

First Congregational Church of Pelham
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Church

Dare to Dance Again
Easter Season Series
April 14, 2024

“While in Their Joy: Dancing Sure”

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*~ We Gather in God's Presence ~
+Please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Welcome

Introit

“Introit and Processional”

Beethoven

Call to Worship

This is the call! Shake off the dust that has been gathering underfoot.

We lift up our heads to meet the day.

Raise your hands in grateful praise.

We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of determination and set out anyway.

For we are called to dance again!

+Hymn

“Lord Of The Dance”

#163 vs 1, 2, 4, and 5

Prayer

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation – You are the restorer of life, the conqueror of all that is death-dealing in our hearts and in this world. Tune us to each other. Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek you – so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

What’s in the Bag?

Singing Praises to God

“Gloria Patri”

#558

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen***

Scripture Epistle 1 John 3: 1-3 & Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

Bell Anthem "He Has Made Me Glad" by Van Brethorst/arr. B. Ingram

Reflection

+Hymn "Soon and Very Soon" #218

~ We Respond to God's Word with our Prayers and Offerings ~

Prayers of God's People

Sung Call to Prayer "In The Garden" #205 vs 3

Silence

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sweeter as the years go by, Sweeter as the years go by,

Richer, fuller, deeper, Jesus' love is sweeter, Sweeter as the years go by.

Sharing our Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to the Offering

Bell Offertory "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings" arr. D. Edwards

+Doxology Tune: Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, comforter; One God triune, whom we adore. Amen.

+Prayer of Dedication

Living God, these offerings show how we have accepted your invitation to dance with joy and thanksgiving. Take the gifts we offer for the work of this congregation and for your work across New Hampshire and around the world. Amen.

~ We Go Forth to Share What God's Love Looks Like ~

+Hymn "Come and Join the Celebration" insert

Benediction

Sung Benediction "Because He Lives" #204

"And life is worth the living just because He lives."

Postlude

Flowers today are in memory of my Dad, Ken Fogerty, by Kim Boland

WEEKLY

Morning Prayer - Monday and Wednesday 7:30 am Zoom ID: contact church office

Bell Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm

Knitters - Tuesday 1pm

Lazarus House Food Pantry 8:30 am - 12 noon

Coffeebreak - Wednesday 1pm

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday 7:30 pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, April 14	Worship 10am Youth Group 6pm
Monday, April 15	Pub Theology 6:30pm Martha's Exchange, Nashua
Tuesday, April 16	Trustees 7pm
Thursday, April 18	Mission Meeting 7pm
Saturday, April 20	Faith & Film 6pm "The Lorax"
Sunday, April 21	Worship - 10am
Monday, April 22	Book Group 7pm
Sunday, April 28	Worship 10am

