

**THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CANTON CENTER, CT**

April 20, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.

EASTER SERVICE



The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake.

Basil Hume ~ Archbishop of Westminster

April 20, 2025

~ EASTER SUNDAY ~

10:00 a.m.

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

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

Rondo Jubilate

Douglas Wagner

Cherry Brook Chimes Handbell Choir and Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome, friends! Let us gather as one body,
united in celebration for Christ the Lord is risen!

Let every heart rejoice, and every voice sing! Christ is risen!

As we celebrate the resurrection of Your Son,
remind us of the interconnectedness of all life.

Let us share our stories of hope and witness to the power of Christ's love!

**We are a community of believers, called to proclaim the Good News!
Bless this time of worship, that we may leave this place
filled with the light of Your love.**

Let us join our voices in praise, lifting up the name of the risen Savior!

**We gather with hearts full of joy and gratitude,
ready to celebrate together!**

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen indeed!

*HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Chalice (blue), #216

*GATHERING PRAYER & *THE LORD'S PRAYER

God of resurrection and new beginnings, we gather this morning, our spirits lifted by the glorious news of Christ's victory. We thank You for the dawn that broke upon the empty tomb, for the light that banished the

darkness, and for the hope that overcomes despair. May the wonder of Easter ignite within us a renewed sense of purpose, a deeper love for You, and a greater compassion for all Your creation. Loving God, as we open our hearts to Your risen Son, transform us by Your grace. Let us carry the light of Easter into the world, sharing the Good News of Your love with all we meet. 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

Gracious God, giver of all good gifts, we bring before You our offerings, symbols of our gratitude for the boundless gift of Your Son's resurrection. Just as You poured out Your love for us, may we pour out our hearts in generosity. Bless these gifts, that they may be used to further Your work and spread the joy of Easter to all. We will now receive our Sunday morning offering.



OFFERTORY

Sing to the Lord a New Song
Senior Choir



Craig Courtney

***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**

Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the resurrection, we dedicate ourselves to living lives of renewed purpose. May these gifts, and our very selves, be used to bring Your light into the world. Help us to be bearers of hope, spreading the message of Your love and the promise of eternal life. Empower us to use our resources, our time, and our talents to reflect Your love and grace. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen

SCRIPTURE



John 20:1-18 ~ Pew Bible pg. 882

SERMON

A Message of Hope ~ The Transforming Power of Easter

***HYMN**

Rejoice the Lord Is King

Pilgrim (Red) #204

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Joys & Concerns

Moment of Silence

Pastoral Prayer

***HYMN**

Thine Is the Glory

Pilgrim (Red) #193

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Litany for Easter

Senior Choir

***POSTLUDE**

Grand Chorus in B flat

Theodore Dubois

The Worship is ended ~ Our Service Now Begins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Scrip table closed this morning

If you would like to purchase a gift card, please call, text or email Casey:
860-371-1016 or levine429@gmail.com. Have a Happy Easter!

April Missions Box Collection- 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 has grown and currently ships coffee and supplies to hundreds of military locations. You can save your money in the cup we'll provide or another container of your choice.

Checks, cash and change are all acceptable for donation.

There will be a jar on the small table at the front of the sanctuary.

Second Hour ~ Pastoral Search

Next Sunday, April 27 after Worship, the Pastoral Search Committee will hold a "Second Hour" to discuss updates on the Pastoral Search.

Funeral for Peter B. Keefe

The funeral of Peter B. Keefe will take place on April 26 at 9:30 a.m.
at the Montano-Shea Funeral Home located at 922 Main St. in Winsted,
with Rev. Kurt Satherlie and will include a Masonic Funeral.

Internment will immediately follow at the Winchester Center Cemetery at 11:00 a.m.

Continued Prayers for:

Friends trying to overcome alcohol and drug abuse. (Darryl Haberern)

Family and Friends of Elenor Smith after her passing.

*All the girls/women/marginalized people of the world... for their health, reproductive rights,
safety and for the continued work vs. violence vs. women. (Marianne Burbank)*

The family of Ryan Gohla who recently passed at the age of 45.

Ryan was a close friend of our daughter & son-in-law. (Linda & Craig McAllister)

EASTER FLOWERS



Given by:

Betsy Ash & Phil Doyle

Patti LeGeyt

Lori & Grant Hagedorn

Marianne Burbank

Pastor Kurt Satherlie

Stephen & Laura Thomas

Evelyn Sealand

Darryl Haberern

Craig & Linda McAllister

Mary Lou C. Keefe

Susan Turner

Hugh Anderson

ML

Bob Howson

In Loving Memory of:

*Our parents,
Phil & Alice and Alfred & Lucinda*

Dan & Patti's Moms

Carol & Walter Soderberg

*Mary & Sam Humphrey
Aunt Ruthie Humphrey*

*My father, Kenneth Satherlie
My sister, Karen Satherlie Davidson*

Bill & Ellie Thomas

*My husband, Evans
My parents, Harry & Janet Jackson
Evans' parents, Evans & Marion Sealand*

My parents Edna & Robert Petersen

*Our parents Margueriette Baran
and Gwen & John Johnson*

*My husband Peter B. Keefe
Our parents, Edward & Dorothy H. Keefe
and Lester & Dorothy F. Chamberlin
Our son, Jason Edward Keefe*

*Leon & Vera Turner
Ruth & Alden Tyrol
Burton Turner
Dick Berry
Erick Erickson*

Tom and Jeff

My dear friend Nanci

*Edgar & Olive Howson
Patricia Ann Howson
Lt. Col. Richard Gordan Howson*

Given by:

*Mommy & Daddy
Mom & Dad
Mom & Phil
Daddy
Phil LeGeyt*

Cora Mutch

Given by:

*Alison Dolan
Tim & Cary LeGeyt
Pastor Kurt Satherlie
The Dunns
Casey Levine*

William P. Borchert

Kristin Oswald

Darryl Haberern

Craig & Linda McAllister

Charles & Donna Hammond

Skip & Nancy Alford

Given by:

*Pastor Kurt Satherlie
Karen & Gail Macbeth*

In Loving Memory of:

*Casey LeGeyt
Brett E. Hooper
Denise Perkins Humphrey
My Little Angel
Mom & Dad*

*My mom & dad, Muriel & Henry LeGeyt
My father in-law, Jim Mutch, Sr.*

In Celebration of:

*All of those who encourage our faith
Our family
My wife, Jennifer McBride Satherlie
Our children and their children
My family, my niece Rebecca, and
in anticipation of my new grand-niece
Abigail Borchert, John Borchert
and Mallory Hennigar
Spring and our beautiful church family
My grandson, Greyson Robert Penn
Our daughters Cailyn and Lauren
and their families
Our family past and present
Our loved ones, past and present*

In Honor of:

*My mother, Dorothy Satherlie
Our family and friends*



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

Office Manager: Kristen DiMattia

Dir. of Faith Formation: Jody Swan

Sexton: Walt LeGeyt

Greeters: Karen Needham

Duty Deacons: Beth Lingenheld & Paul Stansel

Duty Trustees: Phil LeGeyt



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