

April 12, 2026

## Order of Worship

10:00 am

An asterisk (\*) indicates times when you are invited to stand. Selections in **BOLD** are responses spoken by the congregation.

### Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Ellis Miller

### Prelude

*While My Guitar Gently Weeps*

George Harrison

The House Band

### Call to Worship

Deacon Beth Nichols

Deacon: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: The whole creation rejoices;  
the birds sing from every tree.**

Alleluia! Christ is in our midst!

**Babies babble with sounds of joy;  
words cannot express our overflowing hearts.**

Alleluia! Christ is our light forever!

**Breathing peace on us in these moments;  
surrounding us with grace and hope.**

### \*Opening Song

*Turn Turn Turn*

Pete Seger

The House Band

### \*Morning Prayer

**Gracious and Eternal God, you are the one who calls us together and the one who sends us out in the world. Remind us, as we gather, how good it is to dwell with you and one another. Stir our hearts to love boldly, freely, and joyfully. Let us praise you with our whole lives and magnify your name by our works. We bless and honor you, O Faithful One, from generation to generation and from community to community. Speak to our spirits and receive our worship. Amen.**

### \*Passing the Peace

Leader: Let us feel God's presence in our midst as we say to one another,  
"Peace be with you."

**People: "And also with you."**

*You are invited to share words of welcome and peace with those around you.*

### \*Song

*People Get Ready*

Curtis Mayfield

The House Band

### Reception of New Members

#### New Members

Eileen Domermuth

Robert (Bob) Domermuth

Aina Hoskins

Tom LeClerc

#### Sponsors

Sandy Flagg

Beth Matlack

Cathryn Kibby

Kerri Crough & Beth Lindsay

## Words of Commitment

Leader: Do you seek to live with an open heart, to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others and to seek justice in our world?

New Members: We do!

Leader: Are you ready to commit yourselves to this congregation, to its ministry, its fellowship, and its mission?

New Members: We are ready!

Leader: Will you join those who have come before you and those who will come after you in the journey of faith, sharing our path and passions?

New Members: With the grace of God, we will!

Leader: Members and Friends of Granby Congregational Church, will you receive these persons into your hearts and lives? Will you be their partners in the Gospel? Will you shoulder their burdens and will you walk with them into God's future?

**Congregation: With God as our witness, we will. Thanks be to God for the covenant that binds us together in the Body of Christ!**

*Children pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Pathfinders class at this time.*

## Prayer of Illumination

Deacon Beth Lindsay

*This prayer prepares us to hear the Sacred story, listening with our collective wisdom, experience, and faith so that we might near the meaning it has for our lives today.*

Spirit of the Living God, turn on the light of truth and wake up our hearts by the Word we now declare and ponder.

**In ancient pages let us find fresh life, fresh hope, and fresh courage for witness in your world.**

## Scripture

*John 20:19-31*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Sermon**

“A Complex Faith”

Pastor Ellis Miller

**\*Song**

*Love Can Build a Bridge*  
Naomi Judd, Paul Overstreet & John Barlow Jarvis

The House Band

**Prayers of the People for the World**

*A time to pray our joys & concerns for each other, our neighbors, and the world.*

**Pastoral Prayer & Silent Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**      *Pray using the words most familiar to you*

**\*O Holy One, 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen. \*(Creator/Our Father)**

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Ellis Miller

**Postlude**

*I’ll Fly Away*  
Albert Brumley

The House Band

*Let us follow the light of Christ into the world,  
carrying God’s love wherever the Spirit sends us.*

Call to Worship written by Rev. Thom Shuman for *Lectionary Liturgies*.

Morning Prayer written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay for the UCC’s *Worship Ways*.