

This Week's Participants:

Bridge Pastor:	Rev. Lee Ireland
Organist:	Sue Stottlemeyer
Flutist:	Janice Kimball
Lay Reader:	Deacon Kevin Measimer
Youth Director:	Rachel Measimer
Videographer:	Richard Stottlemeyer
Video Editor:	Lisa Gorman

The Groton Congregational Choir & Handbell Choir

Zoom Meetings

- 1- Please join us for After Worship Zoom Coffee Hour at 11:30am on April 18th.
 - 2- Our weekly Wednesday Prayer Meeting begins at 5:30pm
- If you are not receiving our weekly Zoom invitations, please email the office.

The Groton Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Church
Founded in 1702



April 18, 2021

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April 18, 2021 10am**

-We Gather in Community as God's People-

Prelude "Children of the Heavenly Father" Piano Solo

Announcements

Call to Worship Deacon Kevin Measimer

Leader: God holds out to us the promise of new life.

People: **Life as unpredictable, as unrehearsed, as explosive as life at the very beginning.**

Leader: God calls us to respond to this gift with creativity, with joy, and with courage.

People: **In worship we can begin to accept this gift of new life.**

All: **Let us rejoice and worship God this new day.**

Unison Prayer of Invocation

God of love and light, we come as witnesses of your glory and faithfulness, amazed to discover your transformative love. God, we desire for you to abide within us, and for your grace to be revealed anew daily. Be with us and awaken within us the call to love one another, in the way it was made real through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Hymn "This is a Day of New Beginnings" CH#518 All verses

-We Express Our Gratitude-

Call to Offering "O Store Gud" Flute & Piano Duet

Prayer of Dedication

God of abundant love, we offer a portion of our time, spiritual gifts, and resources as a sign of our love for you and the world. O God, we give you our thanks for all that we have and ask a special blessing on these offerings. In the hope of this Easter season we offer these in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Time With Children Rachel Measimer

-We Share Our Concerns With God And Each Other-

Prayer Time in Silence

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My heart" CH #265 Verses 1 and 2

-We Hear God's Words and Guidance For Our Lives-

Bible Reading: Luke 24:36b-48 1 John 4: 11-19

Sermon: "Eating Fish: Following the Voice of Love" Rev. Lee Ireland

Hymn "Because He Lives" CH #562 Verses 1 and 3

Benediction

Benediction Response "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love

Postlude "He is Exalted" Twila Paris Handbell Choir