



**Second Christian Church of Kittery
North Church of Portsmouth
Worship with Holy Communion for the
Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025 - 10:00AM**

Welcome one and all! Whether you are gathering with us on-site or on-line,
*Remember: No matter who you are, no matter who you love,
no matter where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here!*

**Indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able.*

WE GATHER

Prelude

Words of Welcome and Opening Prayer

*** Opening Hymn #233**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

God Winks

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

The Scripture

John 21:1-19

The Message

"Feed My Sheep"

Rev. Jenn Mazur

Music Meditation

WE RESPOND

We Share our Joys and Concerns

The Prayers of the People - Written Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Our Savior

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen,

Song of Prayer

Invitation to Generosity

The Offertory

Come to Us

Rory Cooney/arr. Patti Drennan

Our Combined Choirs

*** Doxology †**

ST. ANNE

***Today the kingdoms of despair in wreckage fade away;
now Hope her victory declares: God's Love has won the day!***

*** Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

God of resurrected life, we lift up thanks and praise for these gifts that have been given, and we offer them to you. May we be emboldened to generous, abundant love, to share your love wherever we go. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Closing Hymn #337

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

GALILEE

* Benediction

Postlude

Welcome to worship, one and all!

You have been greeted by Rob and Kathryn Varney.

Our Ushers are Sharon and Ernie Wiswell, and Barb Bolko is today's Liturgist.

This Week at Second Christian:

Monday, May 5:

6:00pm Seacoast Gay Men

Wednesday, May 7:

10:00am AA

6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 8:

2:00pm Prayer Time - *via Zoom*

5:00pm The Dance Hall - African Drum & Dance Class

The Doorkeeper's Meeting has moved to *next week...*

Friday, May 9:

9:00am Breakfast with Brad at *Kasha's Kitchen*

Saturday, May 10:

9:00am Hearts and Crafts - *In the Vestry*

Sunday, May 11:

Mother's Day

10:00am

***Second Sunday Jazz Worship
for the Fourth Sunday of Easter
Rev. Brad Hirst, preaching***

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*Alleluia! sing to Jesus,
risen now to reign in love.
Alleluia! Praise the Savior;
with the multitudes above.*

*There the songs of saints and martyrs
thunder like a mighty flood,
"Jesus out of every nation
has redeemed us by his love."*

*Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now.*

*Alleluia! Christ is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget the promise,
"I am with you evermore"?*

*Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,
be on earth our food and stay.*

*Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.*

HYFRYDOL

WORDS: William C. Dix, 1866, alt.
MUSIC: Rowland H. Pritchard, 1830

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild restless sea,
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me";*

*Long ago apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home, and toil, and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.*

*Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store;
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."*

*In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."*

*Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.*

GALILEE

WORDS: Cecil F. Alexander, 1852
MUSIC: William H. Jude, 1874

+ Today's *Doxology* was written by Mary Luti,
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An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Our Mission Statement

Second Christian Congregational

United Church of Christ

***is a God-centered, Christ-formed, Spirit-led,
Open and Affirming gathering of God's People.***

It is our mission:

***To welcome all people into our community of faith,
To learn together the cost and joy of discipleship, and
To go out into the world to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ,***