



*An Open and Affirming Congregation  
of The United Church of Christ*



**Order of Worship for  
April 14, 2024, 10:30am**

**Welcome to Worship at Center Church!  
We are delighted that you are with us today.**

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

CHIMES

ORGAN PRELUDE: *Adagio*

A. Vivaldi

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Leader:* Risen Christ, you come among us.

***All: Living One, you speak to us.***

Loving One, you grant us your Spirit.

**You who call us to bear witness: lift us up and guide us,  
that we may shine with your light. Alleluia!**

\*OPENING HYMN: NCH 242 *The Strife is O'er*

tune: Victory

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

We encourage you to greet each other verbally or by a friendly wave of peace

What is your favorite comfort food?

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Congregation sings:*

***Halle, Halle, Halle-lu-ja (3X) Halleluja! Hal-le-lu-ja!***

Caribbean Melody

SCRIPTURE: *Luke 24:36b-48*

SERMON: *A Sermon about Grief and Snacks*

Rev. Liza Arulampalam

MUSICAL RESPONSE: *I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*

G.F.Handel

Katie Suarez, Soprano Music Intern

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*unison*)

**God of Love, Risen Christ, you come to us and often we are bewildered. Come to us anyway. Come and speak to us, give us your peace, and send us by your Spirit, according to your word, to do your will in the world. We open our hearts to you, in the name and Spirit of Christ. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY: *Ave Verum*

W.A. Mozart  
Center Church Choir

\*DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be-low;

Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**Gracious God, we thank you for the mystery that you give yourself to us. As you raised Christ from the dead, you have raised us to new lives. Send us into the world, to be vessels of your healing, and to proclaim changed lives rooted in the gift of forgiveness, in the name and the Spirit of Christ. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: NCH 245 *The Day of Resurrection*

tune: LANCASHIRE

HISTORY REPORT

Robin Roy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE: *Rigaudon*

A. Campra

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### THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST IN HARTFORD

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**AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING** Congregation. "We include into full participation in the life of this church persons of any age, race, economic status, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and physical, emotional and mental capacity" (from the statement adopted October 23, 1994.) In recognition of the richness of backgrounds of our congregation, a **DIVERSITY OF LANGUAGES** will find expression in our worship services. Center Church offers an **OPEN COMMUNION**. Adults and children from all religious backgrounds are invited to partake.

**TEXT ALERTS** To receive text alerts regarding church activities and cancellations, please text the word CENTER to (860) 300-3697. (Message and data rates may apply according to your data plan.)

**FACEBOOK LIVE** We livestream our worship services on Facebook each week, and your presence here constitutes your permission for your image to be shown. If you prefer not to be seen, speak with the minister or whoever is operating the phone up front to determine where a good seat might be to avoid the camera. Our viewership is growing and we are excited to welcome a congregation in cyberspace!

### Church Information

**ON STREET PARKING** is available during Sunday Worship Services on Gold Street and on the west side of Lewis Street, and is FREE on Sundays. The church is maintaining our relationship with the Traveler's Garage which is temporarily closed due to Covid-19. Stay tuned as we partner with other garages in the area.

**REST ROOMS** are located in the basement of the Meeting House. Please use the stairs in the southeast corner of the building. For safety, please have an adult accompany your child to the restroom.

**CHURCH SCHOOL** is held at the Church House (60 Gold Street) for preschool to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Children are to remain with their families in the Meeting House during worship until they depart for Church School following the Children's Moment. Please pick your child up promptly at 12:00pm. For their safety, children will remain with their Church School instructor until an adult picks them up. Church School is not held during the Summer.

**CHILDCARE and NURSERY** care are provided by trained, capable, and nurturing staff and volunteers, and is available in the Meeting House basement for infants and toddlers (up to two years of age.) A nursery without staff is also located on the second floor of the Church House.

**CURRENT SUNDAY ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** Announcements regarding Adult Education classes are announced in our publications.

**HANDICAPPED ACCESS** to the sanctuary is via the lift outside at the south end of the portico. If possible, please call the church office in advance for assistance in using the lift.

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