

First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Ellsworth, Maine



Founded in 1812

*Come with hope or despair,
expectation, or disappointment, and
seek God even as God seeks you.*

**ORDER FOR WORSHIP
TRANSFIGURATION**

February 11, 2024

10 a.m.

*Hearing devices and large print hymnals are available—
please ask an usher if you require them.
Thank you for turning off electronic devices before worship begins.
Please stand if you are able.

RINGING THE BELL

9:45 a.m.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

*This Little Light of Mine
Jesus, the Light of the World*

arr. Krug
arr. Bliss

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT *Out of need and out of custom*
You may follow the text in the hymnal, #293.

Medema

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

One: It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

All: We know what to expect and what is expected of us.

One: But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

All: We are not sure we are ready for that.

One: Place your hope and trust in Christ, for He is your guide.

**All: Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision he places
before us. AMEN.**

*HYMN

O for a thousand tongues to sing

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*OPENING PRAYER (unison)

Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty, in Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, we glimpse the image of your glory. Teach us to listen to him so that we may hear your voice and follow your holy ways, Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME FOR ALL AGES & THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM *My Jesus, I love thee* arr. Sjolund

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me, Lord,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; *if ever...*

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: *if ever...*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament	Psalm 30:1-5	p.468 OT
Epistle	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	p.159 NT
Gospel	Luke 9:28-36	p.60 NT

SERMON

Transformation

Rev. McDonald

*HYMN

Great is thy faithfulness

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MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Ken, Kara, Steve & Lisa

Choral Response

Amen

West

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

OFFERTORY

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Kendrick

*DOXOLOGY

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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus

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BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

Peace be upon you

Wilshire

Peace be upon you and guard you forever.

Go in the knowledge that God is with you.

POSTLUDE

The Courts of Praise

Logan

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Lynn Hall, *Organist*
Nancy Sargent, *Choir Director*
Martin Vachon, *Liturgist*
Rev. Matthew McDonald, *Guest Minister*
Cindy & Charlie Sargent, *Ushers*
Lois Stevens, *Greeter*
Ruth & Troy Tainter, *Facebook, WDEA & Zoom*
John A. Lacey, *February Deacon*

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Please respect the space of those who choose to mask.





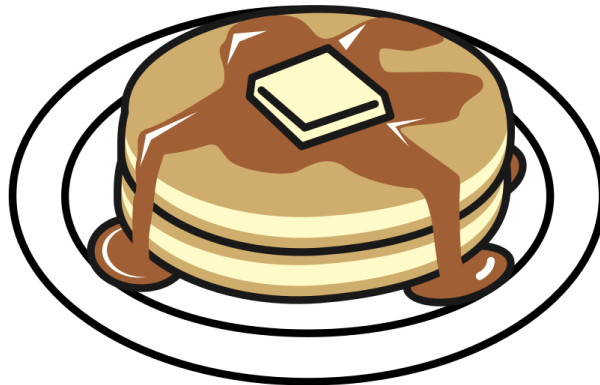
Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper is back!

February 13 at 5:30 PM


Free to All

Celebrate the end of Mardi Gras
by JOINING us for the final party!

Bring a non-perishable food item to donate
to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry.



Family Event
Free games, prizes, food!





**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
OF PENITENCE & INVITATION TO LENT
Wednesday February 14, 7 p.m.**

The Rev. Cassandra McDonald and friends from the Ellsworth Falls congregation will join us. There will be the imposition of ashes for those who desire it. Begin your Lenten journey here!

**Roast Turkey Supper
Saturday, February 24, serving 5:00 to 6:30 pm**



Roast turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, green beans, salad, rolls, homemade pies and beverages (coffee, tea, lemonade)

\$10 per person ~ \$25 per family

We need volunteers to set up, cook, serve, wash dishes, and bake pies. Please contact Ruth Tainter immediately about the ways you can help.

*Our purpose,
First Congregational Church, UCC, Ellsworth, Maine:*

To embrace the life, ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ

In meaningful and dynamic ways through

creative worship,

supportive fellowship,

compassionate outreach, and

stimulating Christian education for all ages;

To be a faithful community which, led by the Holy Spirit,

expresses hospitality,

nurtures spiritual growth, and

promotes a deep sense of belonging;

To strive to build on commonalities while seeking to

understand, accept, and

celebrate our differences;

To stand as a beacon of hope in a hurting and troubled world by

sharing the Good News of the Gospel, and

practicing God's love as embodied by Jesus Christ.

We welcome all to walk with us on the journey of faith.

As adopted by the Congregation at its Annual Meeting – January 22, 2012



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