

CHURCH STAFF

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

March 25, 2018

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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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| <b>Music Director &amp; Organist</b><br>Dorothy Morton<br>Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.                                              | ~~~~~<br>Church office hours: Monday-Thursday<br>9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.                                                                                                                                                             |
| Worship Service and Sunday<br>School 10:00 a.m.                                                                                    | ~~~~~<br>FCC Shining Lights Learning Center<br>444-7379                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Coffee Fellowship 11:15 a.m.                                                                                                       | E-mail: <a href="mailto:fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net">fccshininglights@myfairpoint.net</a>                                                                                                                                      |

*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 25, 2018: Palm/Passion Sunday**

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

Gathering #300 “All Glory, Laud and Honor” *vs. 1, 2*

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude “Sonata—Movement I” *Teleman*

Responsive Reading *Mark 11:1-11*

One: When we were approaching the Mount of Olives.

Jesus sent two of us and said:

**All: “In the village ahead, as you enter, you’ll find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it; bring it. If anybody asks, say ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back immediately.’”**

One: We found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street.

When we told them what Jesus had said, they let us take it.

**All: We threw our cloaks on it; Jesus sat on it; many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches they had cut in the field. We were shouting:**

**Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes**

**in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the coming kingdom of David!**

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

One: He entered the city, went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything—as it was already late—he went out to Bethany with us.

**Sing:** (#300 vs. 3)

**To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;**

**To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the praise we bring;**

**And may our song delight Thee, O good and gracious King!**

Children’s Time

Anthem “Jerusalem, Behold Your King” *Barrett/Angerman*  
*(While the choir is singing this anthem, we come with joy and lay our palms on Jesus’ Table of Blessing!)*

Moments of Concern and Celebration  
(please fill out a blue card in the pew)  
Pastoral Prayer and Savior’s Prayer (trespasses)

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Music “Sonata—Movement IV” *Marcello*  
\*Doxology (#815)  
\*Offertory Prayer

Scripture *Philippians 2:1-11*

\*Hymn #314 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Sermon “And When From Death I’m Free”

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

\*Benediction

\*Response #308 “There Is a Redeemer” *vs. 1, 2*

\*Postlude

*Scripture Readings for Next Sunday: Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8.*

*Special thanks to Jo Beth Dudley for sharing her music with us today.*



### Palm Tree Dedications

*In loving memory of Anna Jackman and Erma Sheley*

*In loving memory of her parents, Dr. Frank and Sara Dudley*

*~ Elaine Stroop*

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**Please check out the Informational Poster / Sign-up Board in the Ladies Parlor!**

**Contact Pam in the office if you have any questions.**

***Please post your insert on the fridge or share with a friend!***



Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

A **Homemade Meal!**

Chicken & Biscuits with vegetables, pickles, cranberry sauce, drinks and desserts

Adults/Teens: \$ 10.00    Children 5-12: \$5.00  
4 & under: Free

**5 PM – 6:30 PM**

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189 Main Street, Littleton



*We welcome everyone to the table*

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**The Ladies Society will be meeting at Bailiwicks on Wednesday at noon. It will be an informal meeting. Please bring a wedding photo or a picture of your younger self! There will also be a \$5 gift exchange. New Ladies always welcome to join in the fun!**

### Notices for the week of March 25, 2018 – March 31, 2018

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- TODAY... 9:00 am ....Adult Bible Class – Classroom
- 10:00 am ....Worship Service and Sunday School
- 11:30 am ....Cake Walk – Fellowship Hall
- Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath
- Tues..... 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor
- 7:00 pm ....Eastern Star – Fellowship Hall
- Wed..... Noon ....Ladies Society – Baliwicks
- 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor
- 6:30 pm ....Choir Rehearsal – Ladies Parlor
- 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
- Thurs..... 7:00 pm ....Maundy Thursday Service – Ladies Parlor
- Fri..... 6:30 pm ....Good Friday Ecumenical Service - Lisbon
- Sat..... 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:** Cake Walk in the Fellowship Hall!

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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**THANK YOU!**

**\$625 was collected for this special offering**

## March 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.

### Cancer

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| Barry Jacobson (David Weddington)  | Travis Gay (Judy Warden)          |
| Judy Dean (Alice Muh)              | Mark Morgan (Lars Nielson)        |
| Betsy Harman (Judy Warden)         | Doreen Degenerica (June Davis)    |
| Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden) | Joyce Watrous (Glenda Iles)       |
| Mary Ellen Gilbert (Tina Peabody)  | Jennifer Abdool (Bruce Webster)   |
| Bruce Swanson (Judy Warden)        | Richard Price (Alice Muh)         |
| Barbara Sarafini (Linda Warden)    | Mike MacKillop (Ross Fairweather) |
| Matt Byrne (Tina Peabody)          |                                   |

### Family Issues/Concerns

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

### Illness/Recovery

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| Betsy Bergen (Alice Muh)            | Marlene Baker (Judy Warden) |
| Phil Tomashek (Marti Faulkner)      | Audrey Nester (Alice Muh)   |
| Johnny Suglia & Family (Amy Sharpe) |                             |

## Loss/Grieving

Family of Ginny Dickman (Linda Warden)  
Family of Pam Michaud McBean (Marti Faulkner)  
Family of Donna Cruickshank (Linda Warden)  
Family of Jean Kimball

## 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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