

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
August 4, 2024

A Worship Series for July and August: 1 John

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

*Hymn #459 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” *New Century Hymnal*

Gathering – Why Church?

Special Music

Chris Sundman

Scripture Readings 1 John 4:7-21

Engaging the Word

*Hymn #332 “As We Gather at Your Table” *New Century Hymnal*

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer *(See back of bulletin for words)*

Communion

Sharing our Gifts

Offertory

*Doxology *(See back of bulletin for words)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn #43 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *New Century Hymnal*

Blessing

Postlude

Those who are able may stand where marked ().*

This summer we will continue to hear from someone in our community about three of the important junctures in their spiritual life, why they are here at First Congregational and what makes them continue to say yes to being part of this church community. If you would be willing to share your story of life and faith, do let Lars or Mary know after church today!

*The Worship Leader today is Lars Nielson and Mary Menzies
Thank you!*

Thank you to Chris Sundman for the special music today!

Thank you for joining us for worship today! It is our sincere hope that all who gather in this place will know and experience the love, forgiveness, hope, and new life available through Jesus Christ.



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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 for ever. Amen.

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Calendar:

Thursday, August 8th – 1:30 pm – Diversity Task Group – LP & Zoom

Peter will be away at the Horton Center until Thursday.

Melissa Kam, Director of Shining Lights Preschool, has accepted a position as a kindergarten teacher at Lyndon Town School this fall. Melissa's last day will be **this Friday, August 9th**. Melissa joined the Shining Lights staff in 2011 and became Director in 2013. This is a great time to send a card to Melissa to thank her for her incredible leadership at Shining Lights! While we are excited for this next step forward for Melissa as a classroom teacher, we all know how much she will be missed! Do keep the children, families, staff and board at Shining Lights in your prayers.



August Prayer Requests

Barbara Holland	Linda and Bob Warden	Virginia Hyatt	Roberta Lavoie
David Sykes	Bill Mellekas	Rolla Gerlack	Jason Plummer
Mike Matz	Mike Boswell	Ed O'Brien	
Duncan MacIver	JoAnn Fisher	Lucy Haworth	

After 4 weeks names will be removed unless requested to continue.

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Music Director & Organist Dorothy Morton	www.1stconglittleton.org FCC Shining Lights Learning Center
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	444-7379

Our Mission Statement:

As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.