

**CHURCH STAFF**

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*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire*

*September 3, 2017*

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

Gathering #138

“Holy Ground”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Matthew 16:13-20*

One: Jesus called his disciples together and asked them,  
“Who do people say I am?”

**All: “Some say you’re John the Baptist, others say Elijah,  
others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”**

One: “And who do you say I am?” he asked them.  
Simon Peter leaped up and answered,

**All: “You are the Christ! the promised Messiah!  
the Son of the living God!”**

One: And Jesus blessed Peter whose lips had revealed  
a mystery his mind could not have known.

**All: God, as we worship you, open our lips,  
and fill our mouths with mystery and praise.**

\*Hymn #424

“Servant Song”

**Confession: (Matthew 16:21-23) Jesus, we were glad when Peter spoke up and said, “You are the Christ! You’re the Son of God.” We thought you were going take up arms, lead us to victory, crush our foes. Then you told us you were going to suffer and die, absorbing the sins of the world into your body, meeting your enemies’ scorn with forgiveness. Then, on the third day, you’d rise. We were horrified. “No, Jesus, that’s not the way you’re supposed to save the world. That’s not how the story goes,” we said.**

**Get behind us, Satan. Jesus is speaking. Jesus, forgive us. Help us to listen. Help us to set aside our self-centered fear, take up our cross, and follow you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #813

Statement of Faith (*inside front cover of hymnal*)

Special Music

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)  
Pastoral Prayer and Our Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

\*Doxology (#815) and Offertory Prayer

Scripture

Exodus 3:1-15

Sermon “In Service to the One Who Hears Our Cries”

\*Hymn (*insert*)

“As We Gather at Your Table”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Prayer: **You have given yourself to us, loving God, in the simple food and drink we have shared. Jesus has been here. Even now, his presence is strengthening us to be his Body. God, give us courage; make us whole and give us peace. Fill us with Holy Spirit and send us out to touch the world with your healing Presence; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Friend. Amen.**

\*Hymn #589

“Here I Am, Lord”

\*Benediction

\*Response #589

“Here I Am, Lord”

*chorus*

\* Postlude



**IT'S HERE ~ THIS SATURDAY!**

**9 - 11am**

The link to the Team Page is: (You can make a donation online here!)

**<http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/2017RiverWalk>**

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***ADULT BIBLE STUDY:  
LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY  
by John C. Purdy***

One day, when Jesus was praying, his disciples, moved by the depth of his spiritual connection both with the world and with God, asked him to teach them to pray. And Jesus gave them a model for prayer that the church has followed ever since. We call in the Lord's Prayer, or sometime the Savior's Prayer. There's a wealth of wisdom, poetry, and spiritual power in this short prayer Jesus taught us. For six weeks we'll open our minds and our hearts to explore these powerful words and receive the riches of this wonderful prayer.

We'll meet in the **Adult Sunday School Room,**  
from **11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
on **Sundays beginning September 17**  
and ending **October 22**

Please let Pastor David know soon if you want to attend this class so he can order enough books for everyone.  
The cost of books will be covered by Christian Education.  
We'll happily accept your reimbursement of \$10 if you find you can afford it.

**Notices for the week of September 3, 2017 – September 9, 2017**

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TODAY... 10:00 am ....Worship Service & Communion

Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath

Office Closed – Labor Day

Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor

Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor

5:30 pm ....Choir Dinner – Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm ....Choir Rehearsal – Ladies Parlor

7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall

Sat..... 9:00 am ....RiverWalk for MS

7:00 pm ....AA – Fellowship Hall

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

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**Usher/Greeter:**

**Flowers:** Thank you to Su Schott and her beautiful gardens this summer

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**Reminder**

The **Choir** will start practice on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Ladies Parlor

There will be a **Choir Dinner** that evening at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
If you would like to join the choir or have any questions regarding the above, please see Dottie after the service.

**DEACON'S FUND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

There will be a special collection next Sunday to benefit the Deacon's Fund. This fund helps people who come to our door in need of emergency assistance. Envelopes for this specific purpose will be included in the bulletin. Thank you!

## September Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

### CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, 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.

**Rev. Paul Chandler** – prayers for family and friends. Died very suddenly from heart attack on Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup>. (Dottie Morton)

**Kali Rozier-Blanks** – 10 years old, has restrictive cardiomyopathy, in need of a heart transplant. Her port is in and has started anti-rejection medication. (great niece of Judy Oleary)

**Josie Lafletche** – (Lisbon) – 11 year old had extensive cranial infection. Resistant to antibiotics at Dartmouth-Hitchcock hospital. Extremely serious. (Tom Blanchette)

**Linda Carter** (Donna Matz sister) – has had a bladder infection for a very long time. After attempts to fix and not clearing up, she is now undergoing weekly treatments of antibiotics injected directly for the next 5 months which seems to be working. (Donna Matz)

**Barry Jacobson** – starting treatment for lymphoma. (William Rasmussen)

**Doreen Degenerica** – brain cancer at age 45 (June Davis)

**Cindy Hawkins** – pray for her as she finds out if the 5mm spot is not a recurrence of a breast cancer. She had it in the opposite side three years ago. (Sister of, Judy Oleary)

Lectionary readings for coming week: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

## Cancer

Barry Jacobson (David Weddington)  
Joni Prell (Linda Warden)  
Judy Dean (Alice Muh)  
Mike McKillop (Brenda Fairweather)  
Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden)  
Steve Cobb (Dottie Morton)  
Rebecca Martel (Glenda Iles)

Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)  
Travis Gay (Judy Warden)  
Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)  
Peter Campbell (Glenda Iles)  
Tracy Lange (Mark Blodgett)  
Betsy Harman (Judy Warden)

## Loss/Grieving

Tim Gould's Father and Family (Tim Gould)  
Family of Rita Biagioni (Bob Oleary's sister) (Judy Oleary)

## Illness/Recovery

James Stewart (Tim Gould) Aaron Morton (Dottie Morton)  
Thomas Leard (Emily LaFlam) Bing Clark (Linda Warden)

## 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 without 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. Thank you.*