



The  
Community Church  
of Sandwich,  
New Hampshire



APRIL 21, 2024

SUNDAY

10:00AM

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ministry of Christian Greeting

\*Introit: *"This Is The Day"* # 657

\*Call to Worship (Homiletics)

Leader: Loving Christ, you are our gentle Shepherd.

**People: We are your people; we long to know your will and to live in your way.**

Leader: Keep us safe and secure in your compassionate hands.

**People: Lead us, gentle Shepherd, lead us into new paths of love and service.**

Leader: As you lead and guide us, touch our hearts and minds in this worship time,

**People: So that our spirits may be refreshed and our lives filled with joy and praise.**

\*Opening Song of Praise: *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* # 327

\*Unison Opening Prayer: (Homiletics)

**Creator God, maker of dancing stars and awesome rainbows, sender of gentle breezes and swirling winds, finder of lost chances and mender of broken dreams, you bless us with beauty, and you grace us with understanding. You know us inside and out. When the heart sighs with griefs too large to carry, you are there. When tears flow like an angry stream, you are there. When doubt snares us like a trap, you are there. When hope dwindles to a thin strand, you are there.**

**You know our comings and goings. You know when we succeed and when we fail. You know the deepest longings of our hearts. Through it all, your love surrounds us, embraces us, sustains us. In the stillness of this moment, let us abide with Christ in your love. Amen.**

Children's Message: "I Lost it!"

## Birthdays & Anniversaries for the month.

### Birthdays

April 1 Al Handford  
 April 6 John Davies  
 April 6 Nancy Heard  
 April 7 Paula Lauricella  
 April 8 Mary Hillsgrove  
 April 9 Deb Hoffman  
 April 9 Nan Russell  
 April 9 Heather English  
 April 11 Darlene Eldridge  
 April 12 Nancy Read  
 April 18 Peter Pohl  
 April 22 Kevin Boswell  
 April 23 Mary Fleischmann  
 April 30 Richard Frentress

### Anniversaries

April 7 Adam & Nancy Heard  
 April 12 Jim & Laurie Norman  
 April 14 Kevin & Cheryl Boswell  
 April 21 John and Fran Howe  
 April 29 Martin and Lucy Glenday

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF SANDWICH IS AFFILIATED WITH  
 THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES AND THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

Deb Hoffman - **Pastor (On Sabbatical)**

Judy English - **Choir Director/Organist**

Joisse Rumary - **Administrative Assistant**

Al Handford - **Audio / Visual**

Church Office Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.

Pastor's Office Hours: On Sabbatical, will return July 1, 2024

Pastoral needs contact Pastor Murray Nickerson @ 603-651-8922.

Baptist Meetinghouse/Office: 284-6151 ■ Methodist Meetinghouse: 284-7201

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The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings  
Anthem: "An Easter Carol" Tarbox/Pethel  
\*Song of Dedication: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" # 94  
\*Prayer of Dedication

Song of Preparation: "Jesus Lifted Me" Insert

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10 Page # 908

Message: Recovering the Lost

Response to the Word: Choosing a Prayer Shawl to Give

\*Closing Hymn: "The Voice of God Is Calling" # 436

\*Closing Blessing: May we leave this house of God renewed, blessed, re-energized and ready to follow the call of our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ, no matter where it leads!

Postlude

Please stand if you are able as indicated by an \*.

**ASSISTING IN OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
Rev. Phil Polhemus - **Guest Pastor**  
Judy English - **Choir Director/Organist**  
Deb Kumpf - **Liturgist**  
Van & Betsy Adriance - **Ushers**  
Jane Quimby & Karen Wright - **Fellowship**  
Karen Wright & Jane Quimby - **Altar Guild Stewards**

**Liturgist, Usher and Fellowship Schedule**

	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>
April 28	Tom Larson		
May 5			

**Book Group:** We meet Mondays, at 10 AM (hybrid) at the Baptist Church. For more info on this group, please call the church office: 603-284-6151.

**Bible Study:** Meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Beginning April 17th, we will be using the Upper Room devotional.

**Newsletter:** Reminder that your submissions for the May / June edition of the Flyer are needed. Please have your items to me by Monday, April 22nd.

