



Hymn

"Because You Live, O Christ"

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Benediction

(please be seated)

Postlude



Our Mission and Vision Statement:

We are a church where all are welcome to worship together, to share in fellowship and to grow spiritually in our journey with Christ. We value justice, diversity, and freedom of expression. We strive to serve our community and all God's creation and to spread the love of God to all people.

Welcome members, friends, and visitors to our service this morning! If you are a guest with us, we invite you to sign our guest register and/or fill out a visitor card. Activity bags are available in the back of the sanctuary for children who are with us in worship.

Prayer Requests

Would you like to ask for prayers for someone? You may write your request in the red prayer book on the table located in the back of the sanctuary. A deacon will share them with the pastor. Please see a deacon with any questions.

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Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025


10 a.m.



*The First Congregational Church
of West Brookfield
United Church of Christ*

EASTER SUNDAY
THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST BROOKFIELD
SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 – 10:00 AM

*Words in **bold** are to be spoken in unison.*

 *Please stand as you are able.*

Congregational Announcements

Karen Murphy

Pastoral Greeting

Prelude and Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Angela Carville

Whom do you seek at the tomb, followers of Christ?

We seek Jesus, who was crucified.

He is not here. He is risen, as he said.

Alleluia!

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Alleluia. Christ is risen and God is here.

Christ is risen and the Spirit is with us. Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia!

God has become my salvation.

I shall not die, but live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

Glory, honor, dominion and power be to God forever and ever.

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Amen!

Prayer for Transformation and New Life


Angela Carville

O risen Christ, who in your first appearance to Mary was mistaken for the gardener, be present, as you were in the midst of your disciples, and show yourself to us in all our mistakes and uncertainties.

O risen Christ, who appeared to your dejected disciples on the road to Emmaus, and opened to the scriptures so that their hearts burned within them, be present and set our hearts on fire with love for you.

O risen Christ, who in your final appearance on earth lifted up hands of blessing on all creation, be present, and grant that our prayers and praise today may be taken up into yours on behalf of the whole world.

Be present, show us your face. You are alive, and the world can rejoice. Alleluia!

 Hymn “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

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Call to Offering and Offertory Music

(Offering plates are in the front and rear of the sanctuary for your gifts; you may place them in the plates during the music)

 Doxology

34 (Old 100th)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

Blessing of Offering

Youth Message

Scripture Readings

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

Response: **Word of God, Word of Life. Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Stephen Page

Sermon “The Memory of Running” The Rev. Dennis TeBeest

 Hymn “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

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Prayers of the People

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

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.