

FIRST CHURCH WEST HARTFORD

APRIL 14, 2024

PRELUDE *Berceuse* Louis Vierne
Improvisation on "ADORO TE" Léon Boëllmann

WELCOME

†CALL TO WORSHIP Ray Epps

One: Peace be with you as we gather for worship.
All: The peace of Christ emboldens our belief.
One: Life has been revealed to us in this Easter season.
All: In community we find the life God intends.
One: Praise be to God! Christ is risen!
All: He is risen, indeed! Praise be to God!

†HYMN 357 [*We Call Ourselves Disciples*](#) LANCASHIRE

†OPENING PRAYER

Bless this community of faith, O God, as we celebrate the Resurrection. By the power of your Holy Spirit, awaken our five bodily senses. Reveal your presence while we worship you wholeheartedly. Open our minds to perceive and believe in your miraculous love. Strengthen our faith this day, that we may go forth as witnesses to the gospel truth. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Amanda Bethune

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Maksymilian Zyla
Child of Caroline and Piotr Zyla

ANTHEM *Alleluia* William Boyce
The First Church Choir

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING [Luke 24:36b-48](#) (NT p. 110)

†GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 35) GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

SERMON *Five Senses Inform Your Faith* Rev. Fredd

HYMN 373 [Be in Our Midst, O Christ](#) BEGINNINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Alleluia* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
The First Church Choir

†DOXOLOGY

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

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of generosity and grace, bless these gifts with your abundant goodness and your extravagant mercy. Bless us as we bear witness to your light and love in all that we say, all that we give, and all that we do. Amen.

†HYMN 215 [Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain](#) ST. KEVIN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Amen* Gabriel Fauré
The Adult Choir

POSTLUDE *Chorale Prelude on a melody by Melchoir Vulpius* Heally Willan
("Good Christian Men Rejoice and Sing!")



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024
10 o'clock

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Rev. Fredd Ward, Senior Pastor
Jim Boratko, Director of Worship Arts
Amanda Bethune, Director of Faith Formation

† *Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!