

April 3 - UP & COMING NEWS & SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

Worship services and past events can be accessed on Facebook and YouTube by selecting the links below:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchHadley>

YouTube: <https://youtube.com/c/FirstChurchHadley>

Additional information can also be found on our website by visiting <https://firstchurchhadley.org>

Live Zoom Sunday Worship: *If you would like to join our Live Zoom Worship Service click on the link below at 10am on Sunday morning:*

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/6222869817?pwd=ejFYVytrTlk3aW1kK01aWE1LeUJpZz09>

MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Music Director Search Committee is pleased to announce that Roger Farnsworth has accepted our offer to be Music Director, beginning on April 6.

EASTER LUMINARIES

The Board of Christian Education will be setting up luminary bags to be displayed on the front steps of First Church this Saturday, April 4th. Please remember to return your decorated bags and don't forget to bring a canned good to hold your bag. Everyone is encouraged to drive by on Easter Eve and enjoy the beauty of God's light shining in the darkness!

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, April 5th, will begin at 6:15 a.m. on the North end of the Hadley Town Common on West Street. Please plan to bring a folding chair if you'd like to have one. If there is poor weather, we will meet at the church.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Our traditional Easter Sunday worship service will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary where Easter flowers will be displayed in memory or in honor of family and loved ones. Please join us!

Sunday, April 5

6:15 a.m.

EASTER SUNRISE WORSHIP

10:00 a.m.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED

Monday, April 6

7:00 p.m.

Girl Scout Leaders Meeting

Tuesday, April 7

6:00 p.m.

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 p.m.

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTING GROUP

Wednesday, April 8

6:00 p.m.

Hadley Women's AA Group Meeting

Thursday, April 9

4:30 p.m.

Fiddle Orchestra Rehearsal

7:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sunday, April 12

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY WORSHIP & CHRISTIAN ED

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE

Don't forget to subscribe to our **YouTube** channel to keep up on our latest services and to view past services and events. Please click on the following link to subscribe:

<https://youtube.com/c/FirstChurchHadley>

You may also watch our worship service later in the week on **Hadley Media Public Channel 191**.

Follow us on **Facebook**: <http://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchHadley>

Please share this email! Invite your family and friends to join us. If folks would like to get this weekly announcement, just send a quick note to rooster@firstchurchhadley.com.

If you would like to post an event in the weekly Friday email blast, please submit it by Wednesday of that week. If you do not want to receive these emails, please let us know and we will remove your name from our list.

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Peter Stilla is currently offering office hours on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 413-584-4117

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LIVE ZOOM WORSHIP SUNDAY 10AM

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The Rev. Peter Stilla
Colleen Harris
Jonathan Morel

Minister
Guest Organist
Deacon

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026

PRELUDE

“Crown Him With Many Crowns”
Mara Breen, Trombone
Jeremy Thayer, Trumpet

by Sir George Job Elvey
arr. by Paul G. Young

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jonathan Morel

INTROIT

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
Ring of Joy

Arr. Kevin McChesney

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the Church throughout the world, that as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus' name.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For pastors, teachers, and ministers, that they be wise in leadership, humble in service, and fearless in the face of evil.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the governments of the world and its leaders, that they may practice compassion and reject the politics that use death and suffering as means of control.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our planet Earth, so that we may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the poor and the stranger, they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the sick and distressed, they may find healing for their pain and be restored to the fullness of life.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our neighbors, that together we may dwell in harmony.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: For our enemies, that we may love them and be agents of reconciliation in the spirit of Christ.

People: God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

Leader: Almighty God, receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of your Holy Spirit use us for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: In his name we pray. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

MORNING OFFERING

Invitation

Offertory

“Because He Lives”

William and Gloria Gaither

* Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Even on this glorious day of joy and celebration, as we stand in awe of your gift to us of eternal life, love, and oneness, we humbly offer our gifts to you. May you guide us, O Lord, so that we may use them to further the reign of Christ on earth and bless your children of our church and the entire world. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

* **CLOSING HYMN** **“The Day of Resurrection”** #192
Please sing the melody on the final verse.

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE **“Rondeau”** by Jean Joseph Mouret
Mara Breen, Trombone arr. S. Drummond Wolff
Jeremy Thayer, Trumpet