

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
February 6, 2022

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

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering Music #209 “This Is the Day”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading *from Isaiah 43:1-3, 5-7, 18-19*

One: Now thus says the Lord, who formed you, O Israel:

All: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

One: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

All: When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

One: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

All: Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you;

One: I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

All: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing.

One: Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

All: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

***Hymn #408** “How Firm a Foundation”

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (*trespasses*)

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts

***Doxology**

***Offering Prayer**

Scriptures

Revelation 21:1-5

Mary Menzies

John 1: 1-5, 9-14

Hymn #479

“Softly and Tenderly”

Sermon

“Deadly Nostalgia”

Rev. Jay Sprout

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

***Hymn**

“God, Companion”

Maren Tirabassi

(Sung to the tune “Let Us Break Bread Together”)

**Let us take bread together in our masks,
as we find strength for all the daily tasks.**

Refrain: **When I lift up my heart
with my hopes for the days to come,
God, be companion to me.**

**Let us drink Love for grace will fill us all,
in our homes or our sanctuary halls.**

Refrain

**Let us praise God whose sacrament we share
not alone, but with all the world, in prayer.**

Refrain

Call to Prayer

(Sung to the tune "Morning Has Broken")

One: May God be with you!

All: **And with you also!**

One: Lift hearts and voices gladly to God.

All: **We come together at the Lord's table,
to taste salvation, fresh from the Word.**

Communion Prayers

Song of Adoration

(Sung to the tune "Holy, Holy, Holy")

**Holy, holy, holy, God beyond our seeing,
thoughts and ways above the sky, and deeper than the sea.
God so far beyond us, yet closer than breathing:
come now among us at our holy feast!**

Words of Institution "On the Night"

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn #691** "Surely Goodness and Mercy"

***Benediction**

***Response #691** "Surely Goodness and Mercy" *(Refrain)*

Postlude

**TO THE MEMBERS of the FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**YOU ARE HEREBY CALLED TO ATTEND
THE 219TH ANNUAL MEETING**

**of the FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, U.C.C.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.**

*Meeting in the Sanctuary immediately following the church service
20 members are needed to meet a quorum*

*First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Littleton, New Hampshire
February 6, 2022*



<p>Welcome: Rev. Jay Sprout Music Director & Organist Dorothy Morton</p>	<p>189 Main Street Littleton, NH 03561 603-444-3376, Fax: 603-444-6589 E-mail: fstcong189@gmail.com www.1stconglittleton.org</p>
<p>Worship Service 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>~ ~ ~ FCC Shining Lights Learning Center 444-7379</p>

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.

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