

**West Newbury Congregational Church**

April 15, 2012

Rev. Cynthia Batten, Minister

Parsonage: 429-2869

Judy Vaughan, Organist

**Order of Worship**

**Prelude**                    *“Loving Spirit”*            arr. Emma Lou Deimer

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Introit**                    *“Now the Green Blade Rises”*            Martin F. Shaw

**Call to Worship**

Come! Bring your doubts, your hopes, your faith

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Come! Bring your questions, your wonderings, your misgivings

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Come! Bring your fear, your sorrow, your joy.

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Come, let us worship God.

**\*Hymn #185 (red) “Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”**

**Unison Prayer**

**Sometimes we hide behind locked doors or in tombs of our own making, preferring to stay in familiar places of doom, gloom, self-pity, and fear, rather than to venture out into the new and uncertain dawn of resurrection. Come to us, God. Open our locked doors and hearts, enter in, dust us off, and make us new. We long to be your Easter people, to live and proclaim new life with all of our being. We pray as Jesus taught us:**

**The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)**

**\*Gloria Patri #513 (red)**

**Youth Time**

**Anthem**                    *“Peace I Leave With You, My Friend”*            Ray Repp

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**The Call to Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Let us now humble ourselves before God and each other.

**Ever present God, we rejoice today in the amazing truth of Easter. You have acted; You have come to us; You are with us. Evil and death have been overcome and Christ is risen. Help us to recognize and be responsive to the presence of our risen Lord among us, ministering to us, the church which bears His name, touching our distress with peace and our discouragement with hope, stirring us up to new life in Him. And accept now our praise and worship as expression of our gratitude for such wondrous gifts of grace.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Prayer Response**

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord,  
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory**                    *“Zum Evangelium und Credo”*            Franz Schubert

**\*Doxology # 515 (red)**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn # 181 (red)                    “Alleluia! The Strife is O’er”**

**Gospel Reading**

John 20: 19 - 31

**Sermon**

*“The Other Twin”*

**\*Hymn #192 (red) “The Day of Resurrection”**

**\*Benediction**

Risen Christ, You have given yourself to us.

**Now we give ourselves for others.**

As people who live in a Good Friday world with Easter faith,  
we celebrate as we leave this place. You have raised us with  
Christ and made us a new people.

**As people of the resurrection, we will serve You with joy.**

Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord.

**We are sent in the power of Christ’s resurrection,  
Alleluia! Amen.**

**Postlude**

*“Morning Star”*

arr. Frederick Swann

**\*Those who are able may stand**

*Diaconate “on call” for April*

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**Please power off your cell phones during worship  
as they interfere with the sound system**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### April

- 15<sup>th</sup> Blood pressure checks after worship
- 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at parsonage
- 1:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship meeting  
upstairs in the Hall  
Richard Ellis, speaker
- 7:00 p.m. Deaconate meeting at parsonage
- 21<sup>st</sup> 9-2;00 p.m. Back Room Yard Sale at Hall  
Lunch served, too
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:30 p.m. Grafton-Orange Association Meeting at  
United Congregational Church of Orford, NH
- 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00 p.m. Daffodil walk at Wilson's
- Church World Service School and Health  
kits due today.

The Sunday School children are still collecting  
**RETURNABLE BOTTLES AND CANS**  
Please place them in the blue bucket  
**Benefits the Heifer Project**

Choir Practice is every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.  
**All voices are welcome**