

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
May 30, 2021—Trinity Sunday

Ministry of the Acolyte

Gathering Music #3 “Holy, Holy, Holy” *vs. 1, 2*
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Welcome and Announcements *Emily LaFlam*

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Responsive Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

One: In the year that King Uzziah died,

**All: I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty;
and the hem of his robe filled the temple.**

One: Six-winged seraphs were in attendance above him.

They called to one another and said:

**All: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’**

One: The building shook at their voices;
the house filled with smoke and I said:

**All: ‘Woe is me! I am lost, my lips are unclean,
my people’s lips are unclean;
yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’**

One: Then one of the seraphs flew to me,
holding a live coal from the altar with a pair of tongs.

**All: The seraph touched my mouth with the coal and said:
‘Your guilt has departed; and your sin is blotted out.’**

One: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’

All: And I said, ‘Here I am; send me!’

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

We Lift Up Our Joys and Concerns; Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Special Music

We Dedicate our Gifts; Doxology and Offering prayer

Scripture

John 3:1-17

Emily LaFlam

Sermon

“grateful”

“A Litany for Memorial Day”

One: We remember our brothers and sisters who daily face the
hardship and risks that are necessary if we are to be free.

All: With sad and grateful hearts, O God, we remember.

One: We remember those who fell in battle, far from home, amid
the physical horror and moral suffering of war.

All: With sad and grateful hearts, O God, we remember.

One: We remember those who died in peaceful actions aimed
at creating a more just world.

All: With sad and grateful hearts, O God, we remember.

One: We remember those who died protecting others in dangerous professions: firefighters, police officers, EMT's and all who gave their lives for the safety of others.

All: With sad and grateful hearts, O God, we remember.

One: We remember those whose grief is deepest, those who raise families alone and do the work that was left behind by those who died.

All: With sad and grateful hearts, O God, we remember.

Help us, O God, to honor the lives and families of all those who died in the hope of advancing the cause of justice and peace in this world. God, grant us courage, at any time, to be willing to offer ourselves—our possessions, our time, our work and our lives—in the service of peace with justice, your holy Shalom. We dedicate ourselves to your service in the spirit and love of Jesus. AMEN

Hymn #808 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, o'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low; wherever, Lord, our brethren go,
Protect them by Thy guarding hand from every peril on the land.

O Spirit, whom the Father sent to spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might save all who dare the eagle's flight;
And keep them by Thy watchful care from every peril in the air.

O Trinity of love and pow'r, our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

Benediction

Response #3 "Holy, Holy, Holy" *vs. 3, 4*

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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Postlude



**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.

See Agenda on page 3

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

Lay Worship Planner: Emily LaFlam

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Camera Person: Dan Kiefer

Pastor: David Weddington