

A SERVICE FOR EARLY MORNING
THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

May 5, 2024
(8:30 a.m.)



PRELUDE "Prelude in C Major" P. Branchina
Annetta Sekula, Organist

A FEW BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Jesus, our friend, on this day we are reminded to love one another is to live knowing the joy of meaningful relationships. May this time of worship, filled with prayer, word and song, remind us of the love we have in you. May we be filled with joy as we share that love with others. Amen

*SING TOGETHER #154 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
(v. 1,2,5,6)

PRAYERS OF JOY, PRAYERS OF NEED

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*trespasses*)

A PSALM FOR TODAY Psalm 98:1-6 p. 818 (*Red Hymnal*)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD John 15:9-17 (p. 983-984)

MESSAGE FOR TODAY "He Called Them Friends"

PRAYER Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Caronna

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to come forward to the front of the church and receive Communion there. Please dip the bread in the cup and partake of the elements before returning to your seat.

*HYMN #668 Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

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.

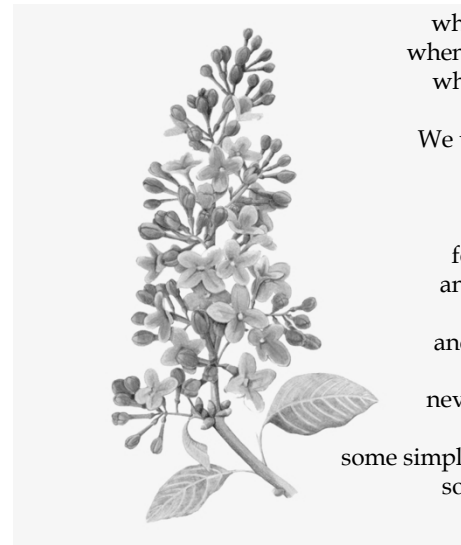


Thank you for coming this morning! May this Spring Day be a time to experience the joy and power of the risen Christ. You are invited to place your weekly offerings in the plate as you exit the church. Please join us for coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall following the service.

WHAT WILL SAVE US

Love is what will save us
in the end,
when we have finished our fumbling
toward happiness or success,
when we are too tired to fight or struggle,
when the old enemies are gone or forgotten,
when the world itself, broken and fearful,
waits for some new day.
We will breathe a small prayer of gratitude
for the blessings we did not deserve,
for rain and Spring and lilacs,
and arms that held us on a dark night,
for a song that came to rest in our heart,
and a child who trusted in our goodness.
And we will rest in that prayer,
and in the hope that something in our life
was bright and true enough to endure,
never knowing that some kind act of ours,
some gift we gave out of sheer joy,
some simple word of sympathy or understanding,
some anger we restrained or silence kept
was surely the love,
most holy, most true,
that helped to heal the world.

--Timothy Haut



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
DEEP RIVER, CONNECTICUT
THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
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INTROIT "What a Mighty God We Serve" adapted by J. Schrader

GATHERING WORDS Deb Brown, Lay Reader

*HYMN #154 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name
(v. 1,2,5,6)

CHILDRENS SERMON

*HYMN #526 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 98:1-6 p. 818 (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.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Acts 10:44-48 (p. 1003)

FROM THE GOSPELS John 15:9-17 (p. 983-984)

A MOMENT FOR SILENT PRAYER

SERMON "He Called Them Friends" Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Caronna

COMMUNION HYMN #617 I Come with Joy (v. 1-3)
(You may remain seated)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (p. 13-14)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of His glory, (3x)

Holy is the Lord.

ANTHEM "O Lord, Bread of Life" Gabriel Faure

*CLOSING HYMN #668 Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace

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RESPONSE "Amen" Danish

POSTLUDE "Go with Joy" G.R. Martini



Today

The flowers are given by Art Robbins to honor the Sunday School teachers and all teachers as part of National Teacher Appreciation Week.

Our Ushers are Dave Baucum and Tom Lindner.

Thank you to Luther Moen for doing the live stream today.

All are invited to the International Food Fair and Craft Show following both services.

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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