

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

YOU ARE HEREBY CALLED TO ATTEND

**THE 218<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

of the FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, U.C.C.

SUNDAY, **June 13, 2021** AT 10:00 A.M.

*Meeting in the Sanctuary immediately following the church service*

In preparation for the meeting, please read the reports and make notations if there are questions or comments. Reports will be available in the sanctuary and email next week.

*PLEASE BRING YOUR COPY TO THE MEETING FOR REFERENCE.*

A quorum of 20 members is needed to conduct this meeting. Please be sure to save the date.



**Renewal Through Partnership**

**The Strengthen the Church Offering provided crucial support to congregations and their community partners during the Covid Pandemic. Moving forward, grants from the Strengthen the Church offering will help congregations pivot towards church renewal and community engagement.**

Plymouth Congregational Church in Lawrence, Kansas, partnered with the Haskell Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit whose sole mission is to support Haskell Indian Nations University, to address the needs of Haskell students during the pandemic. Covid-19 deeply affected Indigenous people. The students and staff of Haskell suffered hardships. One Navajo student received help for an emergency flight and quarantine accommodations because he needed to return to bury five family members. Plymouth continued to aid students throughout the year. Sara Taliaferro, of Plymouth, explained, "One young Lakota woman traveled back from her reservation to off-campus housing in Lawrence, KS, last September. Her car broke down on the way. She had managed to scrape together the first month's rent and deposit for the off-campus apartment. But she had to spend her rent money on car repairs. Emergency funds helped her make the rent deposit, so she had a place to live when she got back here." Drawing on her 25-years of work with people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity, Sara knew, "complex community problems can't be fixed with a simple checklist of actions." Instead, the congregation focused on developing meaningful community relationships on the Haskell campus. Sara worked closely with Manny King (Northern Cheyenne), a university counselor. Even as they help specific students, Sara and Manny build the kind of community solidarity that affects lasting change.

**It's not too late!**

Donations will be accepted anytime during May!

Please make a notation on the memo line of your check or put in an envelope marked:

"Mission's/Strengthen the Church"

**Thank you!**

*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire  
May 23, 2021*



*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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**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

**United Church of Christ**

May 23, 2021—Pentecost

Gathering #391      “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

Welcome and Announcements

*Ross Fairweather*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading: based on Acts 2:1-12

One: When the day of Pentecost came,  
we were all together in one place.

**All: All of a sudden, the house was filled  
with the sound of a heaven-sent wind.**

One: Then came the fire—divided tongues  
of flame came and rested on us.

**All: God’s Holy Spirit filled us all,  
and we spoke in astonishing ways.**

One: People from every nation on earth  
came to see what the joyful shouting was about.

**All: They found, to their great surprise, that they  
could understand what we were saying!**

One: They came because they were drawn to the great  
excitement we felt in the Spirit’s power.

**All: They stayed because that same Spirit  
showed us all a new way to live.**

One: Open our hearts, Holy Spirit, we pray,  
to the blessings you want to share with us today.

**All: Blow now through our gathering,  
bring light into our open hearts,  
and teach our heavy tongues to dance  
with wild, ecstatic joy!**

Hymn #393      “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

We Remember our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Savior’s Prayer

We Remember the Gifts We Have Given

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Romans 8:22-27

Sermon

“Too Deep for Words”

Hymn #90

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Benediction

Response #384

“Spirit Song”

*Lectionary Readings for Next Week: Isaiah 6:1-8;  
Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17.*

*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.*