

Welcome to the United Church of Craftsbury.

If you're visiting or new to our congregation, please sign our guest book. The greeters can supply a hearing device or magnifier to assist you during our service. *We would love to keep in touch; please leave us your contact on a form in the pew rack.*

Participants today:

Rev. Alan Parker, Pastor; Sandalyn Chadwick, Accompanist; Jim Flint, liturgist.

For Next Sunday:

*Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31.

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary

in memory of a family member or loved one, contact Roberta Alexander (586-7730).

Bulletin news due at church via e-mail, phone message, or note by Friday morning. You may also contact Michelle Warren at 586-9632 or email unitedchurchcraftsbury@gmail.com

Mon. 03/28	Tues. 03/29	Wed. 03/30	Thurs. 03/31	Fri. 04/01	Sat. 04/02	Sunday 04/03
Mahjongg: Noon-4 PM	AA: 6 PM		Mahjongg: Noon-4 PM			Sunday Service & Sunday School: 10 AM
Zumba: 6 PM			Al-Anon: 6 PM			

Committee Contacts:

- **Church Clerk:** Anne Wilson (586-2825)
- **Church Council:** Andy Moffatt (586-2248)
- **Community Supper:** Barb Strong (586-2516)
- **Deacons:** Andy Moffatt (586-2248)
- **Horse & Buggy Club:** Paula Massé (586-2857)
- **Ladies Union:** Lois Charron (586-9674)
- **Memorial Committee:** Diane Sanville (586-9642)
- **Prayer Circle:** Norma Waterhouse (586-2285)
- **Religious Education:** Barb Strong (586-2516)
- **Trustees:** Richard Bailey (586-9675) and Clyde Simmons (586-2854)

United Church of Craftsbury

PO Box 46, Craftsbury Common, VT 05827

Phone: (802) 586-8028 · Email: unitedchurchcraftsbury@gmail.com

Website & Online Calendar: www.unitedchurchofcraftsbury.com

Pastor Rev. Alan Parker · Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Arnold Brown · Ministers: The Entire Congregation

United Church of Craftsbury



March 27, 2016

Easter Sunday - Year C

WE GATHER TO BE PRESENT WITH GOD

PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(The first spoken words of our worship time are
"The peace of Christ be with you.")*

The congregation is invited to respond, saying, "And also with you.")

INTROIT

GATHERING MUSIC, MEDITATION & FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

HYMN # 233 (Black)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

(Sing through hymn once, followed by reading from Psalm 118, after which we will resume singing. All who wish are invited to take part in placing flowers in the cross in the front of the sanctuary. You're encouraged to help young people with this joyful task, and take part yourself. We will keep singing until the flowering is full. The congregation is invited to sit or stand during this time as the Spirit moves us)

UNISON PRAYER FOR HEALING OF BROKENNESS

Gracious God, for forty days, we have not spoken the word, "Halleluiah" in your House. It was not the time for unbridled joy. In this season, we have known, in the loneliest, most unholy places in our hearts, that our betrayal of your Son would finally show us how lost we are without your guiding, abiding love. Today, we confess how often we have heard your Word and have failed to do what it asks of us. On this, the holiest of days, we kneel before you and ask forgiveness for all that has ever separated us from you, and from all the children and beings of your Creation...

SILENT PRAYER

RESPONSIVE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God has forgiven us by giving eternal life to God's Son, and to us. Again and anew, God has given us the music of God's mighty voice.

All: Now we sing our joyous expression of thanks for God's eternal love, grace, and forgiveness. Hallelujah! AMEN

CHORUS OF ASSURANCE

(SING) It is well with my soul. It is well with my soul.

It is well; it is well with my soul.

WE LISTEN TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

O God, may our reading, hearing, and understanding of your Word, and our own words spoken, sung, and prayed, be acceptable in your sight. For you are our rock and our redeemer. AMEN

AN EASTER CHOIR OFFERING

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

THE WORD OF GOD IN SCRIPTURE

- Isaiah 65:17-25
- Luke 24:1-12

*(At the conclusion of Gospel reading, the congregation responds, saying,
"Thanks be to God, who brings light and truth.")*

REFLECTION

"What Does Resurrection Look Like?"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S HOLY INVITATION

***HYMN # 245 (Black)**

The Day of Resurrection

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER, PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION, & 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

(SING) *Hear our prayer, O God; hear our prayer, O God.
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

WE OFFER GIFTS OF OURSELVES AND DEPART IN PEACE

CALL TO GIVING AND RECEIPT OF OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN #193 (Red)**

Thine Is the Glory

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE # 590**

Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE

*** We rise, either in body or in spirit**

CALL TO PRAYER FOR HEALING AND FORGIVENESS

On this holy day of Easter, when forgiveness is the very essence of the air we breathe, we confess our sins and brokenness joyfully, for this day is about the new life that comes of forgiveness, both God's forgiveness of us and our own of self and the other. Eager to celebrate, we pray together for God's healing and restoration.

Scripture for March 27, 2016

Isaiah 65:17-25 (Edited)

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it an infant
that lives but a few days,
or an old person
who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years
will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred
will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree
shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy
the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord —
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Luke 24:1-12

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.

(At close of reading: "This is the Word of God, the story of Jesus Christ, who brings light and truth to the world.")

Opening Reading, March 27, 2016

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

SING

O give thanks to God, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,
"God's steadfast love endures forever."

God is my strength and my might;
God has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory
in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of God does valiantly;
the mighty hand of God is exalted;
the strong hand of God does valiantly."

I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of God.

God has punished me severely,
but God did not give me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to God.

This is the gate of God;
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is God's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that God has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SING