary & Sam Humphrey and

Aunt Ruthie Humphrey

Mommy & Daddy

Mom & Dad

Mom & Phil

Casey LeGeyt

Brett Hooper

Denise Humphrey

Daddy my little angel

Muriel LeGeyt Henry A. LeGeyt

Craig & Linda McAllister our parents Margueriette Baran

and Gwen & John Johnson

Hugh Anderson my father Dick and my son Tom

Peter & Mary Lou Keefe our parents, Lester & Dorothy Chamberlin

and Edward & Dorothy Keefe

Joy Petersen husband Dick Petersen

Rev. Brenda Pelc-Faszcza Bob & Arlene Pelc, Barry Pelc and

& Jeff Faszcza John Faszcza



Given by:

Hollace Bristol

Linda & Craig McAllister

Evelyn Sealand

The Dunn Family

Joy Petersen

Charles & Donna Hammond

Tim & Cary LeGeyt

Skip & Nancy Alford

In Celebration of:

God's light in each of us

our daughters Cailyn and Lauren

my family past and present

our kids and their families

our family past and present

our family past and present

our family

our family

Given by:

Beth Lingenheld

Rev. Brenda Pelc– Faszcza & Jeff Faszcza In Honor of:

my grandsons Jack, Cole, Callum

our daughters Tara & Nina, son-in-law Chris and grandson Max



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We gather as a welcoming community in worship, learning, service and fellowship to embody Christ's message of love, compassion and justice.

Joining faith with action, both within and beyond our church, we strive to build a community that serves all.

God is still speaking !!!

Visit our website at www.cantoncenterchurch.org
Listen to recorded Sermons and Music from worship services!

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Brenda Pelc-FaszczaMinisters: Every MemberDirector of Music: Mary Lou KeefeSexton: Walt LeGeyt

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