

First Congregational Church

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Founded in 1680

Living the Love and Justice of Jesus



MAUNDY THURSDAY/TENEBRAE SERVICE

April 2, 2026 ~ 7:00 pm

Gathering Music

Prelude

“Prelude in E flat minor BWV. 853, WTC Book 1, No. 8”

J.S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Introit/Anthem

“If I Had Been”

Ruth Elaine Schram
Alexey Shabalin, violin
First Congregational Church Choir

Bringing Forth the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship and Invocation

One: The entry into Jerusalem—

Many: a time of great celebration!

One: The entry into the upper room—

Many: a time of great togetherness!

One: The entry into the judgment hall—

Many: a time of great humiliation.

One: The entry onto Golgotha—

Many: a time of great pain and death.

One: Our Lenten journey has brought us to this place.

Many: To profess our faith.

One: To hear Jesus’s story.

Many: To remember his life and his death.

One: Called by God as family in Christ’s love,

Many: we gather and worship God. Amen.

Our Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Anthem

"Forsaken"

Jennifer Klein
Alexey Shabalin, violin
Cara Massey, soprano descant

"Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?"
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Note for Anthem: "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" is an Aramaic phrase spoken by Jesus during the crucifixion. Aramaic was the everyday spoken language in Judea at the time. It is translated into English as "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Twelfth Reading, Shadow of the Cross (Mark 15:16-20)

Chuck Ramos

Special Music "Sonata for Violin and Piano No. 1 in F Minor, Op. 80: I. Andante assai"

Sergey Prokofiev
Alexey Shabalin, violin

Final Reading, The Word was God (John 1:14, 10, 12, 3:19) Rev. Dr. Nancy Hamlin Soukup

Reader: For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Benediction

*Carrying the Light of Christ into the World

Postlude

"Were You There"

Spiritual
Cara Massey, Soprano
First Congregational Church Choir

Please depart from the service in silence

~ Our celebrant tonight is the Rev. Dr. Nancy Hamlin Soukup
~ Our Organist is Nikita Zabinski ~
~ The First Congregational Church Choir ~
~ Cara Massey - Soprano ~
~ Alexey Shabalin - Violin ~
~ Francis Garner - Baritone ~
~ Benjamin Zabinski - Tenor ~



Good Friday April 3, 2026

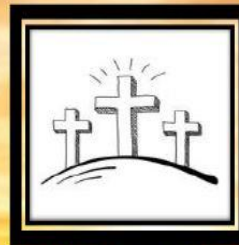


**Come and Walk the Labyrinth
at 300 High St.
Bristol, RI**

Walking the labyrinth is an active prayer form of meditation that can give insight and guidance for life's challenges, help solve a problem, stir creativity, bring solace to those in sorrow, peace to the chaos of life, and provide an opportunity to recognize and give thanks for our blessings. Come join us on a labyrinth walk.

**Hours are
Noon – 3:00pm**

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

At 6:30am

At a NEW location

MT. HOPE BOAT RAMP

**118 ANNAWAMSCUTT DRIVE
Bristol, RI 02809**

*Officiating will be The Rev. Dr. Nancy H. Soukup
of the FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH in BRISTOL.*

Sorry you will need to bring your own chairs

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