

EASTER *Sunday*

HE IS RISEN



THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CANTON CENTER
United Church of Christ

March 31, 2024

~ EASTER SUNDAY ~

10:00 a.m.

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

CHIMES

Karen Needham

WELCOME

*We're so glad you have joined us today! **Prayer request cards** may be found on the back tables.
Offerings may be placed in the marked boxes on back tables or near front exit.*

PRELUDE

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen

Cherry Brook Chimes Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day when tears are wiped away;
shattered hearts are mended; fears are replaced with joy.

**This is the day the Lord rolls away the stone of fear; throws off death's
clothes; and goes ahead of us into God's mystical, glorious, kingdom.**

This is the day the Lord has made:
death has no fear over us; sin has lost its power over us.

God opens the tombs of our hearts to fill us with life and love.

THIS IS THE DAY - EASTER DAY!

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah! Christ is Risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Because Christ lives, we also live now and forever.

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen indeed!

***HYMN**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Chalice (blue), #216

***GATHERING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gracious and loving God, what a gift, what a blessing, to celebrate this
Easter morning; the joy of the resurrection, the delight and promise of a
new day, and the bliss of life eternal in Your Heavenly Kingdom. Lord
Jesus, the dark hour has passed. We approach Your throne with confidence

in this bright moment, the tomb empty, and You, Lord Jesus, risen. We kneel in humble gratitude at the foot of the cross, aware at last of the high price that was paid, and now in triumph we celebrate Your victory and the forgiveness You have granted to us. May we live lives transformed by this new promise. May the whole world bow a knee at Your mighty Name as all people through Christ are blessed with joy and newness of life. Amen.

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.

***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.*

OFFERING

Matthew 25:37-40 reads: Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The King will reply, Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Your gift every Sunday provides the necessary resources for this church to remain sustainable as we further the blessing to others in our world. Let us now receive our Sunday morning offering with grateful hearts.



OFFERTORY

O Come Let Us Sing to the Lord
Senior Choir

Angerman/Martin

***Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, we ask Your blessing over these gifts with hopes of spreading Your message, serving others in need, and fueling the work of this church bringing Your light to the world. Amen

SCRIPTURE



Acts 10:34-43 Pew Bible pg. 895

John 20:1-18 Pew Bible pg. 882

SERMON *The Choice is Yours: Beyond Seeing, Will You Believe?*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *Joy & Concerns ~ Moment of Silence ~ Pastoral Prayer*

***HYMN** *Thine Is the Glory* Chalice (Blue), #218

***BENEDICTION**

God says: *Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10)*. In Matthews gospel Jesus says, *Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours*. Easter reminds us that our Lord promises us eternal life. Jesus suffered, died, and was raised from the dead for you and me. Know in your heart of hearts that we are a people forgiven and blessed with newness of life. So, let us proclaim with shouts of joy...

THANKS BE TO GOD!

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Sevenfold Amen*
Senior Choir

***POSTLUDE** *Arise, Shine, for Thy Light Has Come* Stephen Burtonwood

The Worship is ended ~ Our Service Now Begins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING: of the First Congregational Church,
Canton Center, Sunday, April 14, 2024 after the 10 am service,
OR on subsequent Sundays until a Quorum is obtained.

AGENDA

1. Call to order and opening prayer.
2. Reading of the call of the meeting
3. Approval of the Settled Pastor Search Committee as recommended by Church Council.
4. Any other business proper to come before said meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Bev Sealand, Clerk

A Search Committee Meeting will follow after the Congregational Meeting.

*The cross in use this morning was made by a member of the church,
from the Christmas tree in our sanctuary this past December.*

Case for Christ Book Group

It's not too late to join! Next meeting is 4/21. Future meetings will be 5/19 and 6/9.
Assignment for 4/21 is to read through chapter 6.

April Missions & Outreach Collection

Our Missions Box collection for April is **diapers and wipes** for Gifts of Love, Avon.

Continued Prayers for:

Martha Swanson, undergoing cancer treatments

Jackie Bass Zagoren who lost her 2nd child, Becca Gotlieb Whiddon in a car accident

Pastor Kevin Mongeau, Director of Hands of Grace, who has cancer

Family of Glenn Dahlstrom, who passed away from cancer at 53

Patti LeGeyt who was hospitalized last week

Sunday 31	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
Easter Worship 10:00 am	Choir 4:30 pm ACA 7 pm	AA 7 pm	Diaconate Meeting Zoom 7 pm	Choir 5:30 pm	Cub Scouts 6:30-8 pm	AA 11 pm

EASTER FLOWERS

Given by:

Susan Turner

Geri Bunnell

Hugh & Marcia Anderson

Gail Macbeth

Cora Mutch

Tim & Kathleen Lundgren

Skip & Nancy Alford

Mommy & Daddy

Mom & Dad

Mom & Phil

Daddy

Phil LeGeyt

Pastor Kurt Satherlie

Craig & Linda McAllister

Robert Howson

The Howson Family

In Loving Memory of:

Leon & Vera Turner

Erick Erickson

Alden & Ruth Tyrol

Burton Turner

Dick Berry

Ned Bunnell

Our sons Tom and Jeff

Kevin and Michael Macbeth

Stanley Macbeth

Mom and Dad

Marion and Henry Lundgren

Our parents and grandparents

Casey LeGeyt

Brett E. Hooper

Denise Perkins Humphrey

My Little Angel

Mom & Dad

My father Kenneth Satherlie

and sister Karen Satherlie Davidson

Our parents Margueriette Baran

and Gwen & John Johnson

Patricia Ann Howson

Lt. Col. Richard G. Howson

Given by:

Lori & Grant Hagedorn

Dan & Patti LeGeyt

Marianne Burbank

Given by:

The Dunn Family

Charles & Donna Hammond

Skip & Nancy Alford

Darryl Haberern

Craig & Linda McAllister

Dan & Patti LeGeyt

Given by:

Hollace Bristol

Evelyn Sealand

In Loving Memory of:

Lori's parents Carol & Walter Soderberg

*Our parents Casimer & Regina Pilitowski
and Henry & Muriel LeGeyt*

*Aunt Ruthie Humphrey and
Mary and Sam Humphrey*

In Celebration of:

Family

Our family past and present

Our children and grandchildren

My grandson Greyson Robert Penn

*Our daughters Cailyn and Lauren
and our grandsons*

*Our beautiful children:
Jennifer & Danny*

In Honor of:

Mama Wini

My family past and present



WELCOME

We are glad you've joined us for worship today. If you are visiting with us today may you discover a friendly church, a safe haven where you will be loved and accepted; where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask questions, and grow in your faith. May The First Congregational Church, Canton Center help you find God's compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy in our worship service and where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries. We hope to get to know you as a new friend and invite you to fill out a visitor card. No matter who you are, or where you are in your journey, you are welcome here.

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.

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Interim Pastor: The Rev. Kurt Satherlie

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Dir. of Faith Formation: Dr. Hollace Bristol

Asst. Dir. of Faith Formation: Karen Needham

Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia

Duty Deacons: Kristin Oswald & Tim Lundgren

Duty Trustees: Julius Ziemba & Don Scott

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