

Welcome to this service of worship. As Jesus Christ welcomes each one of us, we hope you sense the friendly welcome of this congregation of God's people. We light the Peace Candle to stand as a beacon of hope, calling us and all the world from darkness to light, from violence to peace.

[*]If you are comfortable doing so, it is appropriate to stand.
Bold type signifies congregational response.

WE GATHER IN JESUS' NAME

PRELUDE *Cantilena* Boyles

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praise to the Lord!
Give thanks to God's holy name!
Worthy is the lamb who was slain.
All blessing, honor, and glory forever!
Amen! Let us worship God!

* HYMN #151 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*PRAYER OF PRAISE

Lord of all life, you meet us wherever we go, and shake the foundations of our lives. Remove the blindness in our eyes, that we may see your spirit at work around us. Fill us with your spirit, that we may love one another, and care for our neighbors as you care for us. Amen.

*PRAYER RESPONSE (STF #2038) *Father, I Adore You*

**Father I adore you, lay my life before you;
How I love you.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

(Children and teachers may be excused to their classes.)

ANTHEM *Blue Green Hills of Earth* Oler/Strommen

Refrain: For the earth forever turning, For the skies,
for every sea, To our Lord we sing returning home to
our blue green hills of earth.

For the mountains, hills and pastures in
this silent majesty, For all life, for all of
nature sing we our joyful praise to Thee.

Refrain

For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the season's
harmony, for the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our
joyful praise to Thee.

Refrain

SCRIPTURE John 21:1-19 Pew Bible NT p. 115-116

MESSAGE "Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast?" Rev. Feroe

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # 392 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord's Prayer is found on the top of page 16 of the
Hymnal, traditional version using "debts"
and "debtors"*

OFFERING

ORGAN OFFERTORY *Recit de Cornet* Couperin

*RESPONSE

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
(for music see hymn 423)

**Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar
to our King; Angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Great God of mystery and majesty, you rescue us
from our doubts and delusions, free us from our
past, so that we may serve you in others. In the light
of the first day of our new lives, accept our gifts as
signs of our commitment, and stay close by as we
venture out in your name, Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN #147

Blessing and Honor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Christ calls us in love: "Feed my lambs."
Great God, lead us in love.
Christ beckons us in hope: "Tend my sheep."
Gracious spirit: "Guide us in hope."
Christ sends us in service: "Feed my sheep."
Loving Lord, strengthen us in service. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

A Clare Benediction Rutter

This was written for Clare College, Cambridge

May the Lord show His mercy upon you; May the
light of His presence be your guide: May He guard
you and uphold you; May His spirit be ever by your
side. When you sleep, may His angels watch over
you; When you wake, may He fill you with His
grace. May you love Him and serve Him all your
days, then in heaven may you see His face.
May the Lord's loving kindness surround you; Keep
you safe as you journey on your way: May He lead
you and inspire you as He grants you the gift of each

new day. May He bless all your loved ones and cherish them; every friend, every stranger at your door: In the name of His son, our Saviour Christ, may God bless you now and ever more.

POSTLUDE *See, What a Morning* Getty and Townsend
Tonya Spears, piano

SERVICE

Greeters: Margo & Enoch Darko
Liturgist: Louise Feroe
Ushers: Julius Aboagye, Tom McNeill, Maude Morrison,
Akosua Ware.



Members, friends, and visitors are invited to join us as our guests for refreshments and fellowship in Hodge Hall immediately following worship.

This is a welcoming Church, embracing

sisters and brothers without regard to age, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, family status, economic situation or theological viewpoint. We want our visitors to feel a part of the family. *“Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA).”*

There is a variety of materials near the entrance to acquaint you with the Church. We encourage you to sign the guest book in the entry and to use the yellow card in the pews to register your attendance and enable us to add you to our newsletter mailing list. Please place yellow cards in the offering plates.

All of our services and activities are open to non-members.

Membership and Baptism— First Presbyterian Church, Hartford invites you to commit to membership as

witness to your faith in Christ, and the mission of Christ as lived out in the life of this congregation. We receive members by affirmation of faith, or by reaffirmation or transfer of membership. Also, if you have an interest in baptism please see or e-mail Pastor Feroe at rferoe@sbcglobal.net or speak with one of the session members or other elder.

Offering Envelopes are available in the pews for the convenience of those who may have forgotten their assigned envelope or for those who wish to use an envelope for a cash gift. If you wish your contribution to be used for a specific cause, please indicate that on the envelope.

ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM AVAILABLE

Anyone who has difficulty in hearing and understanding the service is encouraged to use the assisted listening system. This is a wireless system so users can sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Receivers are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. Many of you have used a similar system at the Bushnell or Hartford Stage.



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We are a member church of the Presbyterian Church USA), Synod of the Northeast, Presbytery of Southern New England.

