

First Congregational Church of Pelham
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Church
"Sharing What God's Love Looks Like"

Dare to Dance Again
Easter Season Series
April 28, 2024

"By This We Will Know: The Dance of Love"

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

Prelude

Welcome

Introit "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" German-Latin Carol

'Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice. Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls to all to gain His everlasting hall. Christ was born to save!'

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

"In My Heart There Rings a Melody"

#400

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***

Readings

Psalm 22:25-31

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

Anthem

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

Peter Scholtes arranged by John F. Wilson
words found on hymn #495

Reflection

"From You Comes My Praise: Guide My Steps"

Rev Carlos

+Hymn

"Guide My Feet"

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

Prayers of God's People

Sung Call to Prayer

"In The Garden"

#205 vs2

Silence

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

Offertory

+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 "Draw the Circle Wide" insert

Benediction

Sung Benediction "Because He Lives" #204

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

Postlude

Flowers - In memory of Barbara Robinson by Kate Marcotte and family

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

Thursday, May 2 **Bible Study** 7pm

Sunday, May 5 **Worship** - 10am

Tuesday, May 7 **Faith Formation** 7pm

Sunday, May 12 **Worship** 10am

Monday, May 13 **Holy Habits** 7pm

Tuesday, May 14 **Diaconate** 7pm

Thursday May 16 **Women's Fellowship** 7pm

Sunday, May 19 **Pentecost and Confirmation**
Worship 10am