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Director: Mrs. Dianah Hale Board President: Suzanne Schott

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.

First Congregational Church United Church of Christ Littleton, New Hampshire March 22, 2015

Pastor:

Rev. W. David Weddington E-mail: pastordavid@myfairpoint.net

Music Director & Organist

Dorothy Morton Wednesdays. 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Worship Service and Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship 11:15 a.m.

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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.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH United Church of Christ March 22, 2015: Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Gathering #138

"Holy Ground"

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer Ann Craxton

Prelude

Responsive Reading:

based on

Psalm 51

One: A psalm David wrote when the prophet Nathan confronted him about his abuse of Uriah and Bathsheba:

All: Have mercy, O God! By your deep, healing love, set me free from the guilt of my wrongdoing.

One: Wash me, God! Cleanse me! I know what I've done; I can't take my eyes off my wrongs.

All: But you long to see the truth growing within me. Teach me your wisdom, enlighten my heart.

One: Bathe me in sacred herbs; make my soul shine; teach these crushed bones to rejoice.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and steadfast spirit in me.

One: Don't send me off from your presence, O God; don't take your holy spirit from me.

All: Give me again the joy of your salvation; keep my spirit willing within me.

One: Open my lips and my mouth will sing your praise; accept this gift of trust from me, O God:

All: The sacrifice acceptable to you, O God, is the gift of my troubled spirit.

A broken heart, humble and ready to be changed, O God, you will never despise.

*Hymn #657

"Cleanse Me"

Children's Time

Anthem

"Lenten Prayer"

Pergolesi/Liebergen

Moments of Concern and Celebration
Pastoral Prayer and Savior's Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings Offertory Music *Doxology (#815) and Offertory Prayer

*Hymn #414 "O Word of God Incarnate"

Scripture Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sermon "inside out"

*Hymn #604 "I Then Shall Live"

*Benediction

*Response #237 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" vs. 1

*Postlude

FREE COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

WHEN: March 28, 2015 8 am to 10 am WHERE: Fellowship Hall COST: Free

The Christian Education Committee and the Revitalization Task Force will be sponsoring a free community **Pancake Breakfast** on March 28 from 8 am to 10 am. We are asking for help from the congregation with donations to help cover the cost of food.

Pam is on vacation! She will return on Monday, March 30th

Angels helping in the office in the mornings include:

Monday- Emily Laflam; Tuesday - Judy Warden; Wednesday - Pastor David; Thursday - Linda Warden; Friday - June Davis

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Please contact Glenda Iles (444-5336) to order your Easter Lilies. The cost will be \$13.00.

She needs your order TODAY

(Checks can be given to her later, but she needs a count by today!)

Food Collection next Sunday March 29, 2015

The Food Cupboard suggests the following items:

Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand/bath soap, toilet tissue, coffee, teabags, hot chocolate mix, canned milk. Dry milk, Jell-O puddings & gelatins, canned meat (turkey, chicken, ham, tuna corned beef, Spam). Snacks and juices for children.

Good Friday Services will be held at the All Saints' Episcopal Church 6:30 pm

AA meetings: Monday – Friday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Usher/Greeter: Judy & Bob Oleary

Flowers: to the Glory of God

Coffee Fellowship: June Davis



Save the Date – Saturday, May 16th will be church cleanup day

March Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, the improvement of our economic situation, Iran and its people, the Youth of our Community, the future of our World, and Rev. David and Wilma Weddington as they participate and lead us into the future.

Dave Theisen – Unexpected heart operation (Judy Warden)

Cancer

Lisa Boissonneault (Linda Warden) Patti Cruickshank Schott (Su Schott) John Potocki (Linda Warden) Andy Andrews (Marti Faulkner) Donna Bliss Rosenberg (Don Bliss) Roxie Bowker (Rachel Clark) Jim Aguilar (Phil & Joyce Krill) Pam Lynch (Linda Warden) Ron LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)

Illness/Recovery

Jim Baker (Emily LaFlam) Patricia Tuck (Patricia Tuck)
Jessica Goodell (Glenda Iles) Pat Whipple (Emily LaFlam)

Melodie Paskowski (Judy Warden)

Karen Elizabeth Krill (Joyce & Phil Krill)

Family Issues/Strength

Linda Hall (Linda Hall) Pamela Leslie (Pam Leslie)
Denise Batchelder (Karen Lord) Kimberly Noël (Kimberly Noël)

Loss/Grieving

Family of Dick Holland (Judy Warden)
Family of Shirley Stefanik (Tim Gould)
Family of Ruth McKenzie (Tina Peabody)
Sam Paquette & Sons (Karen Lord)

Military

The names of people in the military are on the name board by office.

To add a name to our prayer list, please fill out a blue card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate or hand them to a Deacon. The name will remain in the bulletin for approximately 4 weeks. We understand that some situations are very serious and a longer period of time would be helpful. You may call the office with any names that need to be added or to update the status.

If you or someone you care about would like a visit or call, please contact Pastor David at 603-991-0535 or Pam Nute at 603-444-3376.

If you have an emergency during the week and Pastor David is away, please call the church office at 444-3376 and Pam Nute will contact someone for you.

**Names listed <u>without</u> original contact person will be removed from the list if we are not notified. In order to keep this list up-to-date, it is important that we be notified when someone should come off the list.

