



First Congregational Church UCC - Founded 1812
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*Come with hope or despair, expectation, or disappointment,
and seek God even as God seeks you.*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

May 12, 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

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Come, Thou Almighty King*

arr. Page

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WELCOME

Jesus, stand among us in your risen power.
Let this time of worship be a holy hour.
Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart.
Bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100:1-3,5

One: Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful song.

All: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

One: Know that the Lord is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends.

All: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

One: The Lord is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

All: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

*HYMN

Gather Us In

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*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

Spirit of Life, in whom we live and move and have our being, we worship you. We thank you for your presence among us and in your whole creation. Fill us with your power, that by truthful words, just actions, and shared life we may witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Open to us the possibility that we are being chosen to be new disciples with new ministries in Jesus' name. 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.

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays: Anna, Don, Lee, Michael

Response (all) *Hear, our prayer* 306

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord,

Incline your ear to us and grant us your peace.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES *(Mail to PO Box 12, Ellsworth, 04605)*

OFFERTORY *My Life* Gardner

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN *He leadeth me: O blessed thought!* 545

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE (all) *God be with you till we meet again* 434

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,

With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE *He is King of Kings* Wagner

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Lynn Hall, *Organist*
Nancy Sargent, *Choral Director*
Myrna Valette, *Liturgist*
Rev. Keith Bowie, *Transitional Minister*
Sue & Mike Fuller, *Ushers*
Lois Stevens, *Greeter*
Anne Bancroft, *May Deacon*
Ruth & Troy Tainter, *Facebook, WDEA & Zoom*



MASKING IS OPTIONAL IN THE CHURCH BUILDING.
We suggest physical distancing. Thank you for respecting the space of those who choose to mask.

Chowder Supper

At our church on
Saturday, May 25, 2024, serving 5:00 to 6:30 pm



*Fish or corn chowder, tossed salad,
oyster crackers or Saltines, homemade pies,
and beverages (coffee, tea, lemonade)*

\$10 per person ~ \$25 per family (2 adults, 2 children)

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

THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED 110 MEALS ON MAY 8.

Serving Wednesdays 2:30 - 4 p.m., take-out only

WELCOME TABLE, our free community meal, serves take-out only.

Please call the church on Wednesdays **before noon**, 667-8321,
to reserve a meal. Donations always gratefully received.

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