



**FIRST  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH** *of Essex Junction*  
*Love. Serve. Grow.*

**Order of Worship  
March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Live Streaming with Facebook**

Dear Friends:

The service has changed yet again with Governor Phil Scott's "Stay Home" order. We are adapting and having music presented from the homes of our musicians and or taped previously. Reverends Josh and Mark will be practicing safe distancing and disinfecting all surfaces as they go and will be the only ones present in Fellowship Hall. We would like service inputs for the things you are thankful for, children's messages names and answers as well as the prayers to come a bit earlier so get in those you are able to get in early. We will also have a Zoom Fellowship Hour so after church get your coffee and sit down to chat with friends and talk about the service.

See you in Church: Mark and Josh

Order of Worship

**Introductory Music**

**Begins ten minutes before the hour and a few minutes into the service time  
As worship begins: Light a candle at home, Sit in a comfortable spot, Center  
yourself w/ breathing**

**Service Input Preparation** [to make the service run more smoothly]

- 1. Thankfulness: Text Rev. Mark one thought of gratitude [802 922-1773]**
- 2. Kid's Names: Text Rev. Mark if your child is watching for Children's Message  
Be ready to text answers concerning the different roles we each have**

**Example: Rev Mark: minister, father, brother, friend [you, them]**

- 3. Prayer Requests: Text Rev. Mark your prayer Requests [802 922-1773]**

**Welcome**

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey*

*you are welcome in this place.*

**An Opening Reading on Gratitude** [Sharing some items of gratitude from the congregation]  
**A few key announcements** [most will be at the end of the service]

**Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**  
**Early in the morning, our song shall rise to you.**  
**Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty; God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore you;**  
**All thy works shall praise your name on earth and sky and sea.**  
**Only you are Holy, there is none besides you; perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Children's Message** **The Different Roles We Have** **Rev. Mendes**

**Pastoral Prayer**

Text the prayers you want the minister to include in the prayer: Rev. Mark 802 922-1773

Will end with the Lord's Prayer

**Anthem**

**Scripture**

**Luke 3:21-22**

**John 14:8-17**

**Ephesians 4:1-6**

People watching are encouraged to get your bibles and read along. No bible? Visit <https://www.biblegateway.com/> to search for verses. FCCEJ uses the "new revised standard version" (NRSV).

**Sermon** *The Guiding Truths of the Trinity for Our Lives* **Rev. Mendes**

**Closing Hymn** **Spirit of the Living God**  
**[sing twice through]**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me**  
**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**  
**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,**  
**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me**

**Benediction and blowing out our candles**

**Announcements and Zoom Fellowship Hour. Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/980588369>

**As we do not have Friendship Pads,  
be sure to leave a comment in the Facebook live stream  
with your name and those watching with you at home.**

**The altar flowers are given by David, Susan, and Alison Knox in memory of Robert Knox;  
and Marion Wrightington in memory of her mother and father,  
Marion & Collis Wrightington.**

**OUR PRAYER MINISTRY**

Heather  
(Catherine Lapierre's niece)  
Robert & Claire Deal  
Barb Blanchette  
George Jackson

Richard Ansell  
(Carol Spradling's Father)  
Christine Sinkewicz & Family  
Rev. Patricia & Rev. Fred  
The Schneider Family

Betty Adams & Family

John A & Family

Graham Sicalowski  
(Lauren Starkey's son)  
Denise Keating & Family  
Judy Janwich  
Fletch & Peg Coolidge and  
Family  
Matt & Kaki McGeary and  
Family  
Diane & Sara

**Teleworship & Fellowship Streams Cheat Sheet**

(updated March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Visit the "Church Life Updates" section of our website for details.  
<http://www.fccej.org>)

- Sunday Worship at 9:30am. Live Stream @ <https://www.facebook.com/firstcongregationalej/>
- Fellowship Hour, after Sunday Service ~ 10:30am @ <https://zoom.us/j/980588369>
- Saturday Worship at 4:30pm @ <http://zoom.us/j/403773331>
- Daily Devotionals, Weekdays 8am and 8pm @ <https://www.facebook.com/firstcongregationalej/>
- Daily Lunch Break, Weekdays at Noon @ <https://zoom.us/j/954072355>
- Yoga with Jonah, Mondays at 5:45pm @ <https://smcvt.zoom.us/j/9484805110>
- Solidarity Group with Rev. Josh Simon, Mondays at 7pm @ <http://zoom.us/j/910565449>
- Sermon Talk Back, Tuesday at 8:30am @ <http://zoom.us/j/740803865>
- Storytime with Laurie, Thursdays at 10:30am @ <https://zoom.us/j/461548603>
- Lenten Book Group with Rev. Ron Faux, Thursdays **CANCELLED**
- Church Committees utilize Zoom as-needed. Please, contact the relevant committee chair for details.
- Don't have a webcamera? No problem! Visit our Facebook Events page and click your desired event for a list of phone numbers that you can call to join by telephone/cellphone. (There are numbers for people living nationally and internationally to dial):  
<https://www.facebook.com/firstcongregationalej/events/>

# MINISTRY DIRECTORY

## Church Staff

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