

A SERVICE FOR EARLY MORNING
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

April 28, 2024
(8:30 a.m.)



PRELUDE "O Lead Us Father" M. Mondo
Annetta Sekula, Organist

A FEW BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS
A PRAYER FOR TODAY

*We delight ourselves in the presence of Christ and his love for all creation.
We open our hearts to receive Christ's abundant love.
Christ calls us to see him as the vine and for us to become the branches.
Let us seek to produce much fruit in God's Garden where all are welcome.
Come, let us worship the Creator of all that was, is and forever will be.
Amen*

*SING TOGETHER #2223 (*The Faith We Sing Hymnal*)
They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

PRAYERS OF JOY, PRAYERS OF NEED
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

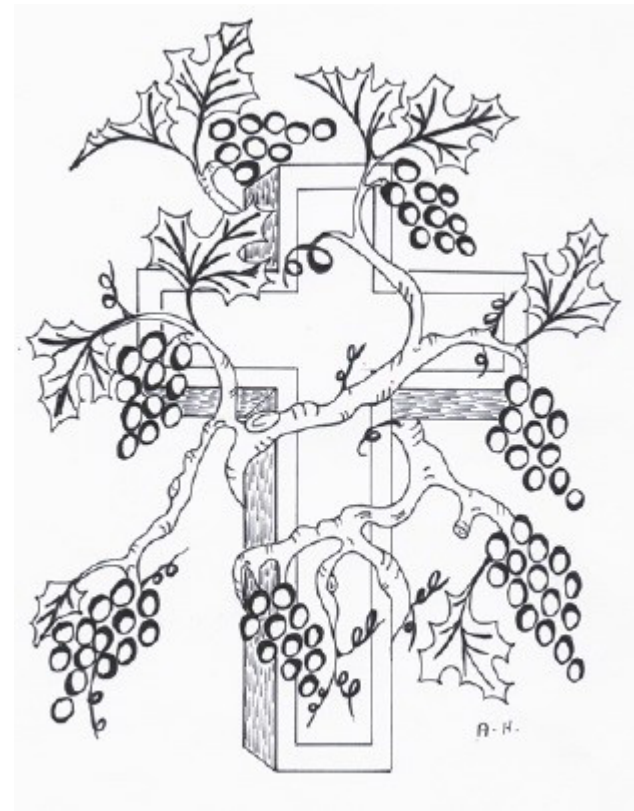
A PSALM FOR TODAY Psalm 22:25-31 (p. 753, *Red Hymnal*)
WE HEAR GOD'S WORD John 15:1-8 (p. 983)
MESSAGE FOR TODAY "*Cleansed by the Word*"
PRAYER Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Caronna

*HYMN #399 *Take My Life and Let It Be*
BENEDICTION

*May the Lord bless us and keep us.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us.
May the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us,
and grant us all his peace, today, tomorrow and forever.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



*Thank you for coming this morning! May this Spring Day be a time
to experience the joy and power of the risen Christ. You are invited to
place your weekly offerings in the plate as you exit the church. Please
join us for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall following the
service.*



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

April 28, 2024

(10:00 a.m.)

PRELUDE "O Lead Us Father" M. Mondo
Annetta Sekula, Organist

A FEW BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "I Woke Up this Morning" African American Spiritual

GATHERING WORDS Kathryn Russell, Lay Reader

*HYMN #2223 (The Faith We Sing Hymnal)
They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

CHILDRENS SERMON

*HYMN #2251 (The Faith We Sing Hymnal)
We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 22:25-31 (p. 753, Red Hymnal)

*RESPONSE Gloria Patri
Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

*RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

ANTHEM "Classic Alleluia" Caldara

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 8:26-40 (p. 1000)

FROM THE GOSPELS John 15:1-8 (p. 983)

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

SERMON "Cleansed by the Word" Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Caronna

*CLOSING HYMN #399 Take My Life and Let It Be

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RESPONSE "Father, Give Thy Benediction"

Laudi Spirituati 14th Century

POSTLUDE "Go Serve the Lord" P. Branchina



Today

Thank you to Pastor Cheryl for the beautiful Altarscape.

Our Ushers are Jane Syme and Stuart Palmer.

Family Fellowship will be hosted by Dorothy DeMichael after the 8:30 service and by Kathryn Russell following 10:00 worship.

Thank you to Tom Groth for live streaming the service this morning.

Deacons on Duty for May, 2024

Stu Palmer is Deacon on Call, Jane Syme is Sanctuary Rep., and Art Robbins is arranging for Lay Readers and Flowers.



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