

# STORRS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ (UCC)

*Open and Affirming † Intergenerational † A Just Peace Church*

*“We share in God’s love by growing in faith, courageously seeking justice, and generously caring for all people.”*

~ Our Mission at Storrs Congregational Church



**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026**

**EASTERTIDE**

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Please stand as you are able <sup>\*\*</sup>.

Please remember to **silence cell phones** and other devices and be mindful of those who wish to use the prelude as a time of prayer, meditation, and preparation for worship.

**Accessibility:** See an usher for **large-print** bulletins and **wheelchair** or **accessible seating**.  
Devices necessary to access worship fully are welcome.

**The restroom in this building** is at the front of the church behind the doors to the right of the chancel. A **PRAYGROUND** is also located in the northeast corner of the building and available for children and families.

**Our services are recorded on Zoom and live-streamed on YouTube.**

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## GATHERING

*Whatever your faith tradition, doubts or questions about God; whatever your color skin, gender identity or expression, wherever you find yourself on life's journey, you are welcome here. You matter to God, and you matter to us. Welcome!*

**Prelude** – “My Lord, What a Morning” arr. by Roger C. Wilson

*Janice Castle*

**Welcome**

*Rev. Diane Peterson Seaborn*

**Call to Worship** (*responsive*)

*Armand Johnson*

*One:* We gather as people on a journey.

***Many:* We believe and we have doubts, we fall down and get up, over and over again.  
For we are imperfect humans, yet still beloved by God.**

*One:* Love and grace. Hope and faith. These are the essence of the one we call God. Like the love that poured out from an empty tomb, we rejoice and sing--

***Many:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

*One:* Friends, we invite you to rise in body or in spirit and offer one another a sign of God's peace. May the peace of Christ be with you.

***Many:* And also with you!**

**\*Hymn** – “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

*this bulletin p. 8*

**Call to Confession**

*Rev. Diane Peterson Seaborn*

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Creator God,**

**We confess that we are sometimes skeptics. We doubt that you exist because of the evil we see in the world. We see brokenness that is born out of fear and loneliness, brokenness that grows into division, hate and greed. Even as Easter people, even in the brightness of the Risen Christ, still we struggle to see your love and light. Help us, o God.** (*time of silent confession*)

## Words of Assurance

*One:* The psalmist says, “I keep the LORD always before me; because the LORD is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. My heart is glad and my soul rejoices.”

*Many:* **Our hearts are glad, indeed, that God has given us one another for this journey of faith. May we be encouraged and encourage one another. May we together proclaim God’s good news: Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Amen.**

## Children’s Moment

*Our Family Room is staffed and available to children and families as desired or needed. Children of all ages are, naturally, always welcome to remain in worship.*

## WORD

*God Speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song*

## Prayer of Illumination

*Armand Johnson*

## Scripture Readings

### First Reading -

Psalm 16

*pew Bibles p. 430*

### Refrain — “Alleluia”

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### Second Reading -

*Rev. Diane Peterson Seaborn*

John 20:19-31

*pew Bibles p. 883*

### Sermon - “Is Seeing Believing”

*Diane Peterson Seaborn*

### \*Hymn - “We Live by Faith and Not by Sight”

*New Century Hymnal [black] p. 256  
this bulletin p. 9*

## RESPONSE

*We begin our lives of responding to the gospel in prayer and offering*

### Responding with our Gifts

*As the offering is collected, prayers of either joy or concern may be written on the purple prayer request cards found in the pew rack and placed in the offering plates as they are passed. Offerings may be made electronically through our online 'Give Now' option. Scan the QR code for easy access.*



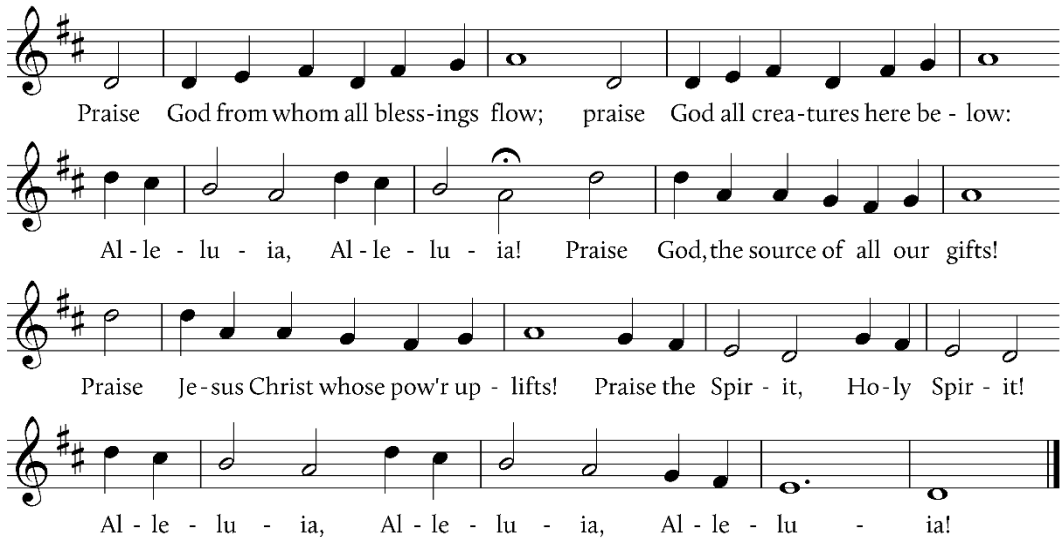
### Call to Offering

OFFERTORY MUSIC – “Offertory” by Gordon Young

Janice Castle

\*PRESENTING OUR GIFTS: *The Festival Doxology*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be - low:  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Je - sus Christ whose pow'r up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it!  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Holy One,

**We pray these offerings help to heal our hurting world. As your Easter people, may we continue our mission of sharing in your love by growing in faith, courageously seeking justice, and generously caring for all people. Amen.**

## FEAST OF HOLY COMMUNION

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*The congregation will be invited to come forward to receive bread and cup. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms and Pastor Diane will offer you a blessing.*

*For those unable to come forward, kindly signal our servers and we will be glad to serve you at your pe*

### The Invitation

\*Hymn – “Bread of the World in Mercy Broken”

*this bulletin p.10*

### Communion Prayer

### Sharing the Feast

### Prayer of Thanksgiving (*unison*)

**Loving God, we give you thanks for this bread of life and this cup of blessing. As your Easter people, you have made us one in the Body of Christ and nourished us at your table. Send us out, fed and strengthened, to proclaim your good news, all the way from the empty tomb, through locked doors, and into our stubborn hearts in need of breaking open. Break open our hearts, resurrected God, and lead us on. In Jesus Christ, amen.**

### Prayers of the People, ending with The Lord’s Prayer

***Many:* Creator/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 glory forever. Amen.**

## SENDING

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*God Blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world*

### News from our Life Together

\*Hymn – “Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One”

*New Century Hymnal [black] p. 253  
this bulletin p. 11*

### \*Benediction

Postlude – “God Be Praised and Glorified” by Heinrich Scheidemann

*Janice Castle*

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### “Dreaming with God”, immediately following worship in the auditorium!

Come on over to the Parish House Auditorium and share a beverage, a bite to eat, and join the Vision Team! **Childcare will be provided!** The Parish House is located in the buildings to the west of the Meeting House. Follow the others on over, or ask an usher to guide you... We look forward to seeing you! Remember to wear your Name Tag!

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## Worship

Every Sunday, 10:00 am, in the Meeting House and on Zoom & YouTube. Expressive, participatory liturgy; thoughtful preaching; and a soul-stirring blend of new and traditional music are some of the elements you can expect to encounter each Sunday.

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## Thank You Sunday Morning Servers for Assisting in today's service ...

**Liturgist:** Armand Johnson; **Greeter:** Erin Scholes; **Ushers:** Carolyn Holmy, Bruce Bergen; **Welcome Table:** Laurie Brookes; **Fellowship Host:** *The Vision Team*; **Tech Team:** Andy McCabe, Erin Scholes, Jan & Don Castle, Susan Irvine; **Communion Servers:** Nancy Rucker, Malta Bailey

**Sunday Morning Server Reminder for Next Week:** **Liturgist:** Rosemary Marcellino; **Greeter:** Donna Latincsics; **Head Usher:** Cass Crewdson; **Usher:** Lyle Yorks; **Welcome Table:** Mary Lake **Fellowship Host:** Robert Jeffers

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Today, Sunday April 12, 2026

8:45-9:45am	Student Breakfast
9:00-10:00am	Adult Choir
10:00-11:00am	Worship
11:00-12pm	Dreaming with God
11:00-11:30 am	Library Open
2:30-5 pm	<i>Consonare</i>
7:30-8:30 pm	<i>Speaker Meeting</i>

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## Comings and Goings


Katie will be on vacation from May 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, and working a half day May 14<sup>th</sup>, and out the 15<sup>th</sup> for a scheduled dental procedure.

Diane will be on vacation from April 14<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>. Marsha Creese will be the Deacon on call.

We now have a drop box in the office door! Thank you Duffy and Bob for your hard work!

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## News and Notes



### "Dreaming with God!" Sunday April 12th

An Invitation from your SCC Vision Team...  
Let's dream together!

Immediately following worship, we will gather in the Auditorium to dream and brainstorm around this question:

### ***How might God's vision deepen our mission in the next 2-3 years?***

YOUR VOICE matters as we imagine God's future for SCC. There will be delicious refreshments, dynamic conversation, and prizes! Childcare will be provided.

Come and be a part of dreaming and living into God's vision for SCC.

See you there, Church!

## Emergency Trainings – Sign up Now!



**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm**  
– AED/CPR for Friends and Families



**Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**  
– First Aid and Stop the Bleed

**Memorial Service – Anne Usher:** The Celebration of Life Service for Anne Usher will be held on **Saturday 5/2 at 11am** in the Meeting House with a reception in the Auditorium. Please join us as we honor Anne's life together.

**Trisha's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at SCC:** You're Invited! Join us on **Sunday, 4/26** to celebrate Dr. Trisha Snyder's 20th Anniversary as our Director of Music Ministries! Worship with us at 10 am, then stay for a special catered luncheon to celebrate and express our gratitude for her dedicated service. Please fill out the online form by Sunday, April 19th to RSVP and, even if you can't make it, learn about other ways to show your appreciation!



**PARISH  
PIECERS  
POP-UP  
SALE**

*April 19!*

SPRING CRAFTS AND QUILTED ITEMS!  
PLUS, SPRING SERRV PRODUCTS!

To benefit WAIM's Fuel Fund, Project Home (No Freeze)  
Covenant Soup Kitchen, and Holy Family Home & Shelter

**CHECK OR CASH ONLY PLEASE**

   **11:30 A.M.**  
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Connecticut Foodshare  
**Walk Against Hunger**

**Saturday, April 25, 2026**  
**Dunkin' Park ~ Hartford, CT**

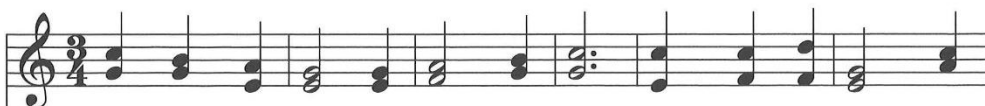


**ctfoodshare.org/walk**

 **Free Registration**  
**Walk ~ Activities for Kids ~ Live Goats!**  
**8AM Check-In ~ 10AM Walk Steps Off**

**Presented By:** 

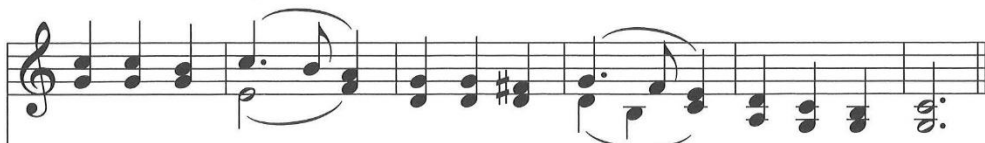
# Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 239



1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way. Let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



# We Live by Faith and Not by Sight

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Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

John 20:24-29

*Unison*

1 We live by faith and not by sight;  
2 We may not touch Christ's hands and side,  
3 Help then, O Christ, our un - be - lief;  
4 That, when our life of faith is done,

no gra - cious words we hear From Christ who spoke as  
nor fol - low where Christ trod; But in con - fess - ing  
and may our faith a - bound To call on you when  
in realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you

none e'er spoke, who still we know is near.  
we re - jice: our Sav - ior and our God!  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

# 499 Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Bread of the world in mer-cy bro - ken, Wine of the soul in

mer - cy shed, by whom the words of life were spo - ken,

and in whose death our sins are dead: look on the heart by sor-row

bro - ken; look on the tears by sin - ners shed; so may your

feast be-come the to - ken that by your grace our souls are fed.

# Hymn – “Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One”

New Century Hymnal 253



1 A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té! A toi la vic - toi - re,  
 1 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One! End - less is the vic - tory  
 2 See, it is Je - sus, Je - sus has ap - peared; do not doubt at all for  
 3 Am I still fright - ened? One whom I a - dore, Je - sus, lives a - gain, gives



pour l'é - ter - ni - té! Bril - lant de lu - miè - re, l'ange est de - scen -  
 you o'er death have won. An - gels clothed in ra - diance rolled the stone a -  
 noth - ing you will fear. Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph  
 peace for - ev - er - more. Je - sus is my vic - tory, life and strength and



du, il rou - le la pier - re du tom - beau vain - cu.  
 way; con - quered is the grave in which your bod - y lay.  
 sing; tell it with - out ceas - ing: Death has lost its sting.  
 Head; Je - sus is my glo - ry, noth - ing shall I dread.



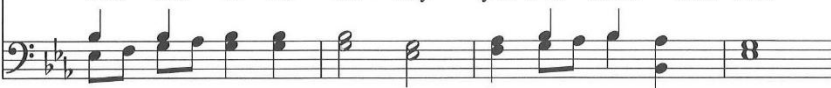
*Refrain*



A toi la gloi - re, ô Res - sus - ci - té!  
 Yours is the glo - ry, Res - ur - rect - ed One!



A toi la vic - toi - re, pour l'é - ter - ni - té!  
 End - less is the vic - tory you o'er death have won.



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## We Welcome All!

We extend a welcome as broad as the outstretched arms of God.

Questions about our life together are always welcome. Ask any one of us!

If you are visiting, or looking for a church home, or simply wish to connect after worship, please introduce yourself to our pastor or any member.



**We would love to meet you!**

More information is also on our website, [www.storrscongchurch.org](http://www.storrscongchurch.org).

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