

Christ is so united to us in the Sacrament of Communion  
that he acts as if he were ourselves.  
— Martin Luther



## We Gather to Praise God

*\* indicates those who are able may stand*



WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS

ORGAN PRELUDE *Christ, Who Makes Us Blessed*



J.S. Bach

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *responsively* *Passionsspiele 2010 Oberammergau*

Leader: Before parting from his friends,  
Jesus celebrates the night when the  
Lord liberated his people from Egyptian bondage,  
**People: When Moses and his companions gathered round the  
table of the lamb, waiting for their God to lead them into  
the Promised Land.**

Leader: Death before his eyes, Jesus, too, hopes for Israel's saving  
God, and – prepared to love unto the end – offers himself as  
the Passover Lamb.

**People: He gives himself in bread and wine,  
becoming a source of life in death,  
salvation's light in disaster's night.**

Leader: Jesus gives so that the hearts of men and women,  
when they eat his bread, will be transformed into his heart,

**People: And that the blood that he shed might become the wine  
of life, so that across the eons, his presence will have the  
power to strengthen us and liberate us to become  
children of the light.**

\* OPENING HYMN #72 *To God Be the Glory*



\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER *please stand and greet those around you!*

\* RESPONSE *sung by everyone* (Tune #277)



**Christians, we have met to worship and adore the living God;  
Let us pray for all earth's people til our God makes all things new.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *seated, in unison*

Gayle Murph

**Dear God, how clueless we can be!**

**Even as you offer to feed and sustain us, we refuse  
your gifts and turn our back on you. Where we seek glory,  
you call us to servanthood. When we fight over status, you  
remind us how undependable we are. Forgive us, God for we  
wish to do better, and we need your help to forgive and guide us  
We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**



WORDS OF ASSURANCE *by the pastor*

You are not alone in your straying from God. But you are  
individually forgiven so that the unique relationship you have with  
God may be restored. Thanks be to God!



## We Listen for God's Word



ANTHEM

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Franz Schube

CHILDREN'S TIME

"Passover"



PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins")



\* HYMN #385 *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*  
At this time children through high school adjourn to classes



SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER — PASTORAL PRAYER — RESPONSE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Exodus 12:1-14

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GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:14-30

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HOMILY "Passover & Communion: Past made Present"

## We Respond to God's Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY #46 (*altered rhythm*)

Thomas Ken (167

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *by the pastor*

## We Share in The Sacrament of Holy Communion

ORGAN INTERLUDE

INVITATION, PRAYER OF CONSECRATION, WORDS OF INSTITUTION  
SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *spoken in unison* A & T Gobledale, *adapted*

**Loving and gracious God: Thank you for this holy meal.  
Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity.  
Thank you for this day in which we worship and serve you.  
Enable the sustenance received here to sustain us in your  
presence throughout the days ahead.  
Amen.**

\* CLOSING HYMN #431 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

\* BENEDICTION *by the pastor*

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #441 *sung together while holding hands*

**Peace be upon you and guard you forever.  
Go in the knowledge that God is with you.**

\* ORGAN POSTLUDE

## We Depart to Serve God

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments  
hosted by the World Service Committee*

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LENT WORSHIP TEAM: Rev. Gail Kindberg, Lee Congregational Church  
Rev. Gayle Murphy, Northwood Congregational Church, & Rev. Jim.



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Where Neighbors Meet*

The First Congregational Church of Pembroke  
United Church of Christ

APRIL 3, 2011

All Are Welcome!

**The First Congregational Church of Pembroke, N.H.**

***United Church of Christ***

Ministers: All the People!

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**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME** to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book outside the center-aisle entrance at the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is provided for infants and young children, and there are rocking chairs at the rear of the Sanctuary for those with a child who needs comforting. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Thank you to those assisting in our service. Floyd & Dot Smith and Tom & Allison Hardy served as ushers.

**THE FLOWER COMMITTEE ...**

Donations of flowers are always welcome for our altar each Sunday morning. To contribute all you have to do is sign up on the flower sheet in the Parish Hall or let the flower committee know of your intention. Please contact Lynn Matava, 485-8352 (**April**), Doris Rowden, 485-3664 (**May**) and Robbe MacKenzie, 485-7295 (**June**).

**THE 2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MERRIMACK ASSOCIATION** will be held on Sunday, April 10 at 2pm and hosted by **The Congregational Church in Henniker at 43 Maple St., 428-3747**. Rev. Rebecca Maccini, Pastor and the congregation invites you to arrive at 1:30 and visit their new thrift shop across the street from the church. This is a new mission of the Congregational Church, Henniker. They would like to share this new addition to their mission program with you.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Prayers for the family of Doris Saturley – who passed away Vi Boulet – compound fracture on right wrist – in Corville, 44 West Webster St., Manchester for Rehab. for at least 2 weeks  
Prayers for Steve & Erica Peaslee and family – their son Jacob has been diagnosed with Autism  
Mary Louise Grandmason's brother-in-law Bob - fighting his 3rd battle with cancer and on chemo.  
Paul Stauffacher – prayers of thanksgiving for report of cancer free  
Abby Duffy – diagnosed with LHON (6 years old)  
Stacy Driscoll's dear friend Joanne Kerstetter and her 16-year old granddaughter were severely injured in a bomb blast in South Africa on July 11<sup>th</sup> while on a mission trip. Please keep them and the other six who were also injured in your prayers.  
Military personnel overseas & their families  
Athena Petrin's address: TF 3643 D, Camp Command Cell LSA, APO AE 09815

**SCHEDULE OF USHERS FOR APRIL ...**

**10** Eric & Judy Pearson, Luke & Cindy Bonenfant

**17** Dave & Nancy Bibbins, Alan & Anna Gibbs

**24** Kurt & Jodi Ehler, Randy Shuey, Dean Hopps

**If you are unable to usher on your given day, please contact Dean Hopps at 485-5509.**

**BROWN BAG SUNDAY** is the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** of the month. Donations can be placed in the Parish Hall.

**THE DEACON'S FUND ...**

Donations toward this fund are solicited **today**. This fund helps those in need in our church and community.

***THE WISH LIST ...***

Item suggestions are, but not limited to:

**Country Time Lemonade** **trash baskets**

**13 gallon trash liners**

Please let the office know if an item has been purchased so the list can be updated!

## CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun., April 3 9am Choir Rehearsal  
10am Worship  
10:20am Sunday School  
**2:30pm Open House (Rev. Geoffrey Black)  
at the NH Conference**
- Mon., April 4 6pm Girl Scouts – PH
- Tues., April 5 6pm Cub Scouts - DN  
6pm Girl Scouts – PH  
7pm Church Council
- Wed., April 6 6pm BSA – PH
- Thur., April 7 6pm Girl Scouts – DN  
6pm TNT – PH  
6pm Cub Scouts – DN  
6pm “AA” Group - MR
- Sun., April 10 9am Choir Rehearsal  
10am Worship  
10:20am Sunday School & High School
- Mon., April 11 6pm Girl Scouts – PH
- Tues., April 12 6pm Cub Scouts - DN  
6pm Girl Scouts – PH
- Wed., April 13 6pm Girl Scouts – DN  
7pm BSA – PH
- Thur., April 14 6pm TNT - PH  
6pm Cub Scouts – DN  
6pm “AA” Group - MR  
6pm Girl Scouts – DN  
6pm “AA” Group – MR  
6pm World Service Comm.
- Sat., April 16 1-4pm Parish Hall Use (Sargent)

**THE CONCORD REGIONAL VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION’S HOSPICE PROGRAM** is offering another adult bereavement group. This group will be held in Epsom and will be Wednesday evenings April 13 – June 1, 2011 from 6-7:30pm. Trained Grief Facilitators provide grief support and education for participants who have suffered a recent loss. The group size is limited to 12 participants and the sessions are free. For more information or to register, please call Laurie Farmer at 224-4093.

## BUILDING A BETTER COALITION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN CONCORD

Monday, April 11, 5:30 – 7pm  
at the New Hampshire Hospital Association, 125 Airport Road,  
Concord.

Join with people of faith and good will from the Concord area to gather energy and resources to more effectively coordinate efforts to address the root causes of homelessness. These are exciting times, and this is an exciting opportunity to come together to make a bigger difference. Sponsored by the Concord Coalition to End Homelessness, the group which brought Concord the Homeless Resource Center and the Win Family Shelter.

## YOU CAN HELP! JOIN THE WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM FOR EASTERTIDE SUNDAYS MAY 1 TO MAY 29

We are looking for assistance to flesh out the theme “Resurrected Reality: Experiencing the Joy of the Risen Christ in Your Life” to cover the five Sundays of May (including, May 22, Confirmation Sunday). If you have artistic, graphic, decoration, poetic, dramatic, musical, talent or ideas, WE NEED YOU!! Time commitment will be 2-4 meetings 45-60 minutes each, scheduled at your convenience! Please contact Rev. Jim if you are interested.

