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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  
May 1, 2016*

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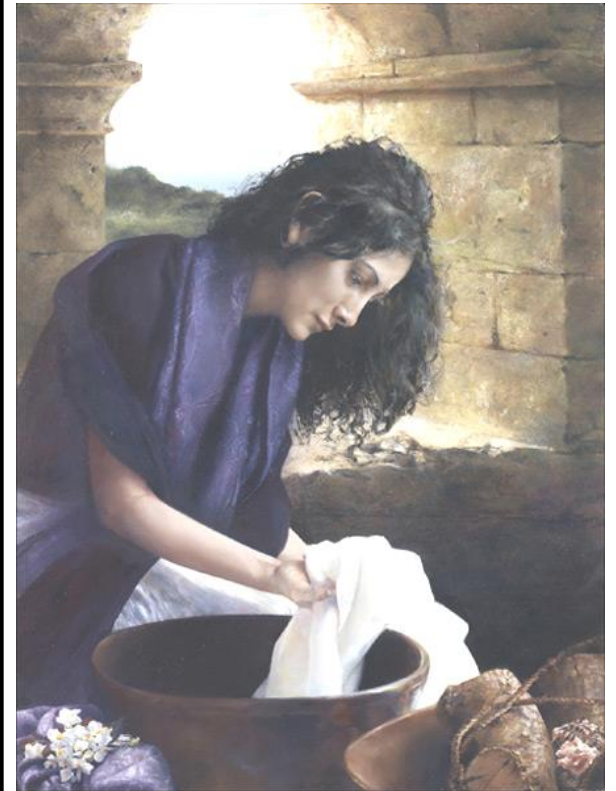
Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Worship Service and Sunday School  
10:00 a.m.

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**  
**May 1, 2016**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

Gathering #431      “Shine, Jesus, Shine”      *vs. 1*

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer      *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Call to Worship      *images from John 14*

One: Jesus said, “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming.”

**All: As we do his loving will,  
we’ll know the comfort of his presence.**

One: “Peace I leave with you,” he said; “my peace I give to you.”

**All: As we learn to trust him more,  
his deep Shalom will grow in us.**

One: “I’m sending you a Comforter, my Spirit will be with you.”

**All: As we open to his Spirit,  
he will give us quiet rest.**

One: “Don’t let your hearts be troubled,” he said;  
“don’t let your hearts be afraid.”

**All: We open our hearts, we pour out our love,  
we offer our beautiful, transformed lives  
as instruments of his Peace.**

\*Hymn #384      “Spirit Song”

**\*Confession: Gentle and holy God, we are not the people you  
created us to be. You gave us material gifts so that we could  
touch our world with kindness; and we have used your gifts  
to serve our selfish ends. You gave us hearts that are capable**

**of compassion, generosity and peace; and we have filled our  
lives with sorrow, fear and aggression. Forgive us, gentle and  
holy God for misusing the precious gift of human life. Have  
mercy on us; set us free from our fears; and help us to live  
with confidence, courage and joy in Jesus’ name. AMEN**

\*Assurance of Pardon and Gloria Patri #813

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

Anthem

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

Scripture      Acts 16:9-15

Sermon      “Out of the Homeland and into the World”

\*Hymn #463      “I Will Remember Thee”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*Hymn #750      “Peace like a River”

\*Benediction

\*Response #423 “The Bond of Love”

\* Postlude

**Memorial Day Bell Ringers are needed!**



**Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 11:10 am**

**In observance of the Memorial Procession down Main Street**

**Please see Reg LaFlam if you are able to help!**

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**Summer Office Hours ~ Starting in May**

**Monday through Thursday 9am – 2pm**

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**Thank you** to everyone who signed up to help with the LHS Drama Dept. rehearsal Dinner on Monday night  
**RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS**

*A few more opportunities exist, so please see Tim Gould if you would like to donate water bottles, a hand-held dessert or money for pizza.*

... Speaking of opportunities! The **C**ommunity **O**utreach **G**roup is always creating participation opportunities. Their next meeting is **Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm** in the classroom. It will be a fun planning meeting for the Community Fun Day in the Park scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Please come and be a part of this!

**Coming May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Strengthen the Church Offering**

**Notices for the week of May 1, 2016 – May 7, 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
- 11:30 am ....Music Committee – Classroom
- 3:30 pm ....NCA Annual Meeting – Sanctuary & FH
- Mon..... Pastor’s Sabbath
- 5:00 pm ....COG Dinner for LHS Drama Dept. –  
Opera House
- Tues..... 5:00 pm ....Dinner Bell – All Saints Church
- 6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor
- Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor
- 7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall
- Thurs..... 6:30 pm ....Council Meeting - Classroom
- Sat..... 8:00 am ....Men’s Breakfast – Menzies Residence
- 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:** Judy & Bob Oleary

**Coffee Fellowship:** Judy & Bob Oleary

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God

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The Music Committee is meeting briefly  
TODAY at 11:30 am.

New members are needed and anyone is  
WELCOMED to attend!

# May 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.

### 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)         | Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)   |
| Kathy Gordon (Judy Warden)       | Diane Stinaker (Judy Warden)   |
| Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)      | Ray Morton (Dottie Morton)     |
| Jim Sturtevant (Mary Sturtevant) | Joan Ziter (Judy Warden)       |
| Carol Detrick (Wilma Weddington) | Peter Low (Tina Peabody)       |
| Astrid Warden (Judy Warden)      |                                |

### Illness/Recovery

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| Patricia Tuck (Pat Tuck)      | Jere Peabody (Tina Peabody) |
| Charron Sundman (Judy Warden) | Ann Cosgrove (Glenda Iles)  |
| Marvin Curnutt (Emily LaFlam) | Jackie Home (Su Schott)     |

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Donna Prescott (Karen Lord)

### Family Issues

Elizabeth Grimm (Wilma Weddington)    The Weddington Family

## 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.*

