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Pastor Tom Brown

Sturtevant Chapel

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The church now known as Sturtevant Chapel was started by a dedicated young woman named Julia Rugg in 1894. Julia loved the children of Keene's north end and started a Sunday School mission to bring them God's word. A building at 101 George Street was used for the first meetings of the George Street Mission. Julia died just four years after starting the mission. However, the work she began continued to thrive. Under the leadership of Charles Sturtevant, more and more children came, making a larger facility necessary. A roomier site at the corner of George Street and Washington Street was secured. The mission became known as the George Street Chapel.

In 1913, new land was purchased at the corner of Washington Street and Avenue, the site of our current building. Following his sudden death in 1926, the ministry was renamed **Sturtevant Chapel** as a memorial to the dedicated man who was so instrumental in its growth. Originally intended to simply be the name of a building, Sturtevant Chapel became the name of the church that meets in the building.

Pastor Tom Brown attended Lancaster Bible College, where he received a Teaching Bible in the Secondary degree. He furthered his education at Liberty Theological Seminary, completing a Master of Arts in Religious Studies, and also holds a Master of Divinity degree from Luther Rice Seminary. In June of 2024, Pastor Tom accepted the call to serve at Sturtevant and relocated to Keene with his wife, Holly, and their three daughters: Abby, Sarah and Hannah. Tom says his goal in pastoring is "to preach God's Word and love God's people."



Easter Sunrise Service

April 5, 2026

Cathedral of the Pines

Rindge, New Hampshire

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Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Gather

L: O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

P: The Lord is my strength and my song, why have I anything to fear, Take courage, be patient, and wait for the light. Know that the Lord is near!

L: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. In the word was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it!

P: The Lord is my strength and my song, why have I anything to fear, Take courage, be patient, and wait for the light. Know that the Lord is near!

*Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude
For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed,
Lord of all to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Invocation and Prayer of St Francis (*Please join the prayer when you are invited...*)

Lord make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred let me sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. And where there is sadness, joy. O divine One, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned and it's in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Easter Litany (read responsively) Isaiah 12

L: You will say on that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

P: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord, our God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

L: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted!

P: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

Song

“No More Night”

Harrah

Scripture

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, ‘Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.’ Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen clothes by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.