



# First Church of Christ in Mansfield (Congregational) United Church of Christ

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER + APRIL 16, 2023

## Chimes and Prelude

## Welcome and Greeting

## Hymn

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

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## Confessing our Brokenness and Opening Prayer

Hear these words from the First Letter of Peter: Praised be the God of our Savior Jesus Christ, who with great mercy gave us new birth: a birth into hope, which draws its life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; a birth to an imperishable inheritance incapable of fading or defilement, which is kept in heaven for you who are guarded with God's power through faith; a birth to a salvation which stands ready to be revealed in the last days. There is cause for rejoicing here. You may, for a time, have to suffer the distress of many trials. But this is so that your faith, which is more precious than the passing splendor of fire-tried gold, may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ appears. Although you have never seen Christ, you love Christ; and without seeing, you still believe, and you rejoice with inexpressible joy touched with glory, because you are achieving faith's goal—your salvation.

When in this past week have we failed to praise, glorify, and honor God?  
When have we found it difficult to be faithful?

*Silence*

**Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, you break through the locks of gated communities and hardened hearts: accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and, by your Spirit's gentle touch, make us a people forgiven and forgiving; through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. Amen.**

## Song of Praise

*Glory Be to God Creator*

Richard K Carlson

Glo-ry be to God, Cre - a - tor, glo-ry be to God, the Son, glo-ry  
was in the be - gin - ning, it is now and so shall be in a

5 be to God, the Spi - rit, known as Three, yet God the One. As it  
world with-out an end - ing, glo-ry through e - ter - ni - ty.

Christian Scripture

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalter

Psalm 16

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Gospel

John 20-19-31

Reflection

Call to Prayer

Hear Us O Lord

Don Besig and Nancy Price

Hear us, O Lord, as we come now in prayer, shar - ing our joys, our trou-bles, and our cares.

9 Help us, O Lord, to be o - pen to your word, and teach us to put our trust in you.

Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Jesus

*Please pray the Prayer of Jesus in whatever language is most comfortable for you.*

*The following are offered as examples...*

**Our Father/Mother/Creator,  
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/sins/trespasses,  
as we forgive our debtors/those who sin/trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering Hymn

*In the Garden*

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*Offerings may be placed in the collection plates,  
mailed to: First Church of Christ in Mansfield UCC. Box 36. Mansfield Center, CT 06250,  
or given online at [www.myfcc.info](http://www.myfcc.info)*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God all crea - tures here be low; Praise

5 God for all that love has done: Cre - a - tor, Christ and Spi - rit, One. A - men!

**Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, through the resurrection of Jesus, you have shown us the power of life and love. May our offerings reflect the grace we have known and symbolize lives committed to your service. Amen.

**Hymn***This is the Glory*

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**Benediction**

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**The Week Ahead...**

Sunday, April 16	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle 5pm PFLAG in Fellowship Hall
Monday, April 17	10am First Church leads Worship at St Joseph Living Center 11am-12noon Sanctuary Piano Tuning 7-9pm Take Note in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, April 19	1pm Book Group in Fellowship Hall
Thursday, April 20	9:30am Quilting Group 12:15pm Contemplative Communion
Sunday, April 23	10:15am Worship and Worship Circle 5pm PFLAG in Fellowship Hall