

The First Congregational Church

Walpole, NH, United Church of Christ

April 19, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – Third Sunday of Easter



*Everything that is new or uncommon raises a pleasure in the imagination,
because it fills the soul with an agreeable surprise, gratifies its curiosity,
and gives it an idea of which it was not before possessed.*

— Joseph Addison

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Gathering Music/ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 116)

Leader: I love God, who has heard my voice and my supplications.

**People: God's ear was inclined to us, therefore we will
call on the Holy One as long as we live.**

Leader: The snares of death encompassed me;
The pangs of Sheol laid hold of me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

**People: Then we called on the name of God:
"We beseech thee, save our lives!"**

Leader: Gracious is Our God, righteous, and merciful.

People: What shall we render to the Holy One for all God's bounty?

Leader: God delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

All: We shall walk before our God in the land of the living.

Hymn NCH #252 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (unison)

God, we greet your Holy Spirit with each new breath. Help us feel your presence as we ponder your Word and as we pray. In this company, grant us strength and vision to discover your way for us. Before we can serve you with all our hearts, we must confess the ways we have fallen short. We regret the hurt we have caused by our words and actions. We acknowledge the work we have left undone through cowardice and neglect. Forgive us, we pray. Renew us and fortify us with the power of your love. Help us to listen, even as we offer you our silent confessions...

Words of Assurance

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Children's Message

Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Sung Amen

Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 36–41; Luke 24:13–35

Scripture Response

Leader: For the Word in Scripture, for the Word among us,
for the Word within us:

All: Thanks be to God!

Sung Response (2 Times) Psalm 119:105

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Sermon

Reverend Mary Campbell

Hymn NCH #349 *I Come with Joy*

Call to Offering

Doxology Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Gracious God, through the precious lamb who is our Christ, you have redeemed us beyond the perishable silver and gold we now present to you. We pay our vows of devotion, offering you these sacrifices of thanksgiving. Amen.

Hymn NCH #198 *Lift High the Cross*

Benediction

Benediction Response Go Now in Peace

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

Postlude

Pastor: Reverend Richard Malmberg

Ushers and Greeters: ??????

Lay reader: Kathy Yardley

Music Director: Anna Dunn

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Please pray for:

Dean Prentiss, Bill Sudsbury, Chuck Shaw, Dave Adams,
Linda Graff and Bob Rhodes

Prayers for our sister church in Zimbabwe

Members living in retirement homes:

Becky Hubbard and Carol Lamp

The Altar flowers today are given today by Deb McCollister.

On the cover: *Jesus and disciples on the Road to Emmaus*, by Pieter Bruegel the Elder, engraved by Phillipe Galle after the artist's death, 1571