

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
October 27, 2024

New Member Sunday

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements and Opening Prayer

Hymn #516 "O Grant Us, God, a Little Space" *New Century Hymnal*

Special Offering for the Little Free Pantry

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!
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This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!
Let it shine! Let it shine! I'm going to let it shine!

Up on the mountain top, I'm going to let it shine!

Anthem

Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-39

Engaging the Word

Hymn #488 "Be Still, My Soul" *New Century Hymnal*

Baptism

Liturgy of Joining in Membership to First Congregational Church:

Introduction of New Members *Mary Menzies*

Mary: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in our ministry as we serve the community and the world?

Vernon and Lucy: I promise, with the help of God.

Lars: Let us, the members of this church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ:

All: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Lars: Our church covenant is expressed in our mission and vision statements. Together, may we share these covenant commitments that unite us as God's people and church:

All: 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.

We share these commitments:

To offer worship that celebrates God's love and inspires us to bring that love into our daily lives.

To engage people of all ages and at all stages of their spiritual journeys in Christian faith formation.

To serve the community with compassionate hearts in the name of God.

To be intentional and consistent in our support and care for one another.

To be living examples of God's love as we have come to know it through Jesus Christ.

*Hymn of Welcome #393 Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

New Century Hymnal

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer *(See below for words)*

Offertory

*Doxology *(See below for words)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn#499 "In All Our Living" *New Century Hymnal*

Blessing

Postlude

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

*The Worship Leaders today are Dani Allen, Amy Greene,
Mary Menzies and Lars Nielson
Thank you!*

*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.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all
creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son
and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	444-7379

Our Mission Statement:

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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.*

Thank you to our guest preacher Dani Allen! Join us after worship today for a special coffee hour and conversation with Dani.

Such a joy to welcome new members
Lucy Haworth and **Vernon Seguin!**

Calendar:

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am – Adult Bible Class – Major Prophets - Classroom
Wednesday, October 30: Choir rehearsal – 6pm – Ladies Parlor
Saturday, November 2: Council Retreat –8:30 am – All Saints Church

October Prayer Requests

Barbara Holland	Linda and Bob Warden	Virginia Hyatt	Roberta Lavoie
David Sykes	Bill Mellekas	Mike Boswell	Ed O'Brien
Jason Plummer	Dudley & Dottie Bailey	Arianna English	Henrietta Howard
Marianne Langdoc	Sandra Grant	Family of Mike Carver	

After 4 weeks names will be removed unless requested to continue.

Please contact Elaine Pollak, Caring Tree chair, at (802) 633-3669 or laneylou@gmail.com



Online giving:

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Thank You!

Thank you to Laurie Boswell and her family, Bob Muh, everyone who helped at the Ham and Bean Dinner AND to everyone who joined for dinner on October 5th.

\$1,097 was raised for the church.

