

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**September 11, 2022**

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

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Prelude

\*Hymn #435 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

A Covenant for our Mutual Ministry

Rev. Richard Slater, Associate Conference Minister, NH Conference  
Tim Gould, Moderator, First Congregational Church of Littleton, UCC  
Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz, Interim Pastor

\* Covenant Prayer

On this day of new beginnings, we ask your blessing on us as we covenant to minister together in mutual respect and care, speaking the truth in love and listening for your guiding Spirit. Equip, empower and send us forth into the world as your disciples in the way of Jesus. Amen.

\*Hymn #589 “Here I am Lord”

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (trespasses)

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts

\*Doxology (#815)

Offertory prayer

Scripture

Luke 15:1-10

Sermon: Rev. Richard Slater, Associate Conference Minister, NH Conference

\*Hymn #424

“The Servant Song”

\*Benediction

\*Response

Postlude

*We welcome Rev. Richard Slater to the pulpit this week and  
Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz as Interim Pastor*

*We welcome the Rev. Richard Slater as worship leader and preacher today. Rev. Slater is the Associate Conference Minister of the NH Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ. Prior to serving in this role, Rev. Slater served as Pastor to the First Congregational Church of Lebanon. Rev. Slater and his wife Nirmala now live in Contoocook, NH, where they enjoy frequent visits from their children and grandchildren living in the area. Rev. Slater has been working with our leadership in our search for an Interim Minister.*

*Thank you to Mary Menzies as lead Deacon this week*

*Scripture for Sunday, September 18: Mark 4:35-41*

*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.*

## September 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  
Karin Brown  
Nicole & Garrett Willis

Mary Leard  
Albert Fisher  
Brien Ward  
George Boone  
Robert Harmond

Please be sure to join the welcome reception for Peter following this service in the Fellowship Hall. There will be coffee, tea, and light refreshments.

Thank you to Alice and Bob Muh for organizing the reception.

Next week (September 11-15) and the following week (September 18-22) Peter is here Sunday through Thursday and has a pretty open schedule. He'd welcome a time to meet you at your home, a coffee shop or here at church.

You can contact him through his cell phone (206-484-9814) or his email [peter@1stconglittleton.org](mailto:peter@1stconglittleton.org).

Monday, Sept. 12: Shining Lights Board Meeting 5:30 pm

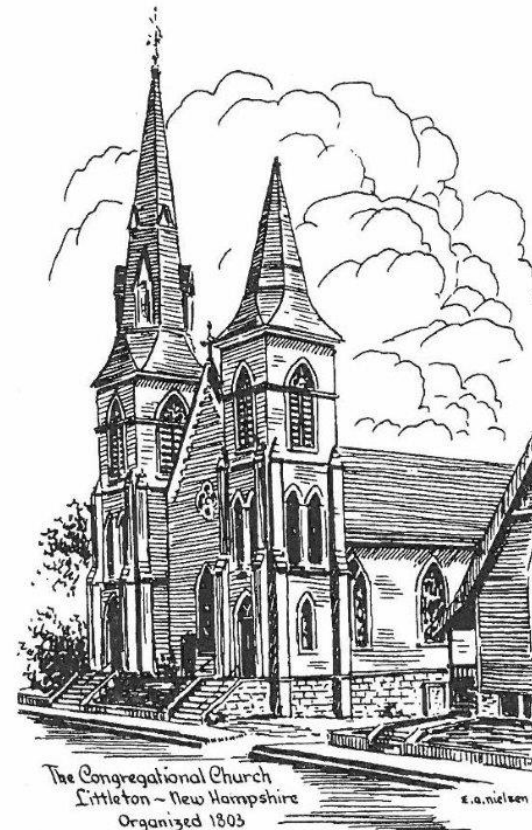
Tuesday, Sept. 13: Property Meeting 8:00 am; Eastern Star 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 14: Finance Meeting 1:00 pm; Choir 6:00 pm

Thursday, Sept. 15: Council Meeting 6:30 pm

The church sanctuary will be open from 10am to 3pm on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> during the Littleton Art Show for people to enjoy the beautiful stained glass windows and music. If you would like to welcome people for an hour, please contact Pam in the office 603-444-3376 or [fstcong189@gmail.com](mailto:fstcong189@gmail.com). Thank you!

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Welcome:

**Rev. Richard Slater**

Assoc. Conference Minister, NH Conf.

**Rev. Peter Ilgenfritz**

Interim Pastor

**Music Director & Organist**

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.*