



April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Sharing an experience of belonging, with God's music and the love
and justice of Jesus at the heart of what we do.

Welcome

Rachel Robicheau

Opening Music: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Guided Breath & Centering Moment

Opening Prayer

Rev. Timothy Sylvia

Entry Into Worship

Debbie Hobart

One: Christ is risen!

Many: Love is alive! Hope is alive! We are alive!

One: The stone has been rolled away,
not just from a tomb long ago,
but from every place we thought had been sealed shut.

Many: Life is breaking through!

One: We come this morning ready to celebrate
because death does not, and will not, have the final word.

Many: Resurrection is here!

One: And still...we arrive from our real lives
carrying grief that lingers, questions that remain,
stories still unfolding.

Many: And yet, life is rising.

One: The women came to the tomb expecting an ending
and instead, found themselves standing at a beginning.

Many: A beginning we are still living into.

One: So bring your joy.
Bring your fear.
Bring your wonder and your weariness.

**Many: Because resurrection meets us here.
Let us worship and give thanks
for what restores us to life!**

Scripture: Acts 10: 34-43

Debbie Hobart

Gospel: Matthew 28: 1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Sacred Stories for All

Jennifer Harris Dault

Music: Where God Meets Us

Sermon: What Restores Us to Life?

Rev. Timothy Sylvia

Music: Made New

Affirmation (Unison)

Rachel Robicheau

**We believe in a God
who is always bringing life out of what seems finished.
A God who rolls away stones
that we thought would never move.**

**We believe in Jesus,
risen and alive,
who meets us on the road,
not when we have it all together,
but while we are still figuring it out.**

**We believe resurrection is not only something that happened,
it is something that is happening.
In broken systems being transformed.
In excluded people being embraced.
In weary hearts finding new strength.**

**We believe, as Peter came to understand,
that God shows no partiality,
that love is not limited,
grace is not withheld,
and no one is outside the reach of belonging.**

**We believe that fear and joy can exist together,
that trembling and hope can share the same breath,
and that even then,
especially then,
life is rising.**

**And we believe
that we are called to live as people of resurrection,
bearing witness to life
in a world that still expects death.**

Offering Invitation

Rachel Robicheau

Communion

Pastoral Prayer (with 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.

Closing Music: Up From the Grave He Arose

Sending Forth

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

COOKIES NEEDED, April 10th: We are looking for a donations of your favorite cookies (1-2 dozen only) for our BraveSpace café. Simple or complicated, anything goes! If you would like to donate cookies, please contact Joy at joytardiff49@gmail.com to let her know what kind you will make, or use the sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter in Memorial Hall. Thank you!

ADULT HYGIENE PRODUCTS DONATIONS: Missions is launching a drive for donations of adult incontinence items and women's hygiene products. There is a Donations bin in Memorial Hall. These products will be delivered to Interfaith Social Services (ISS) in. You may also donate on-line on the church's [giving](#) page.

ISS STOP THE STIGMA WALK, Saturday, April 25th, 9:30 am: A church team has been set up for this year's walk. If you'd like to join the team, please contact Susan Goodale (psgoodale@comcast.net) prior to registering. Funds raised will go to the New Directions Counseling Center at ISS. Anyone is able to go for counseling regardless of insurance or inability for their copay. Stop the Stigma against mental illness, substance abuse. You can donate to our team, or an individual on our team, by clicking on this link: <https://interfaithsocialservices.org/stop-the-stigma-5k/?form=5Kdonation> and specify that you are donating to First Congregational Church Randolph or the specific walker's name.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Governing Board
Missions

Monday, April 6th
Sunday, April 12th

7:00 pm in the Chapel
After coffee hour in Memorial Hall

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Easter Flowers

In Living Tribute to:

*First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ –
a welcoming and loving community,
given by Tony Massaroni & John Croto
Lucy Meoni, given by Paul Meoni
Our boys, Jacob, Adrian & William, given by Timoth Sylvia*



In Loving Memory of:

*Midge & Ted Boltz, given by Holly Boltz
My sister, Kellee Herington, given by Holly Boltz
Milton & Zilpha Gray, given by Marjie DiSalvio
Florence Wright, mother, given by Vallerie Hartgrove
Dick & Marilyn Ainslie, given by the Hobart Family
My son, Sean Sylvia, given by Gloria Kwasny
All of those who have gone before us, given by Tony Massaroni & John Croto
David Henkelmann, given by Paul Meoni
Cassie Ramos' mother, Yves Emeline Jeremie, given by Cassie Ramos
Cassie Ramos' grandmother, Clemence Dorcely, given by Cassie Ramos
(Papa) Christopher J. Quinlan, given by Rachel Robicheau
Mary C. Clougher, given by Rachel Robicheau
Eleanor Whelan Joyce and Coleman Valentine Joyce, given by Kate Shore
Herman Greenfield, given by Kate Shore
Mae Atchikoff Shore and Mark Shore, given by Kate Shore
Nora Hanifan Whelan, by Kate Shore
My husband, Peter Sylvia, given by Timoth Sylvia
My cousin, Sean Sylvia, given by Timoth Sylvia
Our parents, given by Rich & Carol Wallace
Our grandson, Jacob, given by Rich & Carol Wallace*

In Memory of Loved Ones:

*Willie Mae Gendraw
Sue Matheus
Debbie Mellon*