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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.*

*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire  
March 13, 2016*

Pastor:  
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**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 13, 2016**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

Gathering #126                      “Holy Lord”

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer                      *Ann Craxton*

Prelude

Call to Worship                      *Psalm 126*

One: When God brought us home from our lonely exile,  
we were like people in a dream.

**All: Our mouths overflowed with laughter, our tongues  
were alive with shouts of joy!**

One: Everyone who saw us said, “Their God  
has done great things for them!”

**All: Our God has done great things for us! Rejoice!**

One: Fill us with joy again, O God,  
like springs of water in the desert—

**All: that those who sow in tears today  
may reap a harvest of joy,  
and those who go out weeping now,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
may one day come home with jubilant hearts,  
carrying sheaves that are heavy with grain,  
for the generous feeding of all!**

\*Hymn #293    “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Anthem                      “The Lord Is My Shepherd”                      *Goodall*

Children's Time

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

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

\*Hymn #320                      “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Scripture                      Isaiah 43:16-21

Sermon                      “You Ain’t Seen Nothin’ Yet”

\*Hymn #682                      “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

\*Benediction

\*Response #237    “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”                      *vs. 1*

\* Postlude

**FREE COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**WHEN:** March 19<sup>th</sup> 8 am to 10 am

**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall

**COST:** Free

The CE Committee and the Community Outreach Group will be sponsoring a free community Pancake Breakfast again this year. The purpose of providing this breakfast is to serve the community in a tangible way, sharing God's love with our neighbors, warming their hearts as well as their bellies.

*Please be sure to bring your informational insert home as a reminder to join us!*

**We are asking for help from the congregation with set up, cooking, serving, and clean up as well as donations to help cover the cost of food.**

**Please see the sign up board at the back. Contact Tim Gould if you have any questions.**

**TODAY!**

**3:00 PM – Ecumenical Choir Concert at St. Rose of Lima**

This year's ecumenical effort has taken a new approach. Instead of showcasing individual choir selections, all participants will sing together a very special and challenging choral work -"The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois. Throughout the hour-long review of Jesus' last words from the Cross, we will have guest soloists to enhance the program accompanied by Joseph Hansalik. This very appropriate Lenten work will be performed in English so that those attending the event can potentially have a true Lenten retreat experience, both hearing the Scriptures sung and joining with other Christians in meditating with united hearts on the mystery of our redemption.

**Easter Sunrise Service**

**Franconia Community Christian Church**

**6:00 am on Easter Sunday morning**

**March 27<sup>th</sup> for an ecumenical celebration**

*We'll have coffee and goodies to share after we welcome the Day. Bring a warm coat and maybe a blanket. If it's nice, we'll probably meet outside so we can feel the warmth of the rising sun (along with the Warmth of the Rising Son) on our faces (and in our hearts)!*

**DEACON'S FUND**

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

**Notices for the week of March 13, 2016 – March 19, 2016**

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**TODAY ... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Study - Classroom**

**10:00 am ....Worship Service, Communion & Sunday School**

**11:15 am ....Coffee Fellowship – Ladies Parlor**

**11:45 am ....Mark Study II – Classroom**

**Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath**

**4:30 pm ....Finance Committee – Ladies Parlor**

**5:30 pm ....SLLC BOD - Classroom**

**7:15 pm ....CE & COG – Ladies Parlor**

**Tues..... 6:00 pm ....Al Anon – Ladies Parlor**

**6:30 pm ....Council Meeting - Classroom**

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

**6:30 pm ....Choir Practice – Ladies Parlor**

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

**Sat..... 8:00 am ....Community 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:** Judy Warden & Su Schott

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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**Easter Lily Order Forms / Available at the back of the Sanctuary**

Glenda Iles is taking Easter lily today (deadline)

Please make all checks payable to: *Cherry Blossom*



They are **\$15 each** and can be in memory or in honor of someone (in writing to Glenda)

## March Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

### CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, the improvement of our economic situation, Syria 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.

**Diane White** – recovering from a heart attack (Donna Matz)

### Cancer

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| Ron LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)        | Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)    |
| Alison Bolt (Linda Warden)       | Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles) |
| Holly Hyslop (Su Schott)         | Joe Carter (Donna Matz)        |
| Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)     | Kathy Gordon (Judy Warden)     |
| Diane Stinaker (Judy Warden)     | Mike Jorde (Donna Matz)        |
| Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)      | Ray Morton (Dottie Morton)     |
| Jim Sturtevant (Mary Sturtevant) | Joan Ziter (Judy Warden)       |

### Illness/Recovery

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| Patricia Tuck (Pat Tuck)       | Bill & Janet Doyle (Emily LaFlam)     |
| Bob Iles (Alice Muh)           | Jeremy Doyle (Emily LaFlam)           |
| Ed Warden (Judy Warden)        | Marvin Curnutt (Emily LaFlam)         |
| Cynthia Nielson (Lars Nielson) | Ryan Benson (Su Schott)               |
| Pat Whipple (Linda Warden)     | Barbara Enderson (Judy Warden)        |
| Dan Benson (Su Schott)         | Don Bliss (Don Bliss)                 |
| Bing Clark (Linda Warden)      | Martha Jane Aldrich (Barbara Holland) |

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Bob Bigelow (Marti Faulkner)  
Blaney Family (Jody Blaney)

## 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.*

