

Question Reality
especially if it contradicts
the evidence of your hopes, dreams, and faith.



We Gather to Praise God

** indicates those who are able may stand*



WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS

ORGAN PRELUDE Arisen is the Holy Christ

INTRODUCTION

* CALL TO WORSHIP *by the pastor*

God is our beginning and our ending.
And God is our in-between.
But lest we forget our center and our source,
let us take time to come before God in worship.

* OPENING HYMN #224 *Christ Arose!*

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

* RESPONSE *sung by everyone* (Tune #229) 5th Century Latin Hymn

**Come, risen Christ, with us abide
In this our joyful Eastertide,
That we may give you all our days
The tribute of our grateful praise.**

INVOCATION *seated in unison* Brenda Duckworth & Dianne Astle, *alt.*

**We worship to encounter your reality, O God.
We come to share your love and Word.
Transform our lives by your holy presence, we pray.
Refresh our spirits.**

**Wake us up to your truth.
Make us a people fully alive.
Open us now to receive your grace;
to find in your realm our true habitation.
Equip us to bless your people and this world.
We pray in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**



J. S. Bach



Frances Flook, *adapted*



We Listen for God's Word



GOOD NEWS FOR ALL Acts 26:16-18 (*The Message*)

CHILDREN'S TIME What's Real?



PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins")



ORGAN INTERLUDE

At this time children through high school adjourn to classes

SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER — PASTORAL PRAYER — RESPONSE



GOSPEL READING John 20:19-31

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HOMILY "Resurrection Reality"

We Respond to God's Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY #46 (*altered rhythm*)

Thomas Ken (1674)

**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

* COMMUNION HYMN #416 *Here, O My Lord I See Thee Face to Face*

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *spoken in unison* David L. Beebe, *alt.*

**Since, dear God, in this place, at this table, we have touched, we
have tasted, and we have heard the signs of your love for us,
grant that we may go away from this house filled with our love
for you and overflowing with your love for those who are around
us and who share our lives.**

We pray in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN #222 *Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

* 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 Membership Committee and Church Council*

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The First Congregational Church of Pembroke

United Church of Christ

Where Neighbors Meet



EASTERTIDE

All are Welcome!

May 1, 2011

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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. Manuela Shuey read the scripture. Helen Chapman, Don & Laurie Hill, and Lynn Matava served as ushers.

THE TRUSTEES ARE PLANNING A WORK DAY scheduled for **May 7** at **9am until noon**. We will be doing clean-up on the outside and inside of the church.

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 Doris Rowden, 485-3664 (**May**), Robbe MacKenzie, 485-7295 (June), and Lynn Matava, 485-8352 (July).

THE DEACON'S FUND ...

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Betty Jacobs – in Pleasant View recovering from a fall

Helen (friend of Doris Rowden) – recovering from a stroke; prayers for healing and for her spirit as well

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 bout with cancer and on chemo.

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 11th 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 MAY ...

8 Peter & Eric Chase, Dean Hopps, and Alan Gibbs

15 Kurt & Jodi Ehler and Floyd & Dot Smith

22 Dave & Nancy Bibbins and Eric & Judy Pearson

29 Luke & Cindy Bonenfant, Rick Hocksprung, and Randy Shuey

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

THE WISH LIST ...

Suggested items are (but not limited to):

Country Time Lemonade trash baskets

13 gallon trash liners

BROWN BAG SUNDAY is next Sunday. Your donations which can be left in the parish Hall will go to the Interfaith Food Pantry in Suncook.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sunday, May 1 9am Choir Rehearsal
 10am Worship
 10:20am Sunday School & High School
- Monday, May 2 6pm Girl Scouts – PH
 7pm Work Camp Meeting
- Tuesday, May 3 6pm Girl Scouts – PH
 6pm Cub Scouts – DN
 7pm Council
- Wednesday, May 4 11am Memorial Service & Reception (Elwell)
 6pm BSA – PH
- Thursday, May 5 6pm Cub Scouts - PH
 6pm “AA” Group – MR
 6pm Girl Scout Leader’s Meeting - CR
- Friday – May 6 2-10pm Parish Hall Rental (Green Valley School)
 Arts Program
- Saturday, May 7 9am-12noon Work Day around the church
- Sunday, May 8 9am Choir Rehearsal
 10am Worship
 10:20am Sunday School & High School
- Monday, May 9 12noon-8pm PWC sponsored **Blood Drive** - PH
- Tuesday, May 10 6pm Girl Scouts – PH
 6pm Cub Scouts – DN
- Wed., May 11 6pm BSA – PH
- Thursday, May 12 6pm Girl Scouts – DN
 6pm Cub Scouts - PH
 6pm “AA” Group – MR
 6pm World Service Committee
- Saturday, May 14 9am-1pm Christian Education Committee Meeting
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