

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

Scripture Luke 14:25-33

Sermon "The Narrow Door That Opens onto Wide Abundant Life"

*Hymn #589 "Here I Am, Lord"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession (unison):

God of love and justice, we long for peace within and peace without. We long for harmony in our families, for serenity in the midst of struggle, and for commitment to each other's growth. We long for the day when our homes will be a dwelling place for your love. Yet we confess that we are often anxious; we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence. We are not willing to take the risks and make the hard choices that love requires. Look upon us with kindness and grace. Rule in our homes and in all the world; show us how to walk in your paths, through the mercy of our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Gloria Patri #813

Statement of Faith (*inside cover of hymnal*)

The Story and the Meal

*Hymn #677 "Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy"

*Benediction

*Response #682 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" vs. 3

* Postlude

*Our thanks to the United Church of Newport Bell Choir
for providing our special music this morning.*

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
September 4, 2016*



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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
September 4, 2016

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

Gathering #682 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” *vs. 1, 2*
Welcome, Announcements and Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 139

One: O God, you have searched me and known me.

**All: You know when I sit down and when I rise;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

One: Your eye is on my path and my lying down;
you are acquainted with all my ways.

**All: Even before a word is on my tongue, O God,
you know it completely.**

One: You hem me in behind and before;
you lay your hand upon me.

**All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it**

One: Where can I go from your spirit, God?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there.
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

**All: If I take the wings of the morning and settle
at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall steady my steps.**

One: If I should say, “Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,”

**All: even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is clear as light to you.**

One: For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

**All: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are all your works; that I know very well.**

One: My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**All: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
All my days were written in your book,
yes, even when none of them as yet existed.**

One: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

**All: I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

One: O that you would kill the wicked, O God,
and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—
those who speak of you maliciously, and lift themselves up
against you for evil!

**All: Do I not hate those who hate you, O God?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.**

One: Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.

**All: See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

*Hymn #210 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Special Music

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

Third Annual!!

Saturday

September 10th

9 am – 11 am



REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH!

There are two Adult Bible Study classes available this fall. One is a workshop on prayer, using a workbook called Abiding in Christ, by Maxie Dunnam. Those of us who went through his first workbook found that it helped us develop a deeper, more authentic prayer life, and so we're looking forward to continuing with this second workbook. If you weren't part of the first group, don't worry. It isn't that kind of thing. If you'd like to deepen your prayer life, please consider joining us, Sundays October 2- November 20 at 11:30 a.m. in the classroom off the Ladies' Parlor.

Erma Sheley's Bible Study class will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings starting September 11. This class will be studying Romans. Paul's letter to the church in Rome is unique. All his other letters were written to churches he'd founded, and they address specific problems that had arisen in these churches. But Paul didn't found the church in Rome, had never been there; so the letter he sent them was a letter of introduction. Paul's letter to the Romans is the clearest, most complete expression we have of Paul's understanding of who Jesus was and how his life, death and resurrection gives us access to eternal life in the joyful presence of God. I hope you'll consider joining this class. Erma is a wonderful teacher. You'll be blessed.

It's that time of year again! Calling all who like to sing to gather on September 7th for dinner at 5:45 pm in fellowship hall and a rehearsal following at 6:30 pm. We need more voices, especially altos. Come try us out. We are a fun bunch to be with and we enjoy singing together. If you think you might like to try singing but have questions, come talk with me!

~ Dottie Morton

Notices for the week of September 4, 2016 – September 10, 2016

TODAY... 10:00 amWorship Service

Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath

Office Closed, Labor Day

Tues..... 6:00 pmAlAnon – Ladies Parlor

Wed..... 5:00 pmAA – Ladies Parlor

7:00 pmWeds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall

Thurs..... 6:30 pmCouncil Meeting – Classroom

Fri..... 7:00 pmNA – Fellowship Hall

Sat..... 9:00 amMS RiverWalk Begins – lawn

7:00 pmAA – Fellowship Hall

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

Usher/Greeter:

Flowers: Su Schott

The Office will resume Friday office hours on October 7th!

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Get Ready!

The Congregational Church **Host Dates** for the 2016/2017 **Dinner Bell** season are:

September 13, 2016

October 11, 2016

November 22 (all call for Thanksgiving meal)

January 24, 2017

May 2, 2017

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.

Suzanne Peletier – needs to re-enter hospital for more surgery after a mastectomy three weeks ago. (Judy Warden)

Jeff White –needs surgery this week. (Donna Matz)

Dianne White – surgery on 9/8/16, breast lump. (Donna Matz)

Jordan (6 yr. old boy) recently had kidney transplant (Dense Deposit Disease) and is not doing well; prognosis is not good. (Donna Matz)

Cancer

Betsy Warden (Linda Warden)	Lois Smith (Alison Bolt)
Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)	Jennifer LaFlam (Emily LaFlam)
Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)	Diane Stinaker (Judy Warden)
Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)	Ray Morton (Dottie Morton)
Joan Ziter (Judy Warden)	Peter Low (Tina Peabody)
Astrid Warden (Judy Warden)	Joni Prell (Linda Warden)
Robin Derrington (Emily LaFlam)	Sandra Eaton (Judy Warden)

Illness/Recovery

Dick & Judy Campbell (Linda Warden)	Damian Gates (Wilma Weddington)
Todd Warden (Judy Warden)	Bob Iles (Judy Warden)

Loss/Grieving

Family of Ron LaFlam (Emily & Reg LaFlam)

Friends and Family of Sandy White (Sarah & Richard Donovan)

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.***

