

Welcome! During the Worship Services

In worship, the people read the **bold print** and a liturgist reads the regular print. Worship guides or notations are *italicized*.

“†” indicates to please stand as you are able.

- ① Easter Proclamation
Pastor: Christ is risen!
People: **Christ is risen indeed!**
- ② A Prayer on Easter Day
Almighty God, You give us the joy of celebrating Jesus’ resurrection. And on this Easter Day, we pray for Your renewing Holy Spirit to raise us up. Strengthen us as we arise from daily drudgery to a life of faith and hope. Give us also the joy of life in Your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal. Amen.
- ③ Vision Statement
It is our vision to be a community of faith as loving and considerate of persons as Jesus; as devoted to justice as the Old Testament prophets; as responsive to truth as science; as beautiful as art; as intimate as the home; and as indispensable as the air we breathe.

Based on the Founders’ Statement of the Congregational Church in Lee, MA, 1778

Our Liturgists in Worship Today Are

8:00 a.m. Bill Emslie
9:30 a.m. Cindi Ross-Bell
11:00 a.m. Rae Batch

Brass Quartet

Anna Dees, trumpet
David Handshue, trumpet
Dan Morris, trombone
Will Gamache, trombone

Worship in the Sanctuary 8:00 a.m.

Gathering Music
“Christ Lay in Death’s Strong Bonds” J.S. Bach
“The Strife is O’er” Lisa Shoemaker-Lohmeyer

Welcome
Easter Proclamation ①

Introit
“Hallelujah from ‘Judas Maccabeus’” G.F. Handel
Sanctuary Choir, Brass, Organ, and Timpani

† **Hymn**
“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” UMH #302

Opening Prayer
Children’s Time
Hymn
“Up from the Grave He Arose” (v. 1 & 3) UMH #322
The Lord’s Prayer

A Prayer on Easter Day ② Liturgist

Anthem
“Hallelujah from ‘Christ on the Mount of Olives’” Beethoven
Sanctuary Choir, Brass, Organ, and Timpani

Singing Into Silence
“Alleluia” TFWS #2014

Prayers for Others

Scripture Job 19:23-25

Offering
Prayer of Dedication Liturgist
Offertory
“Lift High the Cross” arr. Joel Raney
David Adkins, piano and Karen Stoodly, organ
† **Doxology** UMH #95

† **Hymn**
“He Lives” UMH #310

Scripture Matthew 28:1-10
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Earthquake of Joy”
Rev. Vivian C. Hiestand

Vision Statement ③ Liturgist

† **Hymn**
“Easter People, Raise Your Voices” UMH #304

† **Benediction**
† **Choral Benediction**
“Hallelujah from ‘Messiah’” G.F. Handel
Sanctuary Choir, Congregation, Brass, Organ, Timpani

Postlude
“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!” arr. G. Martin

Worship in the Sanctuary 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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Sermon “Resurrecting the Alleluias”
Rev. Charles Murry

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Easter Lily Dedications

Mary and Chuck Andre—in memory of Jessie and Vincent Evans, Crystal Johnson, and Annette Gaston; in honor of Mary, Scott, Heidi, and Nikita Andre; in honor of Melissa, Dan, Everett, and Finley Neubaum

Rae and Myrt-Louise Batch—in honor of our family

Curtis Bridges—in memory of Kathy Bridges and Robert and Jean Bridges

Jim Collinson—in memory of Jane Collinson

Jim, Doreen, and Mark Dudley—in memory of David Gurka and John and Iona Dudley

Bill and Tracey Emslie—in memory of our parents: Margery and James Palmer; Hazel and Bill Emslie

Genevieve Forbes—in memory of Alvin Forbes

Rozella Friedrich and Family—in loving memory of husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather Fred Friedrich

Paul and Glenda Gill—in celebration of Glenn Gill’s health

Sue Harmon—in memory of my mother and grandmother

Vivian and John Hiestand—in memory of our parents and grandparents

Margaret and George Janson—in memory of our parents

Gordon and Karen Knuckey—in memory of our families

Stephanie Lane—in memory of Tom Lane

Marilyn Meyers—in memory of Glenn and Nellie Meyers

Charles and Cheri Murry—in memory of Elias Sebuya

Wayne and Shirley Myers—in memory of Melanie Sue and Dylan Fuller

Winnette Nielsen—in memory of Erwin

Steve Spelts and Sandy Odenbach—in memory of Sidney and Agnes Spelts and Elizabeth Edgerton

Putman Family—in honor of all of the youth of the church

Joan Richard—in honor of my children’s Eastertide birthdays

Win and Joanne Schendel—in memory of our parents and in honor of our family

Ted and Linda Schlagenhauf—in memory of our parents

This Week at First Church

Sunday, April 16, 2017—Easter

- 6:00 AM Sunrise Worship Service..... Sanctuary**
- 8:00 AM Classic Worship Service Sanctuary**
- 9:30 AM Classic Worship Service Sanctuary**
- 11:00 AM Classic Worship Service Sanctuary**

Please join us in the Parlor between services for light refreshments and fellowship.

Monday, April 17, 2017

Church Office and Building Closed for the Easter Holiday
 2:00 PM God's Welcome Class.....
 Old Town Library, Study Room B

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

- ALL DAY Stage to Storage Construction.....
 Fellowship Hall 3
- 8:00 AM Preschool South Entrance
- 8:30 AM Carillon Mailing Conference Room
- 8:55 AM Worship Staff Meeting ... Wesley Commons
- 9:00 AM Moms' Day Out South Entrance
- 9:00 AM Quilt Group..... Parlor
- 9:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Reference Library
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting Wesley Commons
- 12:30 PM PEO Chapter AL Meeting Village Commons
- 4:00 PM God's Welcome Class.... Conference Room
- 4:00 PM Bible Study..... Gathering Place
- 6:45 PM Spring View 4-H Village Commons
- 7:00 PM Circle Abigail Conference Room
- 7:00 PM Elissa Hale Memorial Service and Reception
 Sanctuary and Parlor

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

- ALL DAY Stage to Storage Construction.....
 Fellowship Hall 3
- 8:00 AM Preschool South Entrance
- 9:00 AM Organ Practice – Karen Stoody...Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Sunshine Singers..... Village Commons
- 9:15 AM Scheduling Team Gathering Place
- 9:30 AM Circle Sarah Parlor
- 10:30 AM God's Welcome Class.... Conference Room
- 1:30 PM Clergy Meeting..... Gathering Place
- 3:00 PM Kids' Closet Kids' Closet
- 4:30 PM Beginner Bell ChoirChoir Room
- 5:30 PM Supper in the Spirit Parlor
- 6:00 PM Faith Communities: Can We Heal the
 Political Divide?..... Parlor
- 6:00 PM Children's Programs
Artisan Avenue & Cinema Center
- 6:00 PM Bell Choir RehearsalChoir Room
- 7:00 PM Finance Committee..... Village Commons

7:30 PM Youth Council Meeting Youth Basement

Thursday, April 20, 2017

- ALL DAY Stage to Storage Construction
 Fellowship Hall 3
- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study.....
 The Egg & I, South College Avenue
- 8:00 AM Preschool..... South Entrance
- 9:00 AM Moms' Day Out..... South Entrance
- 9:00 AM Organ Practice – Karen Stoody... Sanctuary
- 11:30 AM Third Thursday Lunch Blue Agave
- 2:00 PM Lions Sight..... Fellowship Hall 1
- 3:00 PM OK Chorale..... Village Commons
- 5:30 PM Stover Street Stompers Fellowship Hall 2
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts, Den 4 Meeting Club 56
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts, Den 7 Meeting
 Computer Commons
- 6:00 PM Theologian in Residence Web Demo.....
 Gathering Place
- 6:30 PM Theologian in Residence Panel Discussion
 Parlor
- 6:30 PM God's Welcome Class Conference Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Choir Room and Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts Den 3 Meeting
 Wesley Commons
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts Den 5 Meeting Upper Room
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts Den 6 Meeting Corner Café
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts Den 12 Meeting
 Village Commons

Friday, April 21, 2017

- ALL DAY Stage to Storage Construction
 Fellowship Hall 3
- 8:00 AM Preschool..... South Entrance
- 9:00 AM Moms' Day Out..... South Entrance
- 9:00 AM Organ Practice – Karen Stoody... Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Sharon Netik Funeral Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM Organ Practice – David Adkins ... Sanctuary

Saturday, April 22, 2017

- ALL DAY Stage to Storage Construction
 Fellowship Hall 3
- 9:00 AM Kids' Closet Kids' Closet
- 10:00 AM Children's Musical Dress Rehearsal
 Sanctuary

Sunday, April 23, 2017

- ALL DAY Stage to Storage Construction.....
 Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 AM Classic Worship Service Chapel**
- 9:30 AM Classic Worship ServiceSanctuary**
- 9:30 AM Samaritan Sunday School Class Parlor
- 9:30 AM Serendipity Sunday School Class
Village Commons
- 9:30 AM Upper Room Sunday School Class
Upper Room - Rm 235
- 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School Youth Basement
- 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School.....
 Village Classrooms
- 10:30 AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal Rhythm Road
- 10:30 AM Joyful Noise Choir..... Choir Room
- 11:00 AM Classic Worship ServiceSanctuary**
- 11:00 AM CrossWalk Class Wesley Commons
- 11:00 AM Open Hearts Sunday School Class
Village Commons
- 3:00 PM New Horizons Band Concert
 Sanctuary
- 4:15 PM Youth Choir Choir Room
- 5:00 PM Youth Group Youth Basement
- 5:30 PM Pause Service Chapel**



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Easter Day



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Classic Worship Services:

8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
 in the Sanctuary