

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
October 10, 2021

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

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering Music #104 “O Worship the King”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Psalm 103:1-5, 8-12*

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul

All: And all that is within me, bless his holy name.

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul

All: And forget not all his benefits

One: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities

All: Who healeth all thy diseases

One: Who redeemeth thy life from destruction

All: Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies

One: Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things

All: So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

One: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

All: Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

One: He will not always chide

All: Neither will he keep his anger for ever.

One: He hath not dealt with us after our sins

All: Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

One: For as the heaven is high above the earth,

All: So great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

One: As far as the east is from the west,

All: So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

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

Gospel Reading *Matthew 5:43-48* *Mary Menzies*

Epistle Reading *Titus 3:1-8* *Mary Menzies*

*Hymn #344 “Grace Greater than Our Sin”

Sermon “Gospel Power to Love in a World of Hatred”
Nathan Snyder

*Hymn #347 “And Can It Be?”

*Benediction

*Response #389 “Spirit of the Living God” *vs. 1 (2x)*

Postlude

We welcome Nathan Snyder to the pulpit this week.

Scriptures for Sunday, October 17: Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10, and Mark 10:35-45

Please note: Our guest leader, Rev. Brian Muh, may or may not use these texts.



Neighbors In Need Special Offering

In 2021, NIN is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities.

It's not too late to give! Thank you to those who have contributed.



Virtual Harvest Dinner Fundraiser – October

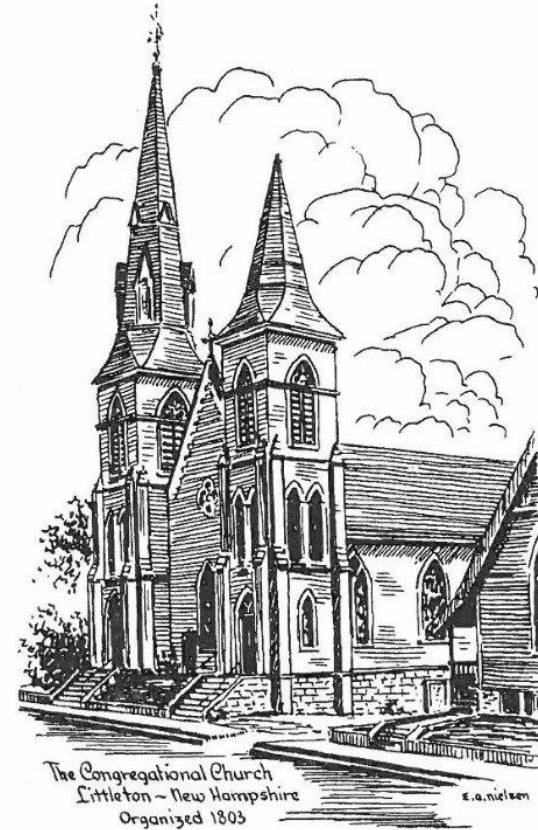
Our only fundraiser for the year! Our safest option this year is to hold this important fundraiser virtually again. We pray that we will be holding this event again in person next year! *The picture is from the 2018 Harvest dinner.* You can donate online or by check. Please indicate that it is for the Harvest Dinner Fundraiser in the memo line.

THANK YOU!

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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Welcome:
Nathan Snyder

Music Director & Organist
Dorothy Morton

Worship Service 10:00

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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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