

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

February 4, 2018

*Hymn #460 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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 #424 "The Servant Song"

*Benediction

*Response #429 "They'll Know We Are Christians" vs. 3, 4

*Postlude

*Lectionary Readings for the next Sunday, February 11:
2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9*

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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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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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Church office hours: Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.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**  
**February 4, 2018**

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

Gathering #429 "They'll Know We Are Christians" vs. 1, 2

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Isaiah 40:21-31*

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Have you not understood from the beginning?

**All: Our God sits above the circle of the earth;  
it's inhabitants are like grasshoppers.**

One: Our God stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
spreads them like a tent to live in.

**All: Our God brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.**

One: "To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?  
Lift up your eyes: Who created these?"

**All: God brings out the starry host and numbers them,  
calling them by name. Not one is ever lost.**

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
God is everlasting, Creator of the earth.

**All: God does not faint or grow weary;  
God's understanding is beyond comprehension.**

One: God empowers the faint; God strengthens the powerless.

**All: Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;**

One: But those who wait for God shall renew their strength;

**All: They shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and never faint.**

\*Hymn #23 "The God of Abraham Praise"

**Confession: God, you have shown us the way of blessing: Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly with you. But we spend our lives looking out for number one, instead of sharing justly with the poor. We isolate ourselves by keeping the suffering of others at a distance, instead of reaching out to bless them with kindness. Again and again, we choose the lonely path of self-centered fear, instead of opening our hearts to be ruled by your will. Forgive us, O God. By this holy meal, nourish our souls and strengthen our hearts to walk in the way of blessing. We pray in Jesus' name. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #813

Statement of Faith (*inside cover of hymnal*)

Anthem "You Are Mine" *Haas/Hayes*

Children's Time

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)

Pastoral Prayer

Our Savior's Prayer ("trespasses")

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

\*Doxology (#815)

\*Offertory Prayer

Scripture 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Sermon "The Power of We"

**Announcing the 215<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING of the  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LITTLETON**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018**

*This is the SECOND Sunday in February.*

**Annual Reports ARE available in the sanctuary now! They are also available electronically. Please contact Pam if you would like one emailed to you.**

Our Church By-Laws (Article IX, Section 3) call for an annual meeting of the congregation for the purposes of:

- Electing officials and committees
- Setting the budgets
- Reporting on the activities of the Church in the previous year
- Conducting any other business that would require the vote of the membership

The annual meeting serves not only to take care of the business of the Church, but to remind us of our obligations to this Church, our community, to the world and to God. In fellowship with each other and God, we have the privilege and responsibility to carry out these promises and to guide our congregation in the coming year. Please plan on coming to the annual meeting which starts with worship at 10:00 AM and the business meeting following in the Fellowship Hall.

**A pot-luck luncheon will follow. Please bring something to share!**

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**2018 Ecumenical Choir Festival**

**The concert will take place at Durrell UMC in Bethlehem.  
February 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**

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**Thank you to Ross Fairweather for consistently making the coffee for coffee hour! It has made it easy for our hosts! More hosts are needed for the upcoming weeks. Please consider signing up on the board at the back of the sanctuary.**

**Notices for the week of February 4, 2018 – February 10, 2018**

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TODAY... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Class – Classroom  
 10:00 am ....Worship Service and Sunday School  
 11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor

Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath

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

Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall

Thurs..... 5:00 pm ....Property Committee – Classroom

Sat..... 8:00 am ....Men’s Breakfast – Fellowship Hall  
 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:**

**Coffee Fellowship:** Melissa Kam

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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**Contribution Statements were emailed and mailed out the First of the Year.**

If you did not receive yours or have any questions, please contact Pam in the office!

## February 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.

**Richard Price** – leukemia, starting chemo treatment, and heart problems.  
(Alice Muh)

**Bill Richardson**, brother-in-law – heart trouble. (Alice Muh)

**Betsy Bergen**, mother – continued health problems. (Alice Muh)

**Phil Tomashek**, brother in-law – in ICU in Binghamton, NY – blood clot in his bladder. (Marti Faulkner)

### Cancer

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Barry Jacobson (David Weddington)  | Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)    |
| Travis Gay (Judy Warden)           | Judy Dean (Alice Muh)          |
| Peter Campbell (Glenda Iles)       | Mark Morgan (Lars Nielson)     |
| Betsy Harman (Judy Warden)         | Doreen Degenerica (June Davis) |
| Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden) | Rebecca Martel (Glenda Iles)   |
| Mary Ellen Gilbert (Tina Peabody)  | Joyce Watrous (Glenad Iles)    |
| Jennifer Abdool (Bruce Webster)    | Ginny Dickman (Judy Warden)    |
| Bruce Swanson (Judy Warden)        |                                |

### Illness/Recovery

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| Betsy Bergen (Alice Muh)    | Jean Kimball (David Weddington)  |
| Doug Menzies (Mary Menzies) | Jennifer Gaudette (Tina Peabody) |

## Family Issues/Concerns

Janet Doyle (Glenda Iles)  
Margaret Whetstine & Mike Whetstine (Wilma Weddington)

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Carrie Leigher (David Weddington)

### 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.*

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