

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
January 16, 2022

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

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering Music #184 "Thy Word"

Welcome & Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Psalm 147*

One: Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

All: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of
Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their
wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls
them each by name. Great is our LORD and mighty in power;
his understanding has no limit.

One: The LORD sustains the humble but casts the wicked to the
ground. Sing to the LORD with grateful praise; make music to
our God on the harp. He covers the sky with clouds; he
supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the
hills. He provides food for the cattle and for the young
ravens when they call.

All: His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor his
delight in the legs of the warrior; the LORD delights in those
who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.
Extol the LORD, Jerusalem; praise your God, Zion. He
strengthens the bars of your gates and blesses your
people within you. He grants peace to your borders and
satisfies you with the finest of wheat.

One: He sends his command to the earth; his word runs swiftly.
He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like
ashes. He hurls down his hail like pebbles. Who can
withstand his icy blast? He sends his word and melts
them; he stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.

All: He has revealed his word to Jacob, his laws and decrees to
Israel. He has done this for no other nation; they do not
know his laws. Praise the LORD.

*Hymn # 682 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts
*Doxology (#815)
Offering prayer

Scripture *Psalm 103:15-22* *Mary Menzies*
Romans 11:33-36

*Hymn # 101 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"

Sermon "Tenebrus Lux" *Ernest Shipman*

*Hymn #788 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Benediction

Postlude

*Lectionary for Sunday, January 23: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 ~ Psalm 19 ~
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a ~ Luke 4:14-21*

Please note: Our guest leader, Victoria Cole, may or may not use these texts.

*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.*

January Prayer Requests

Dorothy Usher	Karen Carbonneau
Barbara Holland	Linda and Bob Warden
Denys O'Brien	Virginia Hyatt
Judy and Ed Warden	Anna Searles
Roberta Lavoie	Kim Antonucci
Heather Walker	Karen Lord
Andrea Dowdall	

Reminders!

**Please send in your 2022 pledge if you haven't already. Forms are in the back of the sanctuary or you can call in or email your pledge to the office.
Thank you to everyone who has sent in their pledge already.**

**Surveys have gone out. Please be sure to fill yours out by
Wednesday, January 19th!**

**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

Reports will be available January 30, 2022

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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.

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