



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN NEW CANAAN

*Where Faith, Families & Friends Connect*

Seventh Sunday of Easter • May 17, 2026 • 10:00am  
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*Grace and peace to you, and welcome!*

*As you prepare for Worship, please sign the red welcome pad found at the center of each aisle so that we will know you worshipped with us. Then pass it to your neighbor. The last person to sign the pad should pass it back to the center of the aisle.*

*\*PLEASE STAND IN BODY AND/OR SPIRIT.*

## THE GATHERING

**Prelude:**

Prière du Christ montant vers son Père  
(Prayer from Christ ascending towards His Father)

Olivier Messiaen

*We suggest you allow the music to bring you into a meditative spirit and the quiet stirrings of the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart and mind for worship.*

**\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 68)**

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Leader: Fill us with your Love, O Comforter.

**All: Let our fears be transformed;**

Leader: Let all that keeps us separated and confused flee!

**All: Released from bondage, we will exult before God, the Beloved.**

Leader: We will be jubilant with joy!

**All: We will lift our songs to the Most High and glorify the Holy One!**

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

Blessing for our Younger Disciples

Steve Van de Graaf

## Call to Confession

Cindy Graziano

Leader: We come before God, not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

## Confession of Sin (unison)

Cindy Graziano

**We are your people, O God, and most of the time, we are okay with that. We are grateful when faith is easy, comforting, and renewing. But we would rather not have to take a stand or suffer for saying, "We believe." We try to be good people, but not when being your good people means being outsiders, losing friends, giving up our comfort. We confess our double-mindedness, but we are your people. Override our reluctance, our hesitancy, our fear, that we may trust ourselves to your awesome grace. We pray in the name of the One who prayed for us. Amen.**

*(silence for personal reflection and repentance...)*

Leader: In Jesus' name we pray.

All: **Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon (from I Peter 2:24)

Cindy Graziano

Leader: Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness.

All: **By his wounds we have been healed. Alleluia! Amen.**

## \*Gloria Patri

# Gloria Patri

Terence J. Flanagan

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly  
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end, A - men. A - men.

## \*Passing of the Peace

Cindy Graziano

Leader: The first words of the risen Christ to his followers were, "Peace, be with you." May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Please share Christ's peace with one another.

*Congregation greets one another and shares the peace of Christ.*

## THE WORD

### Prayer for illumination (unison)

Thomas Godina

**Gracious God, in this moment, we gather to hear your word. Free us from every distraction, that we may listen, may hear and may be transformed. Amen.**

### First Lesson – I Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Thomas Godina

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem:

God Is Love

McNeil Robinson

Beloved, let us love one another: For love is from God and ev'ryone who loves is born of God, and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; For God is love. In this, we have come to know His love, that He lay down His life for us, And we likewise ought to lay down our life for our brethren.

FPCNC Choir, Lisa Flanagan – soprano

### Second Lesson – Luke 24:44-53

Cindy Graziano

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Leader: Holy wisdom, holy word.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

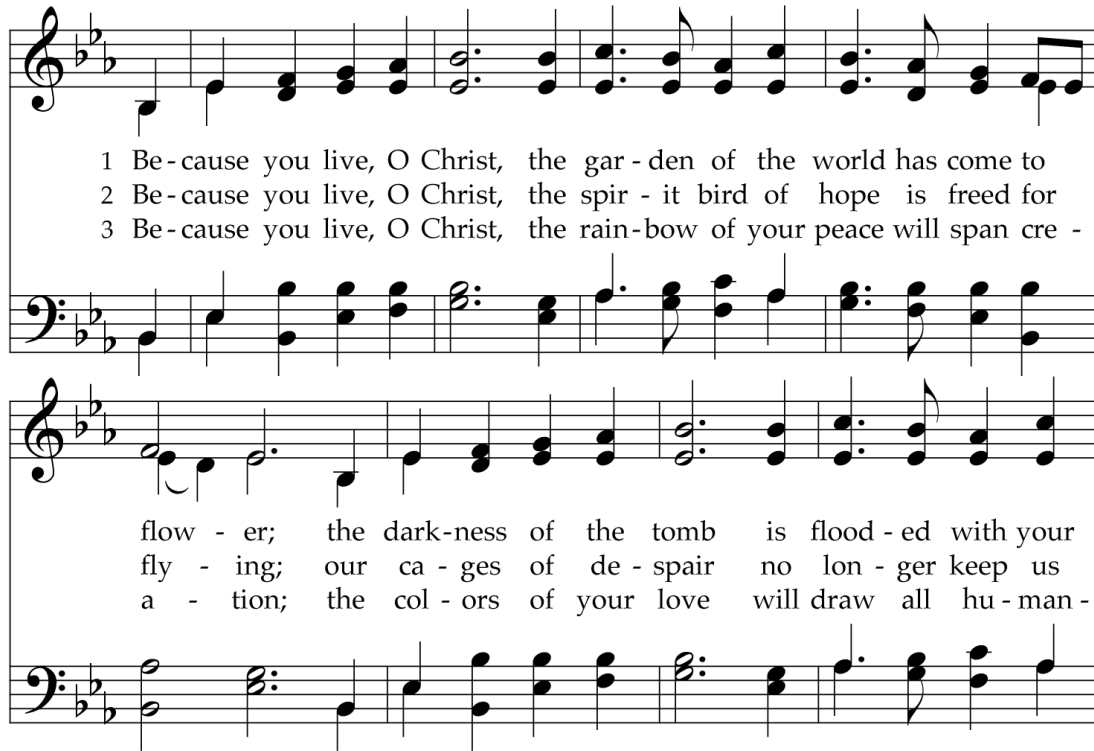
*Feeling Homeless*

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith – Hymn No. 249: Because You Live, O Christ

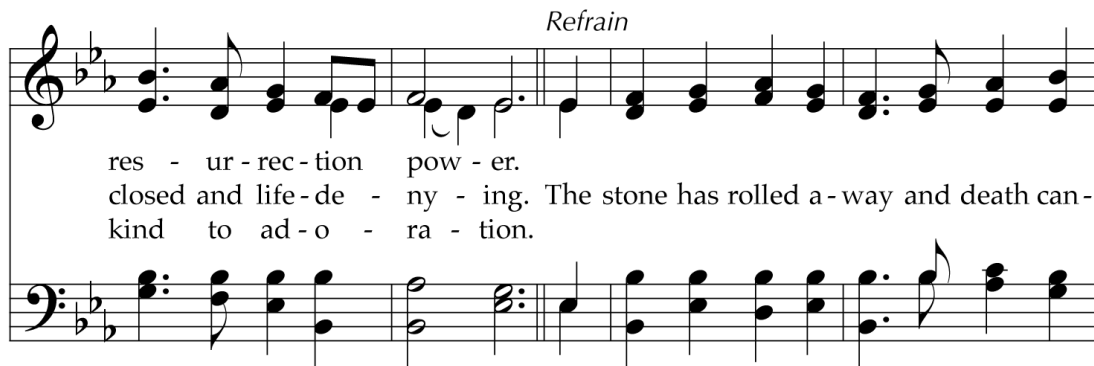
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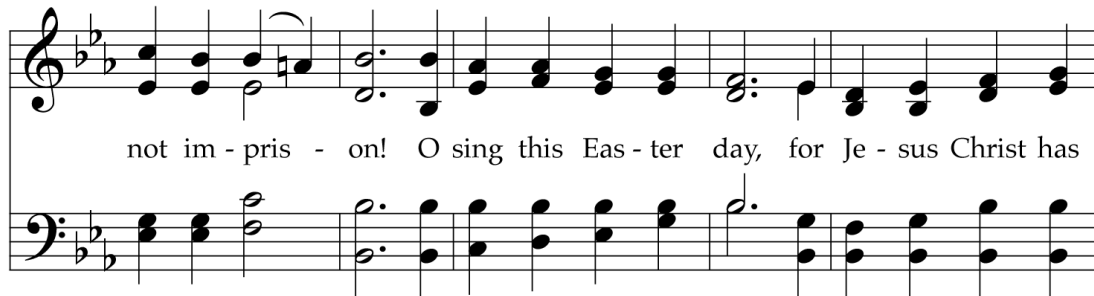
1 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the gar - den of the world has come to  
2 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the spir - it bird of hope is freed for  
3 Be-cause you live, O Christ, the rain-bow of your peace will span cre -

flow - er; the dark-ness of the tomb is flood - ed with your  
fly - ing; our ca - ges of de - spair no lon - ger keep us  
a - tion; the col - ors of your love will draw all hu - man -

*Refrain*



res - ur - rec - tion pow - er.  
closed and life - de - ny - ing. The stone has rolled a - way and death can -  
kind to ad - o - ra - tion.



not im - pris - on! O sing this Eas - ter day, for Je - sus Christ has



**Prayers of the People**

The Rev. Dr. David R. Van Dyke

**The Lord’s Prayer (unison)**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Call for the Offering**

The Rev. Dr. David R. Van Dyke

Leader: In his great prayer, Jesus speaks of glorifying God. To glorify God is to know where we have come from and to whom we belong. It is to risk opening our hearts to God. May we glorify God with our gifts of time and talent and resources. Let us bring to God our tithes and offerings.

**Offertory Solo:**

**Ave Maria**

Jean Alain

Ave Maria, gratia plena.  
 Dominus tecum;  
 benedicta tu in mulieribus,  
 et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.  
 Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,  
 ora pro nobis peccatoribus,  
 nunc et in hora mortis nostrae.  
 Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace.  
 The Lord is with thee;  
 blessed art thou amongst women,  
 and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
 Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
 pray for us sinners,  
 now and at the hour of our death.  
 Amen.

Lisa Flanagan – soprano

**\*Doxology (No. 606)**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God all creatures here below;  
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
 Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Cindy Graziano

**All that we have, all that we are is from you, O God. Receive now what we bring and, by your blessing, use it all—time, talent, resources, our very selves—to show forth your glory. Amen.**

## SENDING

\*Hymn No. 846:

### Fight the Good Fight

*Duke Street*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a 2/2 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the bass part providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a corresponding musical staff. The lyrics are: 1 Fight the good fight with all thy might. 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide. 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near. Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right. lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face. God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide. God chang - eth not, and thou art dear. Lay hold on life, and it shall be Life with its way be - fore us lies; Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly. Christ is the path, and Christ the prize. Christ is its life, and Christ its love. that Christ is all in all to thee.

\*Benediction

The Rev. Mary Marple Thies

\*Choral Amen

\*Ringing of the Church Bell

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***We encourage you to stay for the musical conclusion of our Worship together.***

***Then join us in the Common Room after worship  
for a time of fellowship, coffee/tea and snacks.***

### **TODAY IN WORSHIP**

**Welcome to Worship with the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan on this Seventh and last Sunday of Eastertide**, the season when we have been exploring what it means to live with faith in the crucified-risen Lord. Today we will consider what it means to follow Jesus' way of love by looking at readings from the Gospel according to Luke and the first letter of Peter.

**Our thanks to the Rev. Dr. David R. Van Dyke** who will be assisting us today in the leadership of Worship. David is an honorably retired Presbyterian minister, who served First Presbyterian Church (Fish Church), Stamford, CT for 44 years. In that time, he served as Assistant Pastor, Associate Pastor, Interim Pastor, Co-pastor and Pastor/ Head of Staff. It is a joy for Mary to share Worship leadership with him again as they served together for 16 years at the Fish Church.

The flowers in Church today are given in honor of Jeannie Hart's 97th Birthday today, May 17, by her loving children.

**Sunday School!** Join us as we explore Bible stories and all our questions about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the world around us. We will explore these themes through discussion, crafts, music, and other visual media. Children begin Worship in the Sanctuary with their families then following the Blessing for Young Disciples, we move to our Sunday School classes upstairs in the Bliss House and then return to the Sanctuary towards the end of Worship.

If your child is participating in Sunday School, please fill out this very short form so that we have up-to-date family contact numbers, and you can provide us with any information about your child that will help us minister to them: <https://fpcnc.breezechms.com/form/2024SundaySchoolStudents>

Adults or older teens who want to come be part of the fun of Sunday School, we need you! Join us and bring your own sense of wonder and joy as we learn together what it means to be part of God's big family. Let us know of your interest by filling out this form: <https://fpcnc.breezechms.com/form/Teachers2024-25>, or reach out to Leah Saulsberry at [leahs@fpcnc.org](mailto:leahs@fpcnc.org).

**Children are warmly welcome to stay in Worship!** For children who stay during Worship, the **Pray-Ground** can be found in the area in front of the back pew bench. The Pray-Ground is a designated place in the Sanctuary where young children can experience worship through age-appropriate worship materials and tools that will help keep them engaged in what is happening. We will continue to rotate books and coloring materials on an ongoing basis. Although it can seem counter-intuitive to adults, children are often able to process what they hear more effectively when they have something to do with their hands.

**Any child worshipping in the Pray-Ground should bring their grown-up with them to the Pray-Ground.** Including young children in Worship can sometimes feel a little daunting, especially on days when they're feeling a little extra fidgety, but we don't need to be discouraged from keeping children in the Sanctuary. There are many important things that children learn while in Worship, even when we're not sure if they're paying attention.

Young children learn by observing the adults around them. Children acquire the "language" of worship by listening to and observing the words the adults around them say, much like how they learn their native tongue. Quite simply, children learn to worship by regularly being in Worship. **So families with little ones should feel free to worship together in the Pray-Ground!**

**FPCNC also offers childcare during our Sunday Service** provided by Saturnina Greaves and Lizz Reyes from Wee Care Nanny Agency. Our Nursery is located just off our Common Room vestibule down the long hall from the Sanctuary and is available between the hours of 8:45–11:30am. **Parental and guardian sign-in is required and we do ask that you pick up your child promptly after the Service.**

**Have a prayer request?** Prayer Cards are located in the back of the church adjacent to the Sanctuary entrance. Before Worship, please give the completed Prayer Card to either Scott, Mary or one of the Ushers. These requests will be included in our Prayers of the People for that Sunday. You will have the option to exclude your prayer from the communal prayer if you prefer. All prayers will be held and prayed over in confidence. Any questions or concerns, please contact Mary ([marythies75@gmail.com](mailto:marythies75@gmail.com)).

## ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

On this Ascension Sunday, we hear music composed by **Olivier Eugène Prosper Charles Messiaen** (1908-1992), a French composer, organist, and ornithologist. Messiaen entered the Conservatoire de Paris at age 11 and studied with Paul Dukas, Maurice Emmanuel, Charles-Marie Widor and Marcel Dupré, among others. He was appointed Organist at the Église de la Sainte-Trinité, Paris, in 1931, a post he held for 61 years, until his death. He taught at the Schola Cantorum de Paris during the 1930s. In 1941, Messiaen was appointed Professor of Harmony at the Paris Conservatoire. In 1966, he was appointed Professor of Composition there, and he held both positions until retiring in 1978. Messiaen perceived colours when he heard certain musical chords (a phenomenon known as chromesthesia). He found birdsong fascinating, notating bird songs worldwide and incorporating birdsong transcriptions into his music. Messiaen's music is rhythmically complex. Harmonically and melodically, he employed a system he called modes of limited transposition. He wrote music for chamber ensembles and orchestra, voice, solo organ, and piano. His innovative use of colour, his conception of the relationship between time and music, and his use of birdsong are among the features that make Messiaen's music distinctive.

Our FPCNC Choir's anthem is composed by **McNeil Robinson** (1943-2015). In 1962, McNeil came to New York City to study at the Mannes College of Music with Leonard Shure as a full scholarship student. 1965, he entered Juilliard where he studied organ with Vernon de Tar and Anthony Newman, and composition with Vincent Persichetti. While still a student Neil gained two positions in New York that thrust his name into the front ranks of the profession: Organist of Park Avenue Synagogue and Organist of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin. Neil came to the Park Avenue Synagogue in 1965 at the invitation of the famous Cantor David Putterman to whom he had been recommended by Leonard Bernstein and Jack Gottlieb, and he remained at Park Avenue Synagogue until he retired in 2012. He came to St. Mary's also in 1965 first as the assistant to James Palsgrove, assuming the directorship of the music program in 1974. He continued in that capacity until 1982. In 1984 at the invitation of John Walker, he joined the faculty of Manhattan School of Music, later becoming Chair of the Organ Department after John moved to Pittsburgh in 1991, a position which Neil held at the time of his death.

For our offertory, soprano Lisa Flanagan sings music composed by **Jehan-Ariste Paul Alain** (1911-1940), a French organist, composer and soldier. He was born into a family of musicians and his compositional style was influenced by the musical language of the earlier Claude Debussy, as well as his interest in music, dance and philosophy of the far east. Jehan received his initial training in the piano from Augustin Pierson, the Organist of Saint-Louis at Versailles, and in the organ from his father, who had built a four-manual instrument in the family sitting room. By the age of 11, Jehan was substituting at St. Germain-en-Laye. Between 1927 and 1939, he attended the Paris Conservatoire, where he studied the organ with Marcel Dupré. He studied composition with Paul Dukas and Jean Roger-Ducasse. He was appointed Organist of Eglise Saint-Nicolas de Maisons-Laffitte in Paris in 1935, and remained there for four years. He also played regularly at the Rue Notre-Dame-de-Nazareth synagogue. His short career as a composer began in 1929, when Alain was 18, and lasted until the outbreak of the Second World War 10 years later.

CANTATA 80 @ FPC – SAVE THE DATE

# Cantata Sunday

*with Soloists, Choir and Baroque Orchestra*



Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

## Cantata 80



October 25, 2026, 10:00am Worship

Terence J. Flanagan, Conducting

Rev. Dr. R. Scott Herr, Preaching

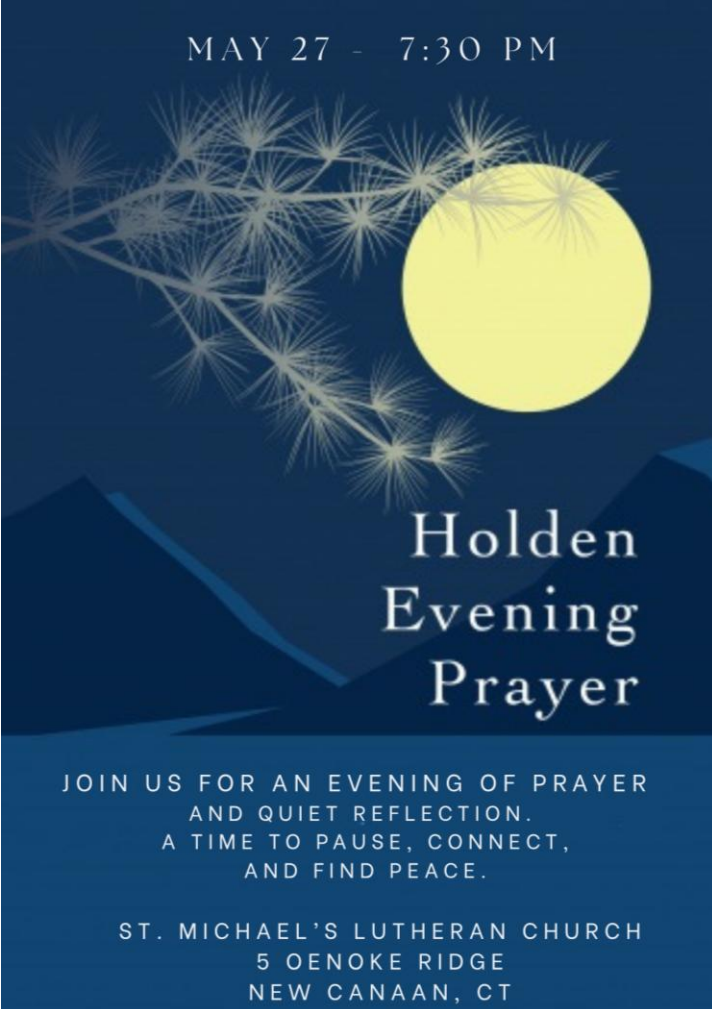


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MAY 27 - 7:30 PM



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Evening  
Prayer

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A TIME TO PAUSE, CONNECT,  
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# Open Mic Night

FPCNC Open Mic: Diverse Expressions  
Featured Performance by Stephen Peter Rodgers

You are invited to an evening  
to share music and/or poetry  
(originals and covers welcome)!

Thursday,  
May 28

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
followed by an  
open jam session

178 Oenoke ridge,  
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Walk-ins Welcome

Contact Nick Depuy at  
[nickdepuysite@gmail.com](mailto:nickdepuysite@gmail.com)  
to sign up and for more information



## EDITOR'S NOTES



### **News from the Worship, Music and Fine Arts Committee**

Spring is in the air as we move into May. We are most thankful to those who continue to sign up to assist during Sunday morning worship. We've had a wonderful group assisting in worship this year and we appreciate your service. However, it is a busy time of year for everyone and we find lots of empty slots on the Sign Up Genius for the next few weeks. Ushers, greeters, readers and communion servers are always needed. Please take a look at your calendar for May and June and we ask you to consider signing up to help. This is a great way to get to know members and friends of the congregation while, at the same time, assisting our church staff during worship.

**SIGN UP** here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4aaaad2aa31-sunday> or on our church website ([www.fpcnc.org](http://www.fpcnc.org)) and select a date that works best for you. Please

reach out to Jan Lucie, Armin Thies or Linda Martin of the Worship Committee for any questions or call Wendy in the church office.



# UNITED IN HARMONY

*Celebrating Freedom of Religion  
and Diversity in America*

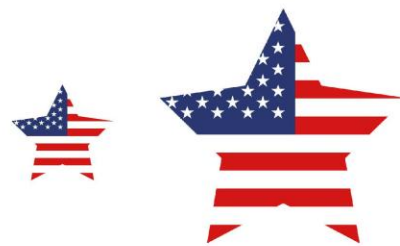


Presented by Interfaith Council of New Canaan

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2026**

**AT 7:00 PM**

St. Aloysius Church  
21 Cherry Street,  
New Canaan



A joyful celebration bringing together **New Canaan's faith communities** to celebrate **America's 250th** anniversary—honoring **religious freedom, unity, and diversity** through music, readings, and reflection.

Featuring musicians, community leaders, and clergy from across New Canaan.

**Apple Pie and Ice Cream  
Social to Follow!**



**COMMUNITY (Cont'd)**



Waveny Lifecare Network's

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Providing support and guidance to those impacted by Alzheimer's and dementia in New Canaan

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It could save a life later.

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Save the number, save a life. Add the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (988) to your phone now—it could save a life later. Trained crisis counselors are available to talk 24/7/365.

NEW CANAAN  
**Behavioral Health**  
ALLIANCE

Finding the right behavioral health support for yourself, family member or a friend can feel overwhelming. The New Canaan Behavioral Health Alliance (NCBHA) is excited to announce the launch of its website. New Canaan Human Services, NCCF and Silver Hill Hospital have partnered with over 30 local agencies and organizations to encourage, develop and support a greater community awareness of behavioral health issues and resources in our area. To talk directly to someone that can help navigate available resources, or just to see what behavioral health events are happening around the area, visit [www.newcanaanbha.org](http://www.newcanaanbha.org).

## PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

**Please keep the following people in your hearts.**

***New prayers and concerns:*** Jones Killian Holden in NICU (Taylor and Laura's son and Lanah & John Holden's grandson)


***Continued prayers and concerns:*** Judy Bentley; for the family of Charles Cooper (Margaret Cooper's husband) died April 20; Mary Dillon (Barbara Wentzel's sister) who had a stroke; Betty Drew (Sue Dishart's mother); Elsie; Kristen Englund recovering from transplant surgery; Chris Harris (Dede Trefts' lifelong and beloved friend) is in the last stage of a very long battle with cancer; Dan Hodges; Sue Hoffman (Peg and Sherm Bull's friend) diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer; David Johnson (Elsbeth Johnson's son); Denise Lynch; Josephine Markell (Jim Riehl's 106-year-old aunt); Missy (Sarah Robinson's sister-in-law) and her two daughters, Lexi and Maggie. Missy has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer; Anne Palmer recovering from shoulder surgery; Howard Palmer; John Robinson (Darlene Harmon's brother) who has lung cancer; Mindy Starr-Pfahler (Wendy Starr's cousin); Ken Stringfellow (Kate Stringfellow-Ziance's brother); J. Stuart Stringfellow (Kate Stringfellow-Ziance's father).

We continue to pray for the families and friends of the victims who have been affected by gun violence.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is our presence around the world when disasters happen. Through them we are on the ground around the world, responding to the enormous needs following wildfires, hurricanes and earthquakes and during war. PDA Giving: <https://pcusa.org/giving/stewardship-funds-development/ways-give>

PSNE Community Prayer: For Crossroads Presbyterian Church, its Members, Session, Seekers, and the Community of Waterford, CT.

## GROW IN FAITH

 SILVER HILL HOSPITAL If you know of someone in urgent need of mental health support, please remember the resource that our town has in the New Canaan Urgent Assessment Program. The town, in partnership with Silver Hill Hospital, is prepared to offer psychiatric assessment and tailored referral for ongoing care. The Program serves children, teens and adults who are New Canaan residents free of charge. To schedule an intake call, email [NCUA@silverhillhospital.org](mailto:NCUA@silverhillhospital.org) or call Silver Hill Hospital admissions at 1-866-542-4455 and indicate that you are asking about the New Canaan Urgent Assessment Program. For more details use this link: <https://silverhillhospital.org/new-canaan-urgent-assessment-program/>

### **Pastoral Care Team:**

Do you know of someone who might appreciate a phone call or visit, someone who is lonely or mourning? Our congregation has a team of people who are ready to reach out to church members of all ages who are facing a life crisis. They may be in declining health, shut-ins, living in a care facility, grieving, or struggling with a significant change in their circumstances. Our Pastoral Care Team, made up of Ferial Aldag, Peg Bull, Debera Prosek, Ellen Sisson, Barbara Wentzel and The Rev. Mary Thies, is ready to provide pastoral care to church members who are dealing with such a situation. If you know of someone who could benefit from this ministry or if you have questions about the work of the team, please call the church office 203-966-0002 (ext 1).



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of NEW CANAAN**

**CALENDAR – UPCOMING WEEK**

**SUNDAY, May 17**

**9 am Music Rehearsals**  
**10 am Worship Service**  
**11:30 am Coffee Hour**

**MONDAY, May 18**

2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons  
3:30, 4:30 Jumpin’ Jams (Tate Barn)  
7 pm Purple Heather Dancers

**TUESDAY, May 19**

9:30, 10:30, 11:30 Jumpin’ Jams (Tate Barn)  
10:30 am Staff Leadership Weekly Meeting  
7 pm Session Meeting  
8 pm Men’s A.A. Group (closed)

**WEDNESDAY, May 20**

2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons  
6 pm Deacons In-Person Meeting & Dinner

**THURSDAY, May 21**

3:30 pm Special Church  
6 pm South Ave Cottage Board (Common Rm)  
7 pm FPC Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

**FRIDAY, May 22**

9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 3:30, 4:30 Jumpin’ Jams (Barn)  
2-9 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons

**SATURDAY, May 23**

9:15 am A.A. Group (closed)  
10:30 am A.A. Group (open)  
2-5 pm Wilton Studios–Music Lessons

**SUNDAY, May 24**

**9 am Music Rehearsals**  
**10 am Worship Service & Confirmation**  
**11:30 am Coffee Hour**

**CALENDAR – MAY thru JULY**

**Wednesday, May 27, 7:00am Men’s Gathering (Zoom)**  
**Wednesday, May 27, 6:00pm RAM Council (Common Room)**  
**Wednesday, May 27, 7:30pm Holden Evening Prayer (St. Michael’s Lutheran Church)**  
**Thursday, May 28, 7:00pm Open Mic Night**  
**Wednesday, June 10, 7:00am Men’s Gathering (Zoom)**  
**Sunday, June 14, 11:30am Congregational Special Meeting (w/ light lunch & childcare)**  
**Holy Cow Survey presentation and Adopt Revised By-Laws**  
**Sunday, June 21, 11:30am Fathers’ Day & Annual Ice Cream Social w/ Brownies**  
**Wednesday, June 24, 11:45am Men’s Gathering (In-Person Lunch and Speaker)**  
**Thursday, June 25, 7:00pm United in Harmony – Celebrating Freedom of Religion and Diversity in America (St. A’s in New Canaan) Presented by Interfaith Council of NC**  
**Saturday, June 27, 9:30am NC 250 town parade (lumberyard lot step-off point)**  
**Sunday, July 19, 11:30am Annual Peaches on the Patio**  
**Sunday, September 13, 11:30am RALLY DAY**

**THOSE PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICE:**

The First Presbyterian Church Choir with:

Lisa Flanagan – soprano, Jamie Ratcliffe, Jennifer O’Neill – alto, Evan McCormack – tenor, Devin Mitchell – bass

**Greeter:** Jennifer Van de Graaf

**Lay Readers:** Thomas Godina, Cindy Graziano and The Rev. Dr. David R. Van Dyke

**Ushers:** Sue Sherwood and Bob Spangler

**Cross Bearer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Today’s Coffee Hour Preparers/Servers:** Deacons (Sue Benko and Barb Shaw)

**MINISTERS**

The Entire Congregation

**OUR PASTORS**

The Reverend Dr. R. Scott Herr, Senior Pastor • The Reverend Mary Marple Thies, Parish Associate

**2025-2026 SESSION ELDERS AND DEACONS**

**SESSION ELDERS**

Bob Spangler and Jennifer Van de Graaf (Co-Clerks) • Barb Achenbaum • Tom Butterworth • Jim Ely  
Angela Johnson • Nancy LaBadie • Janet Lanaway • Jan Lucie • Mark Magnusen • Bonnie Peterson  
Mike Peterson • Charlie Sulkowski (Youth) • Steve Van de Graaf • Patty von Jena • Stephan von Jena

**DEACONS**

Dan Mason and Kathy Edwards (Co-Moderators) • Ferial Aldag • Sue Benko • Carole Clarkson • Chris Cluett  
Sue Dishart • Lisa Flanagan • Terence D. Flanagan (Youth) • Julie Fowler • Jo Ann Nerenburg • Debera Prosek

**OUR STAFF**

Terence J. Flanagan, Director of Music and Fine Arts • Jim Riehl, Business Administrator  
Leah Saulsberry, Sunday School Director • Wendy Starr, Office Manager  
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Terence D. Flanagan, Sunday Audio Technician

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