

Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018

10:00 A.M.

White



Prelude

(You are invited to a time of quiet preparation for worship during the Prelude.)

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome and Informal Moments

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship

L: Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed!

L: Yes Easter Day may be past, but the joys and promises of Easter never pass away.

P: With the joy of Easter in our hearts, we come to celebrate the Risen Lord!

L: We come to listen for God's call, to go where we are called to go, and to follow where we are called to follow.

P: We gather ready to hear God speak and to follow our Risen Savior. For Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

*Opening Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

No. 210

Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Glorious God, you call out to us and seek to draw us into your grace. Yet, at times, we push away. When we are not ready to go where you are leading, forgive us, and draw us onto your path. For the times when we feel less than or unworthy of being your beloved people, remind us of the breadth of your great love and hold us close. Speak your words of grace and mercy into our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord, who taught us to pray saying, "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.”

Words of Assurance

Anthem *Alleluia! Christ Is Risen* – Gordon Young

Scripture Acts 9:1-19a Jim Nelson, reader

Time for Children

(The children are dismissed to Church School until 11:00 am.)

*Hymn *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* No. 356

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Choral Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

***Doxology** **No. 44**

*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*

(As our morning offerings are brought forward, so too are the non-perishable food offerings from the basket in the Narthex for St. Philip's Food Pantry.)

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Good and Gracious God, bless the gifts that we place before you. As we seek to follow you, use these gifts for the glories of your ministry. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sermon “If God Can Use Ananias...” Rev. Josh Fitterling

*Closing Hymn *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* #S-8

*Benediction

*Congregational Benediction *Go Now In Peace (in the back of the hymnal)*

Postlude



*All who are able may stand.

All are invited to join us after worship for coffee and birthday cake
in Fellowship Hall

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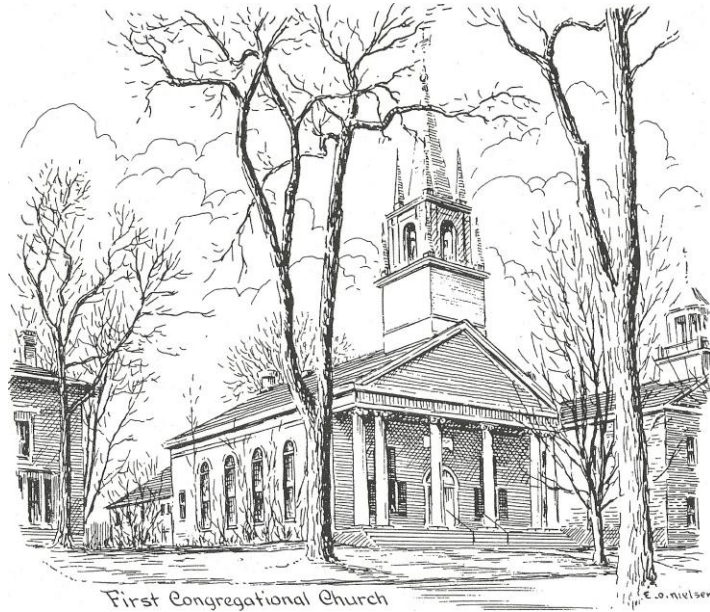
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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



Announcements

If you have a **prayer request**, please enter it in the book at the rear of the sanctuary. The book will be brought forward during the first hymn.

If you have **Bulletin Announcements**, please send them to the office by Wednesday of each week to be included the following Sunday.

Today: Worship and Church School 10am
Diaconate AW

April 16: Church in Society 4pm
Trustees 5pm
Game Night 6pm

April 17: No Healthy Kids (school vacation week)
Sheepscot Chorus 7pm

April 18: Organ Society 9:30am
Maine UCC Conference Boundary Training 10am-3pm
Communications 10:30am
Vitality Team 1pm Sarah's Café
Town Talk 3:30pm

April 19: Chase Point Service 10:30
Choir Rehearsal 4pm
Business After Hours 5:30-7pm
Council 7pm (upstairs)

April 20: "Heaven is Beautiful" Library Discussion 10:15am
CIS Earth Day Movie Night 7pm

April 21: Memorial Service for Rev. Jeff Belcher, 10am at Broad Bay
Congregational Church, Waldoboro

April 22: Earth Day Worship and Church School 10am
New Member Informational Gathering 11:30am
CWS AW
Deadline for Kit items!

Movie Night—Friday, April 20th, 7pm

In celebration of Earth Day, Church in Society will be sponsoring a Movie Night in Fellowship Hall on Friday, April 20th, at 7pm. In the film “Happening: A Clean Energy Revolution,” filmmaker James Redford embarks on a colorful personal journey into the dawn of the clean energy era as it creates jobs, turns profits, and makes communities stronger and healthier across the US. The film is the Interfaith Power and Light’s 2018 Climate Action Week Movie. Bring a friend and join us for popcorn and movie time in Fellowship Hall!

Spring Walk to Build—Sunday, April 29th, 2pm

Join our team for the Habitat for Humanity/7 Rivers Maine Spring Walk to Build annual fundraiser! can support this important fundraiser by walking with us and/or sponsoring our walkers! Contact Steve Hatt (phone 207-751-4057, stevehatt@roadrunner.com) or Rev. Josh (phone 207-882-7544, joshfitterling@myfairpoint.net). A new online registration and donation page is available this year at:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/o/en/campaign/first-congregational-church-wiscasset>.

Kit Donations due Next Sunday, April 22

Just a reminder that all items for the Emergency Clean-Up Buckets and the School Kits and Hygiene Kits need to be here by Sunday, April 22nd. CWS thanks everyone who has signed up for the bucket items and already brought in kits. Your support is deeply appreciated!

New Members Informational Gathering Next Sunday, April 22nd, 11:30am (after worship)

Are you interested in learning more about our congregation and potentially joining our Christian journey? If so, please join Rev. Josh in a New Member Informational Gathering on Sunday, April 22nd, at 11:30am in the parlor. If this time doesn’t work for you, please call or email Rev. Josh at 207-882-7544 or joshfitterling@myfairpoint.net.