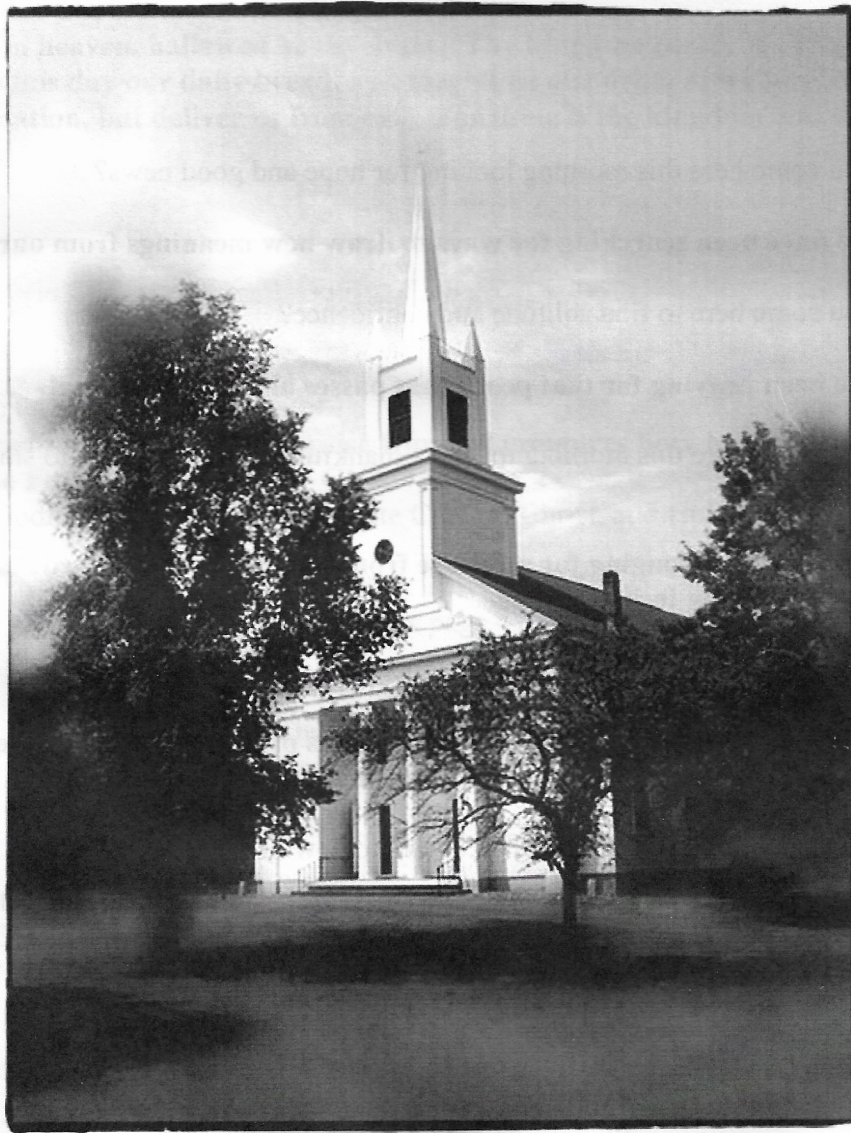


The Congregational Church of Topsfield

*An Open and Affirming Congregation
of
the United Church of Christ*



ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 15TH, 2022
9:30 am

Please wear a mask while singing and respect social distancing. Please do not leave your seating area during Passing of the Peace.

PRELUDE

"Abide With Me"

arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Have you come here this morning looking for hope and good news?

People: **Yes! We have been searching for ways to draw new meanings from our old stories.**

Leader: Have you come here to find solitude and confidence?

People: **We have been praying for that peace that passes all understanding!**

Leader: Have you come here this morning to find a thankful heart and a voice to sing praises to the Sacred Source?

People: **Yes! We have been longing for a release from the barriers and burdens that keep our spirits from soaring in joyful song.**

Leader: Have you come here this morning to be touched by the Love of God?

People: **Yes! We have been feeling trapped in narratives of reproach and apprehension that pull us away from Christ's calling to love one another.**

Leader: Let us worship the God of Love who calls us to new life.

All: **Amen! Let us worship!**

-Chuck Morkin

UNISON PRAYER:

O Holy One

Thank You for this Sunday. Lord, we come before you first and foremost with hearts of gratitude. You have seen us through another week, and we stand at the threshold of a fresh week, full of new beginnings. Lord, help us start this bright embarking with You. Stir in us a deep desire to come into further relationship with You. Remind us that it is not solely by going to Sunday service that we worship and come before You; rather, it is through the daily communion with You through relationship and prayer.

Highlight to us how we may be obedient to Your call and heart. Embrace us with Your love, oh Lord, for we desperately desire to know You and to feel Your love around us. Give us a hunger for Your Word and truth, oh Lord. Help us begin our week this day in preparation through contemplation and connection with You. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

"Morning Reverie"

David Paxton

†THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 Amen**

***You may substitute God/Her **You may substitute Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23, Mark 10:41-45 (NRSV)
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Dolly McIlvaine, Lay Reader

ANTHEM

"For the Beauty of the Earth"
Chancel Choir and Smith Family members

John Rutter

SERMON TITLE

"Reaching Out - A Caregiver's Story"

Larry Atkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #496
(Methodist Hymnal)

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"
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SWEET HOUR

Scripture:**Psalm 23 (NRSV)***A Psalm of David.*

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
 he leads me beside still waters;^[a]
³ he restores my soul.^[b]
 He leads me in right paths^[c]
 for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^[d]
 I fear no evil,
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff,
 they comfort me.
⁵ You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil;
 my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[f] shall follow me
 all the days of my life,
 and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
 my whole life long.^[g]

Mark 10: 41-45 (NRSV)

- ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

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Sweet Hour of Prayer

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me
 2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! the joys I
 3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall

from a world of care, and bids me at my
 feel, the bliss I share of those whose anx - ious
 my pe - ti - tion bear to him whose truth and

Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish - es known.
 spir - its burn with strong de - sires for thy re - turn!
 faith - ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, my soul has
 With such I has - ten to the place where God my
 And since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his

of - ten found re - lief, and oft es - caped the
 Sav - ior shows his face, and glad - ly take my
 word, and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my

tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!
 sta - tion there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
 ev - ery care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Congregational Church of Topsfield

Parish Care Ministry

Prayer List Contact:

Kim Itz at prayerlisting@topsfieldchurch.org or 978 887-6567.

Healing Scripture:

"And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick" Matthew 14:14

Healing Prayer:

Dear Lord, I ask you to turn this weakness into strength, suffering into compassion, sorrow into joy, and pain into comfort for others. May your servant trust in your goodness and hope in your faithfulness, even in the middle of this suffering. Let him be filled with patience and joy in your presence as he waits for your healing touch.

Please Pray For:

Maria Cecilia Guerra - Sister of José Guerra

Karen Burnett - Member of CCOT

Eva - Friend of Irina Günzel-Guerra from Norway

Stoney Stonestreet - Member of CCOT

Doug McIlvaine - Member of CCOT

Edward & Memory Matavhunye & their community - President of the UCC in Zimbabwe

Doug Gruber - Brother of Susan Gruber

Stephen & Judith Carnahan - Friends of Stephen Moore

Paul Rogers - Father of Tony Rogers

Helen Talberth - Member of CCOT

Jane Moyer - Member of CCOT

Ralph & Diana Titus - Members of CCOT

Sean Enos - Son of neighbor of Jane &

Bruce Jones

Rich Hopkins - Member of CCOT

Chuck Schwab - Friend of Charles Mathison

John Stein - Brother in Law of Susan

Warner

David Pike - Brother of Susan Warner

Dawn Gillberg- Member of CCOT

Brett Hoover - Grandson of Fred & Carole Hoover

Steve Wilson - Friend of Kim & Charlie Itz

Richard Duncan - Neighbor of Jane & Bruce Jones

Stephen Moore - Member of CCOT

Mark Gosbee - Son of Judi & Gary Gosbee

Roberto Chong - Uncle of Kim Love

John & Laurie Rowen - Friends of Cathy

Imboden, Mary Jelinek & Sue Panella

Sally Garnett - Sister of Cathy Imboden

Mary Lynn Lovejoy - Member of CCOT

Fred Hoover - Member of CCOT

Kay Hagar - Member of CCOT

Christopher Itz - Member of CCOT

Raegan Amelia Crombie - Granddaughter of Meg and Don Moran

Our thoughts and prayers are with Wendy

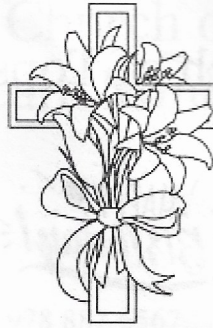
Colby's family

The Congregational Church of Topsfield May Birthdays



Happy Birthday to:

Ryan Kane: 05/01
Amanda Rogers: 05/01
Emily Jelinek 05/08
Ryan Spaulding: 05/09
James Love Jr. : 05/10
Kveta Zipsova: 05/10
Mary Alice Spain: 05/15
Guido Voss: 05/15
Annika Rogers: 05/18
Emily Davie: 05/22
Elizabeth Mulholland: 05/22
Liam Symmes: 05/22
Henry Mulholland: 05/23
Rebecca Imboden: 05/24
Danielle Redding: 05/27
James Love Sr.: 5/29
Susan Warner: 05/29
Jessa Nulsen: 05/30
Charlie McIlvaine: 05/31
Bruce Spaulding: 05/31



We welcome today, Isaac James, a nationally acclaimed and accomplished classical pianist, who has performed throughout the United States. He is currently the Music Director at the Punta Gorda Congregational United Church of Christ in Florida and the manager at the Gulf Theatre at the Military Heritage Museum.

We also welcome today, the Smith Family members, for joining the Chancel Choir and singing "For the Beauty of the Earth."

SERVING THIS MORNING

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Dolly McIlvaine
Robert Knutsen
David Larson

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