



THE FIRST CHURCH
IN BELFAST

— BUILT IN 1818 —

An Open & Affirming Congregation

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Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution against tyranny and for liberty and justice for all at 6:00 PM on steps of First Church

On April 18th, churches across the country have been invited to ring their church bells in solidarity with a profound and historic event happening simultaneously at the [Lantern Service at Old North Church in Boston](#). This event marks the 250th anniversary of the “two if by sea” signal that sparked the American Revolution.

We are reminded of that historic call for freedom and justice during this moment in our history that also demands that we step forward for freedom and justice. For the past 200 years, the ringing of our Revere bell has marked our democratic history, in the passing of the hours through the many struggles by which people have sought to defend the Common good.

April 18th is also Good Friday, an important Christian holy day, when we also remember Jesus’ suffering and crucifixion and the ongoing suffering of the marginalized and oppressed in our own world and times. Come join us on our front steps as we ring our bells for freedom, diversity, welcome, inclusion, justice, and peace as signs of God’s shalom. We will lament, sing, pray, and share reflections and thoughts on how we commemorate this day in American history in light of today’s realities and how our Christian faith calls us to compassion and action. Come, all are welcome.

Join us on Easter Sunday at 10:00 for worship in our sanctuary or online on Zoom.
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