

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome to the public worship of God on this Sixth Sunday in Eastertide!  
We gather for worship each Sunday at 11:00 am. All are Welcome!  
Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative and calls the Church into being.  
In the name of Christ, we heed God's call and gather as the community of faith.

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

MAY 10, 2026 | 11:00AM

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE

*One Sweetly, Solemn Thought*

R.S. AMBROSE

CALL TO WORSHIP

DOROTHY BROWN

*We gather to celebrate the God of wonder and majesty!*  
**Awesome God, help us to worship you in spirit and in truth.**  
*We gather to celebrate Jesus Christ, who was dead and buried,  
and now risen indeed!*  
**Jesus, renew our hope in your great power and love.**  
*We gather to celebrate the Holy Spirit, our promised comforter  
and our guide!*  
**Come Holy Spirit! Fill us with your presence and peace.**  
*We gather to celebrate the ancient hope of Christians:*  
**God is with us and will never let us go.**

\* HYMN No. 12

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and humility, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*)

**Ever-present God, we come before you knowing we have ignored your promised Holy Spirit living within us. Therefore, we forfeit peace and bear needless worry. We become confused and deaf to your voice of truth. We struggle with obedience to your Word and fight an overwhelming sense of loneliness. Forgive us! Help us to remember that we are never alone, that you are with us and for us, by the power of your Spirit abiding in us, the Spirit of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Believe the good news of the gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

\* ALLELUIA RESPONSE No. 240

*Alleluia, Alleluia! (refrain)*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**  
*(From your place, share signs of peace with one another.)*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

*Gathered in God's name, we now open ourselves to God's life-giving Word.*

ANTHEM | CHANCEL CHOIR

*Let Us Build a House*

TWO OAKS

YOUTH MOMENT

*K-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to the "302" Room for Youth Sunday School and Children's Worship.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DOROTHY BROWN

Come Holy Spirit! As the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, bear witness to the truth in our hearts and minds, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 2:2—10

DOROTHY BROWN

ACTS | GOSPEL READING

Acts 17:22—31

John 14:15—21

REV. RICK UPCHURCH

SERMON

**"Living Stones"**

REV. RICK UPCHURCH

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Having heard God's life-giving Word, we are led to responses and expressions of our faith.*

\* HYMN No. 729

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys and Concerns | Pastoral Prayer | The Lord's Prayer

## OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

The gifts we share to support the ministry and mission of First Church may be placed in the offering plates at the Sanctuary entrance. Gifts may also be given online at [www.fpcmilford.org](http://www.fpcmilford.org) or by using the QR code on the cards in your pew Thank You!

## OFFERTORY

As the Wind Song

WAIKUA TAPU

## SENDING FORTH WITH THE WORD

The God who calls us together in worship now sends us out in service.

\* **CLOSING HYMN No. 300** *We Are One in the Spirit* THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

MCKEE

\* **Congregation rise in body or in spirit | Congregational responses in bold**

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES

**TODAY: 05.10.26**

*Sixth Sunday in Eastertide*

*Mother's Day*

- Adult Sunday School | 9:30 am
- Worship | 11:00 am
- Youth/Children's SS | 11:15 am

**MONDAY:**

- Deacons' Meeting | 6:00 pm
- N. A. Meeting | 7:00 pm

**TUESDAY:**

- Handbells | 6:00 pm
- N. A. Meeting | 7:00 pm
- Session Meeting | 7:00 pm

**WEDNESDAY:**

- **Breakfast at Westside** | 9:00 am  
*ALL ARE WELCOME!*
- MAH: "A Seat at the Table" | 5-7:00 pm

**NEXT SUNDAY: 05.17.26**

- Adult Sunday School | 9:30 am
- Worship | 11:00 am
- Youth/Children's SS | 11:15 am
- Fellowship Luncheon | 12pm

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Kristin Williams, Colton Hunt,  
Coleen McCann, Nancy Gabel

## Food Pantry:

Please place items in basket at Front Doors.

## Special Thanks to those assisting in worship today:

Head Usher: Ken Naegeli | Liturgist: Dorothy Brown  
Videographer: Sarah Huntzinger/Mark Huntzinger

## Next Week:

Ken Naegeli | Paul Mikalonis |

## STAFF:

Ann Whitman | Organist & Music Director  
Ruth Mikalonis | Interim Admin/Bookkeeper  
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# First Presbyterian Church

*Sharing God's Love with All from the Heart of Milford*



**SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE**

*May 10, 2026*