

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
June 6, 2021

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

Gathering #138

“Holy Ground”

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Emily LaFlam

Prelude

Responsive Reading Psalm 130

One: Out of the depths I cry to you.

O God, hear the sound of my voice!

**All: Open your ears and attend to me, God.
O listen to my supplications!**

One: If you kept account of our failings, our sins,
which of us could stand in your presence?

**All: But there is forgiveness with you, O God,
that you may be honored and praised.**

One: I wait for my God; my soul longs for God
more than those who watch for the morning.

**All: My hope is in God; my soul longs for God
more than those who watch for the morning.**

One: In God there is mercy and steadfast love;
there is power to redeem us from our sins.

**All: Out of the depths we cry to you, God,
with grateful hearts. Hear us, we pray.**

*Hymn #575 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

*Confession: **Kind and generous God, we have heard your
promise to be with us always, but it’s hard sometimes to
believe you. Our world is daily wounded by crime and war.
Our feelings of safety rise and fall with the market. In anger**

**and sorrow, suspicion and fear, we close our hearts to you
and our neighbors; and still you offer us forgiveness; and still
you offer us your everlasting arms. And so, kind and
generous God, as we come to this holy meal, we ask you to
open our darkened hearts to receive the light you have
prepared for us. In Jesus’ name. AMEN**

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri #813 and

Statement of Faith (*inside cover of hymnal*)

Moments of Concern and Celebration

Pastoral Prayer and Our Savior’s Prayer (trespasses)

Special Music

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #815 and Offertory Prayer

Scripture

Mark 3:20-35

Sermon

“contradictions”

*Hymn #139

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Prayer: **You have given yourself to us, loving God,
in the simple food and drink we have shared. Jesus has been
here. Even now, his presence is strengthening us to be his
Body. God, give us courage; make us whole and give us
peace. Fill us with Holy Spirit and send us out to touch the
world with your healing Presence; through Jesus Christ, our
Redeemer and Friend. Amen.**

*Benediction

Response: #237

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing”

TO THE MEMBERS of the FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
LITTLETON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
YOU ARE HEREBY CALLED TO ATTEND THE 218TH 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.

PLEASE BRING YOUR COPY TO THE MEETING FOR REFERENCE.

*There are some paper copies available in the sanctuary/office
if you are unable to print a copy at home.*

A quorum of 20 members is needed to conduct this meeting.

*Readings for next week: 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 and Psalm 20;
Ezekiel 17:22-24 and Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15;
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
Mark 4:26-34*

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*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.*

*First Congregational Church  
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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.