

The Congregational Church of Westborough

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

57 West Main, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026



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WE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS!

We are an "Open and Affirming" Church



WELCOME!

To our worshipping community, especially to parents: God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house! We welcome you and your child/ren. Children are a gift to the church and a reminder that the church is growing. May our church be a place where we give smiles of encouragement to parents!

Are you visiting with us today? We are glad you are here!
WHETHER YOU HAVE JOINED US BY PHONE, IPAD, OR COMPUTER

We celebrate "OPEN DOORS and GROWING FAITH"
"No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here."

CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

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Monday - Closed

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Statement of Inclusion

We, the people of The Congregational Church of Westborough, United Church of Christ, believe that all people are created equal, in God's image. "We are all God's children." In our journey of faith, we strive for justice and equality for all. We invite and welcome into our community and into the full life and Christian ministry of this church, persons of every race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, family structure, faith background, economic circumstance, mental and physical ability. We say, and mean, "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." We declare ourselves an Open and Affirming Christian community, actively expressing our belief in diversity and inclusion. We seek to be a faith community centered in Christ, ready to proclaim the Gospel and seek to grow through the transformative power of the Holy Spirit. We offer to each person acceptance and the responsibilities and blessings of participation in this congregation.

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Easter Sunday

**The Congregation is invited to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS (SHOWN ONLINE AND ON THE SANCTUARY SCREENS) 9:45 AM

PRELUDE "Chaconne" (from "First Suite") by Gustav Holst
David Hagberg, organ

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

BELL INTROIT "Seek Ye First" Karen Lafferty/arr. Peggy Bettcher
Festival Bell Choir

*Sing, ye first the kingdom of God and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!*

INVITING THE WORD

WELCOME Rev. Betsy Dorsi

*OPENING MUSIC

HYMN #623 "Woke Up This Morning" WOKE UP

JoySpring Songbook #13 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Rick Founds

*CALL TO WORSHIP Roland Regnier

One: Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia!

Many: **He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

All: **With Great Joy and Thanksgiving, We Come to Worship our Redeemer!**

*GATHERING PRAYER (unison) Roland Regnier

Gathered here as but one community, we join our praises today with Christians all over the world! Having traveled with Jesus through the darkest week ever, we now are able to rejoice in His powerful victory over the grave. Alleluia! O Lord, we know You are here and You are everywhere Your people have gathered to praise You. Accept our gratitude for the great gift of life You have given us; the defeat of our mortality and life forever with You. May our collective jubilant voices fill the air like waters cover the sea, til all

creation knows You as their Lord and Redeemer. We offer this prayer in Your holy name Jesus, and continue to pray using the words You gave us...

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Roland Regnier

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.

*HYMN #234

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

RECEIVING THE WORD

ADORNING THE CROSS

Children

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 28:1-10

(pew Bible page 811)

SERMON

"Come and See; Go and Tell!"

Rev. Betsy Dorsi

*HYMN #218

"Thine is the Glory"

MACCABEUS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

BEING THE CHURCH

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Invitation

Offertory

"Lift High the Cross"

Chancel Choir

Easter Ensemble

Sydney B. Nicholson

arr. Richard A. Nichols



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*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Chalice Hymnal #46

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison) Roland Regnier
Jesus, we offer You gifts out of our deep gratitude for Your incredible gift to us. Please accept and bless these gifts and help us use them to spread Your Good News. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Communion at our church is open to all. All bread is gluten free)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (as found on the inside cover of your hymn book) Roland Regnier

INVITATION

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD "La Rejouissance" Georg Philipp Telemann
Easter Brass Ensemble arr. Jay Lichtmann

SHARING THE CUP "You Are My All in All" Dennis Jernigan
JoySpring Songbook #23

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison) Rev. Betsy Dorsi
We thank You Jesus for offering us this heavenly feast. May we be strengthened by it to continue the ministry You have called us to do. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #216 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION "Hallelujah Chorus" (from "The Messiah") George Frideric Handel
Brass Parts Arranged by Warren Anderson
The Congregational Church of Westborough
Easter Ensemble

Please see the musical score - and SING ALONG!

POSTLUDE "In dir ist Freude" Johann Sebastian Bach
David Hagberg, organ

Easter Ensemble

*Trumpet 1 - Jerry Sabatini
Trumpet 2 - Zack Wong
Trombone 1 - JP Lanctot
Trombone 2 - Andrew Knight*

Easter Organ Player

Organ - David Hagberg

Easter Choir Section Leaders

*Soprano - Julie Olson
Alto - Fanny Lora
Tenor - Blake Siskavich
Bass - Christopher Martin*

Special thanks to Warren Anderson for arranging our Easter Ensemble today.

Roland Regnier serves as liturgist today.

Linda Borglund and **Pam Faustine** are deacons of the day.

Prayers

Continued Prayers: Ted Jaworski & Betty; Elaine Moore; Julia O’Neil-Welsh; Sue Menzel; Bev & Doug Hall’s son Jeremy; Jackie Smith; Adam Beckloff, Linda Birch’s nephew; Carolyn Bent; Diane Travers; Judy Ellis’s daughter, Syreeta Peddlesden; Ron, brother-in-law to Betty & Ted; Betty Simino; Debbie Grega – Amy Glennon’s mother; Betty Gray’s niece Heather; Cathie Achorn’s sister-in-law, Lorie Mumby.

MISSIONS

Hygiene Kits - We are still collecting items for the hygiene kits. We are especially in need of the following items: combs, travel size shampoo and lotion, wash cloths and nail clippers. Items can be left off after the service on Sunday or at the office on Tuesday by noon. Walmart and the Dollar Tree have the best deals. The kits will be assembled during our first Saturday Service on April 11th and distributed to shelters in Worcester for people who are homeless. If you can't come to the Sunday Service on April 12th, join us on Saturday the 11th.

Westboro Food Pantry - For the month of **April**, the Westborough Food Pantry is in need of the following: *Jello, Mustard, Salad dressing, Relish*. The Westborough Food Pantry has thanked us for our continued support in helping to feed local families in need. Please continue to consider donating additional (non-perishable) food of all sorts to the white box. Thank you. The Mission Team

Dismas House – Do you like to cook for people who really appreciate your efforts? If so, please consider making a meal for the men at Dismas House. The men are working towards re-assimilating back into a normal life with friends and family after time in prison. They really love home cooked meals. If you can cook a meal but can't deliver it, we can probably arrange to bring the meal. If you are a first-timer, one of our team can go with you. You can stay for dinner with the men or simply deliver the meal. Nothing fancy, just a tasty meal. If you can help, please contact Pam Faustine at 978-505-7031 or pfaustine@princeton-ma.us

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES ON WESTBOROUGH TV

Exciting news from our collaboration with Westborough TV! Our Sunday services will be replayed TWICE a week every week. You'll be able to watch us on **Mondays at 6:30PM** (please note, this is a half hour later than we have been), and again on **Thursdays at 6:30PM**. As a reminder, we're on Verizon channel 2124 (High Definition) and Verizon 24 & Charter 191 (regular definition)

Apr 5 10:00AM	Easter Sunday with Communion Worship Service
Apr 6 6:30 PM	Monday – office closed Women’s Fellowship Meeting
Apr 7 6:30 PM 7:00-8:00 PM	Tuesday Building Committee/Board Room Bell Rehearsal
Apr 8 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 3:30 – 4:30 PM 6:30-8 PM	Wednesday Weavers’ Guild/Fellowship Hall Called to Care Journey Home Singers Choir Rehearsal
Apr 9	Thursday
Apr 10	Friday
Apr 11 9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Saturday Men’s Fellowship Breakfast Alternative Worship Service Fellowship Hall
Apr 12 10:00 AM	Sunday Worship & Faith Formation

