

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**October 31, 2021**

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

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering Music #11 “Come, thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer *Mary Menzies*

Prelude

Responsive Reading *Psalm 146*

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

**All: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith ever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free.**

One: The LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

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 Ruth 1:1-18 *Mary Menzies*  
Mark 12:28-34

\*Hymn #314 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

Sermon “Surprised by Love” *Victoria Cole*

\*Hymn #767 “For All the Saints”

\*Benediction

\*Response #597 “Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated” *vs. 1, 2 & 5*

Postlude

*We welcome Victoria Cole to the pulpit this week.*

*Scriptures for Sunday, November 7: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127;  
1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44*

*Please note: Our guest leader, Lars Nielson, may or may not use these texts.*

**Link to the inspiring talk:**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itOhR5cpHLg&t=2283s&ab\\_channel=UWVideo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itOhR5cpHLg&t=2283s&ab_channel=UWVideo)

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**Annual Harvest Supper & Auction  
VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER 2021**

*Our safest option this year is to hold this important (and only)  
fundraiser virtually again. We pray that we will be holding this  
again in person next year!*

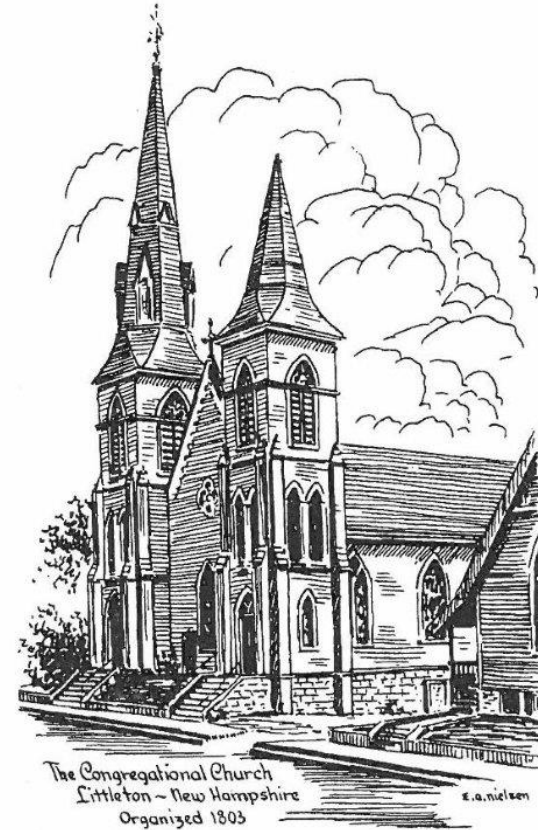
**PLEASE**

*Consider donating money towards what you might typically purchase for:*

**Food supplies, dinner tickets (\$12), auction bids**

**We are half-way to our fundraising goal!**

**Thank you to everyone who has donated so far.**



Welcome:

**Victoria Cole**

**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.*

*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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