

Worship on the Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025

Lay Leader Mere Doyen
Guest Speaker Aila Brennen, Dylan Doyen
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

Prelude “To A Wild Rose” by Edward MacDowell

Welcome

Call to Worship (Psalm 119:1-2)

Happy are those whose way is blameless.

Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are those who keep God’s decrees.

Blessed are those who seek the Lord with their whole heart.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. May we serve you in righteousness and peace all our days, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 431 “ Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Prayer of Confession (from Psalm 51)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Isaiah 43:16-21

New Testament John 12:1-8

Message Aila Brennen, Program Director, Silver Lake

Offertory Op. 28, No. 4 by F. Chopin

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

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, your loving kindness shines brightly through your Son Jesus. Thank you for welcoming us into a relationship with you. Send your Spirit to help us trust you more each day and to know the joy of giving freely for the sake of others. We dedicate these offerings so that our neighbors will feel your love and be drawn closer to you. We pray through Christ. Amen.

Sharing Praise to God and Concerns for Prayer

Prayers of the Church and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 191 “ Jesus Loves Me”

Hymn 585 “ This Little Light of Mine”

Benediction

Postlude “To Walk in Faith” by David Paxton

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 6 **Worship** 10:00 a.m. in person & via live stream

We are happy to welcome special guest speaker Aila Brennan, Program Director at Silver Lake Camp and Conference Center in Sharon, CT. Silver Lake is affiliated with the United Church of Christ and one of the mission organizations our church supports. She will stay for coffee hour and answer questions about upcoming programs there.

Tuesday, April 8 **Easter Flower Donation** deadline noon

Please drop off your check and give Becky your dedication details (in honor, memory, or celebration) for inclusion in the bulletin insert.

Alcoholics Anonymous & Al-Anon 7:00 p.m.

We sponsor this year-round group. In this season, meetings are held via zoom. To connect with the facilitator, email info@finyaa.org.

Wednesday, April 9 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome to join in our hybrid format in the church Parlor and via Zoom. We are reading *From Wilderness to Glory: Lent and Easter for Everyone* by renowned biblical scholar N. T. Wright.

Thursday, April 10 **Tots Time** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

This is a casual time for toddlers and adults to share fellowship.

Saturday, April 12 **Alcoholics Anonymous** via Zoom 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 13 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday Worship Service with palms

Holy Week: April 18 **Good Friday Prayer Service** 6:30 p.m.

April 20 **Easter Sunrise Service** 6:00 a.m. Dock Beach

Easter Sunday Worship and Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

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Laura Chapman, Director of Operations

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“Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here.”



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