

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
August 21, 2022

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

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Hymn #300 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Responsive Reading *Isaiah 53:3-6*

One: He was despised and rejected by others;
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;

**All: and as one from whom others hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him of no account.**

One: Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and
afflicted.

**All: But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;**

One: upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

**All: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to
our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity
of us all.**

*Hymn #210 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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

We confess our sins *(all spoken together in unison)*

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Assurance of Pardon

Ernest Shipman

Scripture

Michah 6:6-8

Matthew 11:25-30

*Hymn #479

"Softly and Tenderly"

Sermon:

"You Must Be Born Again"

*Hymn #347

"And Can It Be?"

We confess our faith together: Apostles Creed
(all spoken together in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Benediction

*Response #22 "Praise the Name of Jesus"

Postlude

We welcome Ernest Shipman to the pulpit this week

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.

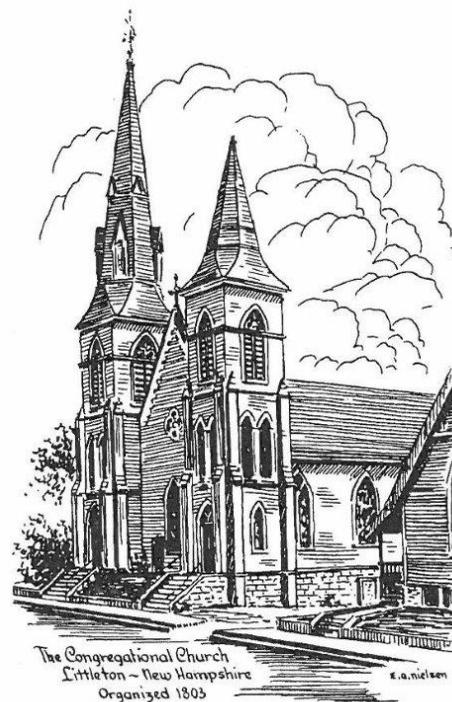
August Prayer Requests

Dorothy Usher
Barbara Holland
Virginia Hyatt
Roberta Lavoie
Heather Walker
Thomas Naughton

Karen & Vic Carbonneau
Linda and Bob Warden
Anna Searles
Kim Antonucci
Garrett Willis
Karin Brown

Mary Leard
Janet Limberg
Brien Ward
George Boone
Albert Fisher
Robert Harmond

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Welcome:

Ernest Shipman

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Dorothy Morton

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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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