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

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

****Please stand as you are able.***

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

April 19, 2026

10 a.m.

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

*All Creatures of our God and King
My Jesus, I Love Thee*

arr. Page
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WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT *Jesus stand among us*

Filitz

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 (responsively)

One: Come, you who have missed what was right in front of you. Come, you who are still searching, still wondering, still hoping.

All: We come as we are, with questions, with doubts, with open hearts.

One: Christ meets us on the road, in the ordinary, in the unexpected, in this very moment. He opens our eyes, he stirs something within us, he calls us forward.

All: And once we see, once it finally becomes clear, we cannot go back.

One: So come, let us worship the One, who turns missing into seeing, and seeing into living.

All: Let us gather with open hearts, that our eyes may be opened, and our lives transformed.

*HYMN

Open my eyes, that I may see

586

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison)

God of resurrection and revelation, You meet us on the road, in our questions, in our grief, in our searching. Open our eyes this day, that we may recognize your presence among us. Warm our hearts with your truth, and lead us into lives of courage and faith. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

SPECIAL MOMENTS

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

And I Shall Not Be Moved

Courtney

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Holy God, as your Word is read and proclaimed, clear away what clouds our vision. Let Scripture come alive within us, not just as words we hear, but as truth that changes us. Open our minds to understand, and our hearts to respond. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

New Testament

Acts 2:14, 36-41

pew Bible p.103 & 104 NT

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

pew Bible p.78 NT

SERMON

From Missing It to Living It, No Going Back After This

*HYMN

I want Jesus to walk with me

627

MORNING PRAYERS

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays: Dan

Choral Response

Hear our prayer, O God

Arcadelt

Hear thou our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, mighty one.

In thy great mercy, hear us, our true guidance and our strength. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

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| OFFERTORY | <i>Love the Lord Your God</i> | Strathdee |
| *DOXOLOGY | | 46 |
| *PRAYER OF DEDICATION | | |
| *HYMN | <i>Let there be peace on earth</i> (sung twice) | 677 |
| *BENEDICTION | | |
| POSTLUDE | <i>Sing and Rejoice</i> | Smith |

Jesus, stand among us, words William Pennefather 1873, tune WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN Friedrich Filitz 1847
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Hear thou our prayer, Jacob Arcadelt (1514-1575) | Public Domain

Lynn Hall, *Organist*
Nancy Sargent, *Choral Director*
Andrew Elliott, *Pastor*
Myrna Vallette, *Liturgist & Special Moments*
Cindy Sargent & Ginny Davis, *Ushers*
Lois Stevens, *Greeter*
Ruth & Troy Tainter, *Facebook, WDEA & Zoom*
Cindy Sargent, *April Deacon*

Thank you for sitting in the front half of the sanctuary today.

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

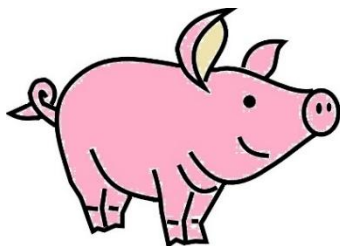
VISITORS, GUESTS, AND SEEKERS ARE WELCOME

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 150 MEALS ON APRIL 15.

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.

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