



WELCOME ~ MARCH 23, 2025

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.

The flowers this morning are given in celebration of our church family

by Charles & Donna Hammond.

March Mission Box Collection ~ Gift Cards for Wellmore - Target & Walmart gift cards to be donated to Wellmore. To donate, see Casey at the Scrip table.

April Missions Box Collection- is change for **Holy Joe's Café**. In 2006, members of The First Congregational Church in Wallingford started Holy Joe's Café to support chaplains in Iraq and Afghanistan by providing coffee to serve the troops. Holy Joe's Café has grown since then and currently ships coffee and supplies to hundreds of military locations. Our church has supported Holy Joe's for a number of years by collecting change (and bills), often during Lent. Maybe you have some change hanging around your house, or maybe you want to think about contributing the equivalent of your daily cup of coffee. You can save your money in the cup we'll provide or another container of your choice. Checks, paper money, and change are all acceptable for donation. **We will have a jar for contributions on the small table at the front of the sanctuary.** Please be generous to support our troops.

Easter Flowers - With Easter just around the corner, it's time to order plants for our Easter Sunday. Lilies (\$14.00) tulips (\$8.00) Please take your plants after the Easter service to enjoy at home. **Orders due by 4/11.** Forms available in the Easter Basket at the back of the church.

Spring Clean-Up ~ Saturday, April 12, 9-12 pm - Volunteers welcomed. We will be doing outdoor projects hedge trimming, raking, mulching, sweeping are some of what we expect to do.

Palm Sunday Pot Luck Dinner - April 13 - As always, we are excited to have the dinner this year. The dinner is always well attended and a lot of fun. People who will be coming to the dinner are asked to sign-up on the list outside the kitchen door and indicate a category of dish that they'll be bringing.

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 Church

Holy Week Schedule



April 13, 10 am Palm Sunday
April 17, 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday; Service of Communion and Tenebrae
April 18, 12-3 pm Good Friday; Sanctuary open for personal meditation
April 20, 10 am Easter Sunday

Prayers for:

All the women and girls and all the vulnerable people of the world.
(Marianne Burbank)

Joys for:

Celebrating 50 days of skiing for Bill Borchert.
(Phil)

Interim Minister: Rev. Kurt Satherlie

Director of Music: Mary Lou Keefe

Asst. of Faith Formation: Karen Needham

Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia

Deacons: Cora Mutch & Phil Doyle

Greeters: Dan & Patti LeGeyt

Ministers: Every Member

Dir. of Faith Formation: Dr. Hollace Bristol

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Trustees: Don Scott & Scott Neumann

Coffee Hour: Craig & Linda McAllister

Sunday 30	Monday 31	Tuesday 1	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3	Friday 4	Saturday 5
Worship 10 am	Choir 4:15 pm AI-Anon 7:30 pm	AA -7 pm	Diaconate 7 pm ACA 7 pm	Bell Choir 5:30 pm		AA 11:00 pm