

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Earth Day Sunday
April 22, 2018

10:00 A.M.

White



Prelude *All Nature Sings*—Alfred V. Fedak
 All Creatures of Our God and King—Gregg Sewell
(*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 still be past, but the joys and promises of Easter never pass away.

P: With all of creation, we rejoice in the blessings of resurrection hope!

L: In the beauty that surrounds us - in the hills and valleys, sky and sea, living critters and growing plants - we glimpse the wonders and glories of our Great God.

P: As the sun continues to rise, we continue to raise our voices in praise of the Living Lord. For Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

*Opening Hymn *All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing* No. 51

Unison Prayer of Confession and Lord's Prayer

Creator God, you formed us in your image. Yet, we do not always reflect you. For the times when our thoughts, words, and deeds stifle growth and beauty, forgive us, and lead us to live your love. When we take the glories of your world for granted, pardon us, and help us to cherish the gifts of creation. Create within us clean hearts and

righteous spirits as we long to live for you. 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 *Beautiful In His Time*—Dan Forrest

Scripture John 21:1-14 John Ross, reader

Time for Children – Blessings of the Elements
(*The children are dismissed to Church School until 11:00 am.*)

*Hymn *Now the Green Blade Riseth* No. 208

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer

Choral Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Flowers*—Dov Seltzer

***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. May they nurture and grow your ministry here in this place. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sermon “Nature Proclaims” Rev. Josh Fitterling

*Closing Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* No. 57

*Benediction

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

Postlude *Adoration*—Ch. H. Rinck



*All who are able may stand.

All are invited to join us after worship for coffee
and refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

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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
CWS meeting after worship
CWS Kit donations due
New Member Gathering 11:30am, church parlor

April 23: Game Night 6pm

April 24: Healthy Kids 10am-12pm
Sheepscot Chorus 7pm

April 25: No morning meeting for Organ Society
Pie Crust Demonstration 1pm

April 26: Choir Rehearsal 4pm

April 27: Pilgrim Lodge workday

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April 29: Hymn Sing Worship 10am
Noisy Offering
Habitat for Humanity Walk 2pm

Noisy Offering—Sunday, April 29

This special bucket offering is taken on the last Sunday of each month and the proceeds go to the St. Philip's Food Pantry. Come prepared to get rid of your coins for this good cause!

Fifth Sunday Hymn Sing—Sunday, April 29

Come with your favorite hymn requests in mind as we celebrate our faith through music!

Organ Society Pie Crust Demonstration—Wednesday, April 25, 1:00pm

Would you like to know Brad Adler's secret for flaky pie crust? Join the Organ Society on Wednesday, April 25th at 1 pm for a pie crust demonstration. A sign up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall. Organ Society will not meet in the morning of April 25th. Join us again May 2nd at 9:30 a.m. for our weekly fellowship.

Pilgrim Lodge Workdays—Friday & Saturday, April 27-28

Pilgrim Lodge will be hosting a “Jump Start Weekend” on Friday and Saturday, April 27-29, for volunteers to help open the site. Bring your own gloves and tools if you have them. There will be a variety of tasks for different skill levels and a job for everyone! Please call the camp office at 207-724-3200 or email Ruth at assistantdirector.pilgrimlodge@gmail.com.

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! You 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>

Drug Take Back Day—Saturday, April 28th, 10am-2pm

Drop off unused, expired or unwanted drugs at the Wiscasset Police Department and other Lincoln County locations. For more information, call 882-7332.