

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**October 29, 2023**

*Relationships of Imagination*

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements & Opening Prayer

\*Hymn #376 “God, We Thank You for Our People”

*New Century Hymnal*

Gathering

Anthem

Scripture Reading Malachi 3:1-6

Message

\*Hymn#423 “The Bond of Love”

*Celebration Hymnal*

Prayers of the People

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

Cultivating Generosity – Laurie Boswell

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn #393 “Blessed Be the Tie That Binds” *New Century Hymnal*

\*Benediction

Postlude

*Thank you to Mary Menzies, Deacon, today.*

**Calendar:**

Today! Food Collection Sunday (the last Sunday of every month)

Wednesday, November 1: Choir Rehearsal – LP – 6:00pm

Sunday, November 5: Adult Bible Study (Minor Prophets) – Classroom – 9:00am

The pastor will be away from Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 11<sup>th</sup>

**November 12 – Gathering of the North Country Association of Churches and Installation**

“There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they among so many?” (John 4:9)

The story of the feeding of the 5000 is a story of imagination. November 12<sup>th</sup> we’ll gather for worship at 2:00 around tables downstairs to make real the story of imagination and abundance. We’ll share food and worship and celebrate all God is stirring in the imagination of our churches in the North Country. We’ll pause to pray for and remember our veterans and their families on this Veterans Day Sunday.

**There is a sign up board if you would like to help with this special gathering. If you have any questions, please contact June Davis. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to do/bring something on that day! There are some ways to help if you aren’t already – please see the board.**

*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.*

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

**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.**

### October Prayer Requests

Karen & Vic Carbonneau	Barbara Holland	Linda and Bob Warden
Virginia Hyatt	Roberta Lavoie	Karin Brown
David Sykes	Bill Mellekas	Stella Perry
Christina Waddell	Karen Proulx	Chrystalyn Molnar
Kevin Bergen	Michelle Seekamp	Paul Damiano
Polly Ehrman	Laurie Danforth	Jason Plummer
Family of Ginger Miller	Family of Candy McMahon	Family of Nate Carmen
Family of Carol MacIver	Family of Albertha Dubey	

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

*Please contact Elaine Pollak, Caring Tree chair, at (802) 633-3669 or laneylou@gmail.com*

### *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.*

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