

West Newbury Congregational Church

April 8, 2012

**Easter Sunday**

Rev. Cynthia Batten, Minister

Parsonage: 429-2869

Judy Vaughan, Organist

Jeremiah Gallant, Trumpet

**Order of Worship**

**Prelude**      *“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”*

Franz J. Haydn, arr. Don Hustad

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Introit**      *“The Sun Arose in Clouds of Fire”*

**Call to Worship**

*The Three Women*

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Fear and death are overcome; love and resurrection life are God’s promises fulfilled.

**Glory and honor to Christ Jesus, the victorious Savior. Glory and honor to God the Spirit, among us in resurrection life.**

Let us worship with glorious hymns of praise; let us sing Alleluias to our risen Lord!

**\*Hymn # 182 (red) “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**

**Unison Prayer**

Alleluia! God, may all praise your name, for You have brought life out of death, and hope out of despair. You have raised Jesus Christ from the dead to be the first fruit of resurrection and the pledge of your victory of love over evil. Wise God, You know our doubts, our fears, and our failures, which we bring to the tomb on Easter morning. Through your Spirit, nurture the small growth of hope, courage, and faith within us, that we may forever live to

praise and serve You, in the name of Christ Jesus, in whom we pray as He taught us:

**The Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)**

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

**Youth Time**

**Anthem**      *“Joy in the Morning”*      Natalie Sleeth

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**The Call to Prayer**

(L) The Lord be with you.

**(P) And also with you.**

(L) Lift up your hearts.

**(P) We lift them up unto the Lord.**

(L) Let us give thanks to the Lord Most High.

**(P) It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

(L) Let us now humble ourselves before God and each other.

**Hallelujah, Lord Jesus! We do not find You among the dead but among the living! Not in a grave in some distant garden, nor entombed or enshrined anywhere, but resurrected, alive, and with us. What a gift to know You are here right where we are, present in this sanctuary, present in our homes and on our streets, present in the ordinary lives we lead from day to day! And as risen Lord, victorious over sin and death, You come to seek and meet us, and to send us into the world with the wondrous news that beyond ordinary dying is extraordinary living, for us and for all creation. Help us to absorb the truth of this hope as we worship and praise You, O God.**

**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**      *“Siciliana and Giga”*      G. F. Handel  
                         Jordan Kidder, Flute

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn # 357 (blue)**      *“Christ Arose”*

**Gospel Reading**      Mark 16 1-8

**Sermon**      *“Believe It Or Not”*

**\*Hymn # 193 (red)**      *“Thine Is the Glory”*

**\*Benediction**

May our faith find voice and shout,

**Christ is risen!**

May our souls find purpose and shout,

**Christ is risen!**

May our voices find faith and shout,

**Christ is risen!**

May our hearts find life and shout,

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

**Postlude** *“The Blessed Christ is Risen Today”* J S Bach

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

*Diaconate “on call” for April*

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as they interfere with the sound system**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### April

- 9<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. Bible Study at parsonage  
7:00 p.m. Cabinet Meeting at Parsonage
- 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Back Room Meeting at the parsonage
- 13<sup>th</sup> Purple-Up Day for Military Kids
- 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  
7:00 p.m. Deaconate meeting at parsonage
- 21<sup>st</sup> Back Room Yard Sale at Hall
- 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

**The rugged, wooden CROSS beside the Church was  
hand hewn with axes from a cedar log  
by John Nininger and Mark McCulloch.**

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**