

First Congregational Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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We welcome you to the First Congregational Church of Wiscasset.
We are an open and affirming congregation and are open theologically,
growing spiritually, and concerned socially.



Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

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10:00am

* Indicates to please stand with your heart or your posture.

PRELUDE *Du Bist die Ruh (You Are My Peace)* Franz Schubert

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT Celtic Alleluia

* INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We are called to be God's children.

God's love has been poured on us through Jesus Christ!

Fear and doubt are gone!

Joy and Celebration ring in our hearts!

Come, let us raise our voices in song!

Let us offer our hearts and souls to God in prayer and praise. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

This is the Day

No. 257

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you give to us your greatest gift, Your Son Jesus Christ, as we still don't understand what is going on. You call us to be people of courage and hope; and yet we run and hide, doubting and fearing. You challenge us to proclaim our faith; but we huddle in darkness whispering our words of discouragement. Shake us up, Lord! Forgive us when we seem to need prodding over and over again. Help us to see the presence of Jesus in our lives; and remind us of all that He taught us, to help us to live as disciples, serving you by serving others. Change us! Remold us! Make us truly the disciples you have called us to be.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

CHORAL ANTHEM

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty

JOYS AND CONCERNS: After each Joy or Concern please respond:

Leader: "Lord," **Congregation: "Hear our Prayer"**

MORNING PRAYER

MOMENTS FOR SILENT 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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSON

LUKE 24:36b-48

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Peace Before Us

No. 340

SERMON:

'The Presence of Peace'

Sarah Whitfield

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us

No. 212

DOXOLOGY

No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

* DEDICATION

* CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

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BENEDICTION

BENEDICTORY RESPONSE

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.*

POSTLUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Roger Whitney, trombone

You are invited to sit for the postlude.

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“Our worship ends, let our service begin”

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April 14, 2024

Those serving you today:

Leader: Sarah Whitfield

Ushers: Judith Sutter & Beth Whitney

Reader: Margot Stiassni Sieracki

Flowers: Nancy Roby

Organist: Joel Pierce

This Is the Day

Unison

1. This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our
 2. This is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, Je - sus
 3. This is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came, when the

God has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
 rose a - gain; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be
 Spir-it came; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be

glad in it. This is the day that our God has made, we will re-joice and be
 glad in it. This is the day Je - sus rose a - gain, we will re-joice and be
 glad in it. This is the day when the Spir - it came, we will re-joice and be

glad in it; this is the day, this is the day that our God has made.
 glad in it; this is the day, this is the day Je - sus rose a - gain.
 glad in it; this is the day, this is the day when the Spir - it came.

LUKE 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Liturgist: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

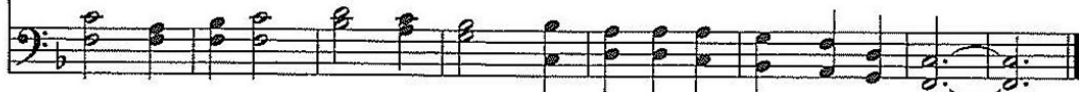
Peace Before Us



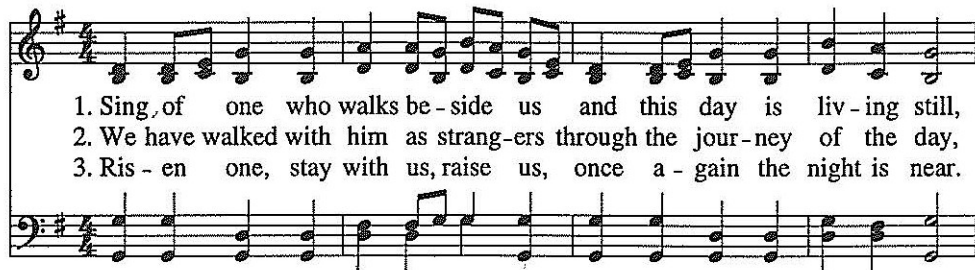
1. Peace be-fore us, peace be-hind us, peace be-neath our feet.
2. Love be-fore us, love be-hind us, love be-neath our feet.
3. Light be-fore us, light be-hind us, light be-neath our feet.
4. Christ be-fore us, Christ be-hind us, Christ be-neath our feet.



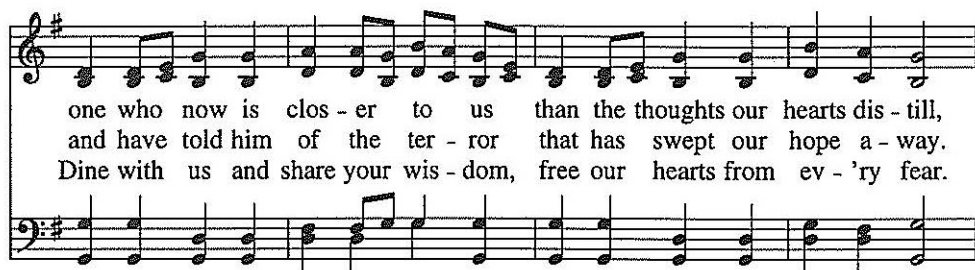
Peace with-in us, peace a - bove us, let all a - round us be peace.
 Love with-in us, love a - bove us, let all a - round us be love.
 Light with-in us, light a - bove us, let all a - round us be light.
 Christ with-in us, Christ a - bove us, let all a - round us be Christ.



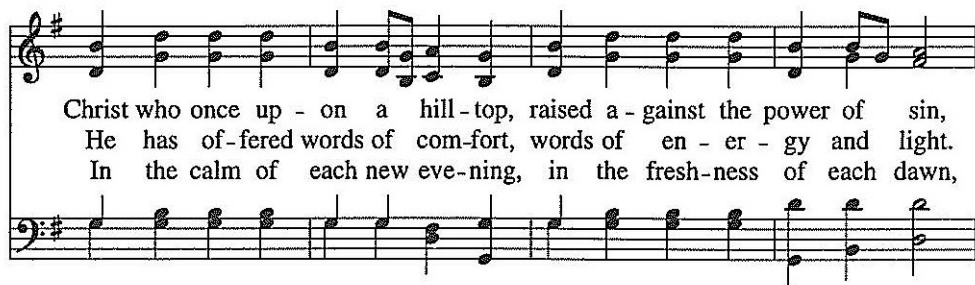
Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us



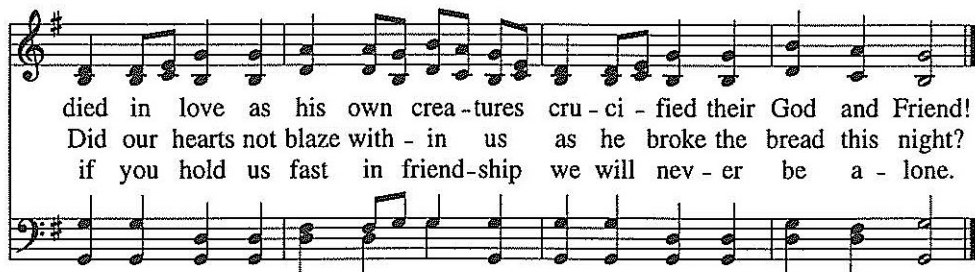
1. Sing, of one who walks be - side us and this day is liv - ing still,
 2. We have walked with him as strang - ers through the jour - ney of the day,
 3. Ris - en one, stay with us, raise us, once a - gain the night is near.



one who now is clos - er to us than the thoughts our hearts dis - till,
 and have told him of the ter - ror that has swept our hope a - way.
 Dine with us and share your wis - dom, free our hearts from ev - 'ry fear.



Christ who once up - on a hill - top, raised a - gainst the power of sin,
 He has of - fered words of com - fort, words of en - er - gy and light.
 In the calm of each new eve - ning, in the fresh - ness of each dawn,



died in love as his own crea - tures cru - ci - fied their God and Friend!
 Did our hearts not blaze with - in us as he broke the bread this night?
 if you hold us fast in friend - ship we will nev - er be a - lone.

S-8

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

(Here I Am, Lord)

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin - est bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

WORDS: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1947 (para. Isaiah 6:8)
 MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1947

HERE I AM, LORD
 77.74D w. refrain

Refrain (Harmony optional)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

The first system of music features a vocal line in the treble clef and an optional harmony line in the bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The vocal line begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The harmony line provides accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, If you

The second system continues the musical notation. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, and a quarter note F5. The harmony line continues with accompaniment.

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The third system concludes the refrain. The vocal line has a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The harmony line ends with a final chord in the bass clef.