

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Wiscasset Town Pier (FCC Sanctuary if inclement weather)
First Congregational Church, UCC and St. Philip's Episcopal
Sunday, April 20, 2025
6:00 am

Invitation to Worship

This is the day to celebrate new life, to open our ears to the sounds of God's world, and to open our eyes to the beauty of creation.

We are glad for Jesus, our helper and our friend.

Jesus is alive! His Spirit lives in us, helping us when we are afraid or lonely or ashamed or sad.

Jesus shows us how much God loves us and lets us know we are forgiven.

Be glad today! Let us rejoice together! Life is good! We are accepted and loved!

Easter Song

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing to we our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal is his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! God, the Christ, and Spirit One. Alleluia!

Easter Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 118:24, 1-2, 16-17, 22-24

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,

"His mercy endures forever!"

The right hand of the Lord is exalted;

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord!”

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s doing, it is wonderful in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Luke 24:1 - 35

The Resurrection of Jesus according to Luke

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our

hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Resurrection Message

“And So Are You!”

Rev. David Myers

Easter Song

“Morning Has Broken”

Morning has broken like the first morning. Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning. Praise for then springing fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven. Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden. Sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning. Born of the one light Eden saw play;
Praise with elation, praise every morning. God’s recreation of the new day.

Offering

the offering will be equally divided between our two churches

Doxology

**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.**

Easter Song

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

Joy dawned again on Easter Day, the sun shone out with bright array;
When to their longing eyes restore, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

O Jesus, Savior, Gentle One, come now yourself our hearts possess,
That we may give you all our days, the willing tribute of our praise.

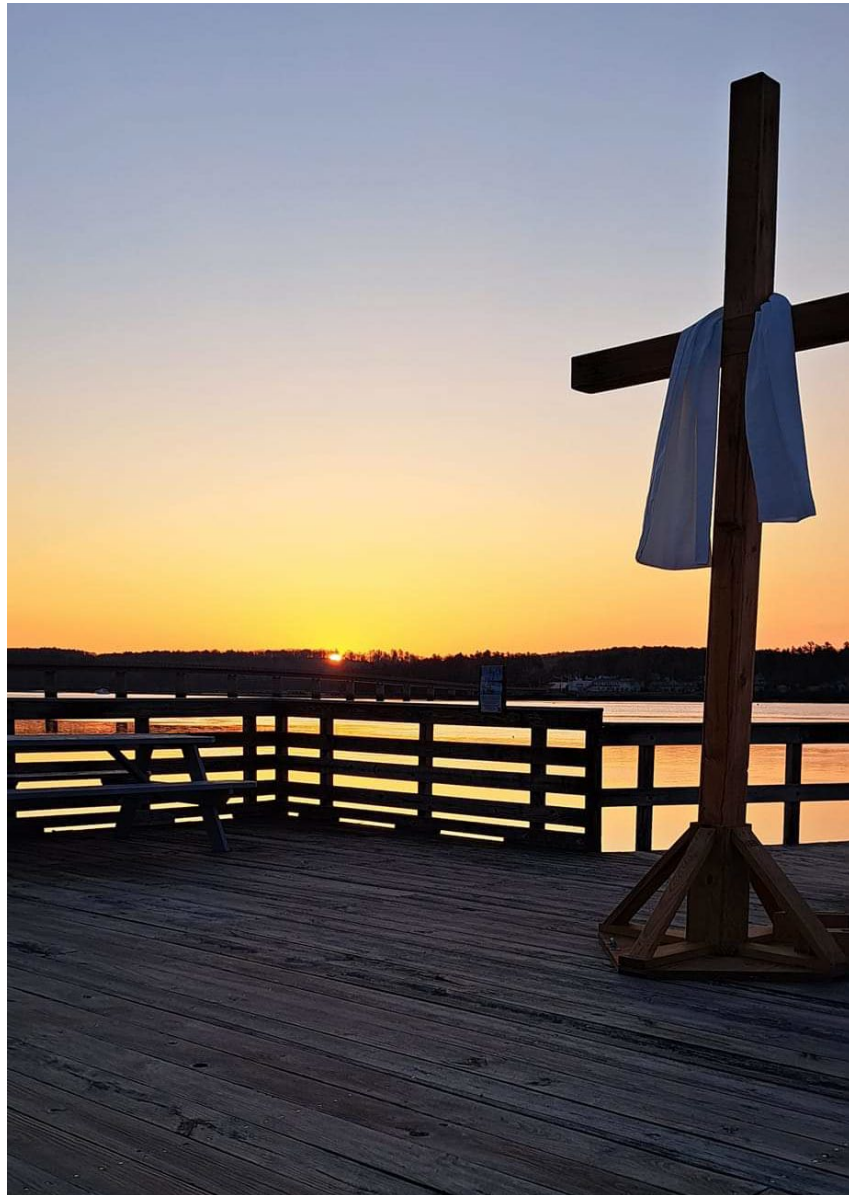
O Savior, now with us abide, in this our joyful Easter-tide;
From every weapon death can wield, your own redeemed forever shield.

Benediction

Minister:

Rev. Dr. David C. Myers, First Congregational Church of Wiscasset, UCC

Musician: Sarah Whitfield, Flute



He Is Risen!