

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.*



## \*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

**Risen Christ, you step into the rooms we try to hide in, past our fear, past our doubt, past our guarded hearts. Speak your peace over us now. Quiet what overwhelms us. Steady what feels uncertain. Open us to your presence, so that we don't leave here the same, but changed, strengthened, and sent. We are here, Lord. Meet us in this moment. Amen.**

## SPECIAL MOMENTS

Peace

## 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 *For Where Love Is, There is God*

Wagner

Come as strangers to the altar, for where love is, there is God.  
 Come you poor you weak who falter, for where love is, there is God.  
 Song and scripture wed together, bound by faith in sacred Word,  
 Sharing peace and consolation, for where love is, there is God.  
 Let us each love one another, for where love is, there is God,  
 And embrace as sister, brother, for where love is, there is God.  
 Heal our hurting, lift our spirits, cease our cold, contentious ways.  
 Spread the grace of love unending, for where love is, there is God.  
 Alleluia, praise the Lord. For where love is, there is God.



\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Hallelujah! Thine the Glory*

arr. Lasky

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*For where love is, there is God, words Charlotte Lee adapted from Ubi caritas et amor 9<sup>th</sup> cent.  
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Lynn Hall, *Organist*

Nancy Sargent, *Choral Director*

Andrew Elliott, *Pastor*

Martin Vachon, *Liturgist*

Cindy Sargent & Donna Shea, *Ushers*

Lois Stevens, *Greeter*

Ruth & Troy Tainter, *Facebook, WDEA & Zoom*

Cindy Sargent, *April Deacon*

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**Worship is broadcast live through  
WDEA AM 1370, Facebook, and Zoom.**

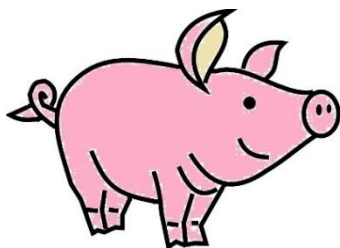
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**VISITORS, GUESTS, AND SEEKERS ARE WELCOME**

We pray that your experience of worship enriches and sustains you in the week ahead. If you are visiting, we hope you will introduce yourself to those around you and to the Pastor. Please join us for coffee after the service. If you have any questions, please ask an usher.

# Ham Supper

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**  
**5:00 to 6:30 p.m.**



Baked ham, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots,  
green beans, salad, rolls, homemade pies  
and beverages (coffee, tea, lemonade)

**\$12 per person ~ \$25 per family (2 adults, 2 children)**

*Great food ~ Great company ~ Great fun*

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

## **THE WELCOME TABLE SERVED 146 MEALS ON APRIL 8.**

WELCOME TABLE, our free community meal, serves take-out only on Wednesdays from 2-3:30 p.m. Please call the church on Wednesdays **before 11 a.m.**, 667-8321, to reserve a meal.

Donations always gratefully received.

(When Ellsworth public schools are closed for inclement weather, there is no Welcome Table that day.)

# Halleluía!

*Jesus is risen!  
He is risen indeed!*

*May this declaration  
resound not only in these walls  
but touch the lives  
of all we meet  
and forever be  
the truth of which we speak.  
Your love,  
once sown within a garden,  
tended for your own people,  
neglected and rejected,  
now spreads its sweet perfume  
in this place  
and wherever it is shown.*

- Author unknown

*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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