

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
August 28, 2022

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

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Prelude

*Hymn #690 "He Leadeth Me"

Responsive Reading

One: The Lord was going before them in a pillar of cloud by day to lead them on the way, and in a pillar of fire by night to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night.

All: The angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them.

One: So it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night. Thus the one did not come near the other all night.

All: Throughout all their journeys whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the sons of Israel would set out; but if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out until the day when it was taken up.

*Hymn #680 "All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer and Savior's Prayer (trespasses)

Offering/Offertory:

*Doxology and Offering prayer

*Hymn #593 "Where He Leads Me"

Scripture New Testament Reading: *Mt. 4:19; 8:19; Lk. 9:22-23; Jn. 21:17b-19*

Jesus said, "**Follow Me** and I will make you fishers of men."...A teacher of the Law came to Him and said, "Teacher, I will **follow** wherever You go."

And He said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the Law and He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." Then He said to them, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and **follow Me.**"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love Me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said, "Feed My sheep. I tell you the truth:...when you are old, you will stretch out your hands and someone...will lead you where you do not want to go." Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then He said to him, "**Follow Me.**"

*Hymn #598 "Wherever He Leads I'll Go"

Sermon: "The Cost of Following Christ"

The 7 Churches of Revelation 2-3

*Hymn #602 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

*Benediction

Jude 24-25

Now to Him Who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy- to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore.

And all God's people said: AMEN

We welcome Rev. Mac Starring to the pulpit and piano 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.*

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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

You are invited!!

To a welcome reception for **Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz**

Following the service on Sunday, **September 11, 2022**
Coffee, Tea, and light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall

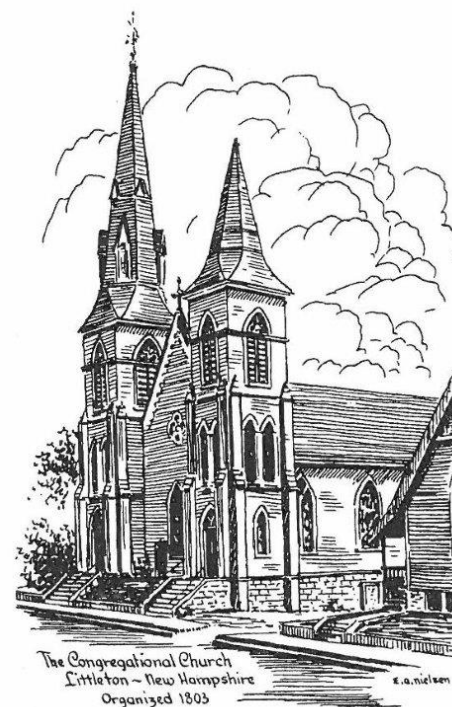
Please contact Alice Muh at alicemuh@roadrunner.com if you would like to help with set up. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary if you would like to provide some finger foods

CHURCH STAFF

Organist & Music Director: Dorothy Morton
Administrative Assistant: Pam Nute
Sexton: Reg LaFlam

OFFICERS

Moderator: Tim Gould
Vice-Moderator: Alice Muh
Treasurer: Joyce Krill



Welcome:

Rev. Mac Starring

Music Director

Dorothy Morton

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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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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