

* HYMN # 498 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love” Chereponi

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Gardener God, You planted us in a gifted place, but often we return sour grapes. In the midst of Your abundance, we complain of not having enough or being enough. Too often we are uprooted by our own inaction, selfishness, and fear. Re-root our hearts, our minds, and our lives in the soil of Your forgiving love. Let our song this summer be a song of shalom, a chorus of Christ-love. Amen

WORDS OF GRACE

Hear this good word. God can never cease to be love. God has no joy in plants uprooted or journeys detoured by distraction. The ancient promise of God proclaimed again and again throughout history still rings true. Nothing can separate us from the love of God, made known to us in Christ Jesus. This is the good news and you can trust it with your life. Thanks be to God!

REFLECTING AND PRAYING

SCRIPTURE Mark 9: 38-42 Sandy Trottier

MEDITATION “No Stumbling Block” Rev. Paula Gile

HYMN OF PRAYER PREPARATION # 283 “Spirit of the Living God”

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

COMMITTING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Sharon Wilson
Marjory Hillman and Christopher Dahl

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures
here below: Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God our Companion, receive these gifts as seeds to be nurtured and grown
into new abundance, more possibilities, and magnifying gifts for your
kingdom on earth. Amen**

GOING TO SERVE

FINDING FAITH IN WHAT WE DO

*HYMN # 311 (vs 1,3,4) Renew Your Church All Is Well
*BENEDICTION Rev. Paula Gile

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Make a Joyful Noise" Alan Viner

*We invite you to be seated to listen to the postlude; if you need to leave,
please do so quietly. Thank you.*

**As comfortable, please rise.*

WELCOME!

If you are new or visiting the area, we give you *a special welcome*.

Please visit our website: www.uccsanbornton.org, for the monthly

newsletter (*Belfry*) and Past sermons “Follow” us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/sanborntonuccchurch> and watch us on our

YouTube channel –

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAeFubn0S3JWWB0xKxiNqHw>

Sunday Worship services continue to be live streamed on YouTube—join us Sunday morning at 9:30 am (beginning July 3) or anytime you have a chance.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAeFubn0S3JWWB0xKxiNqHw>

Pastoral Concerns: If you have any pastoral needs, please contact Rev. Paula Gile. Email: pastorpaula1980@gmail.com or 802-310-4598

Altar Flowers: If you would like to place flowers on the Altar in memory or honor of someone or if you just want to bless the congregation, please contact Barbara Osler bosler@metrocast.net.

Guidelines for in-person worship The Reopening Task Force remains in place and continues to monitor local and regional data. Currently, masks are optional. Please be aware of your own risk factors and make personal decisions about your own personal safety.

COFFEE HOUR - All are invited to fellowship and feast in the Undercroft.

Flowers today are given by Marjory Hillman.

Today's Scripture Reader: Sandy Trottier

Next Week's Reader: David Henderson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Website - We have a new website!!! Thank you, David Henderson! Check out the church's new website at **uccsanbornton.org**. It has lots of new pictures and fun new features. Click on the triangle on the opening screen and hear the ringing of the church bell - many other fun features.

New for Live Streaming - If you are watching the live streaming there is an opportunity to access the bulletin at home now on your phone or tablet. When we are live streaming – on the WELCOME page there will be a QR Code; go to your app to take a picture – hold the camera over the QR code a button will appear – tap on it and it will take you directly to the new web site; scroll down to the “Bulletin” and there you have it!

Another New Thing – We have large print bulletins available now. In the spirit of being welcoming to **all**, we are printing large print bulletins. Don't forget we also have hearing devices available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Prayer Requests If you would like to make a prayer request to be lifted during worship, please write it down on the “prayer request” sheet in the back of the sanctuary. We are no longer lifting them aloud during worship for privacy reasons since we are live streaming on YouTube.

GOT LUNCH! Sanbornton – GOT LUNCH! Sanbornton continues to deliver healthy groceries to 18 children who attend Sanbornton Central School. If you would like to help, please see Laurie Greci or Mary Ruth Scott.

Committee Meetings and Gatherings

Monday, August 15	9:00 am	GOT LUNCH! Sanbornton
	7:00 pm	Search Committee
Sunday, August 21	9:30 am	In-person and Live Streaming Worship
Monday, August 22	9:00 am	GOT LUNCH! Sanbornton
		No Search Committee
Sunday, August 28	9:30 am	In-person and Live Streaming Worship
Monday, August 29	9:00 am	GOT LUNCH! Sanbornton (Last Day)
	7:00 pm	Search Committee



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Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Restore Us

In today's psalm, God's people are envisioned as a vine, planted and carefully tended by God. How might we participate with God in being planters and tenders of the church and its leaders?

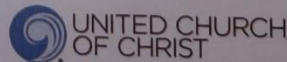
Last winter, UCC President John Dorhauer and Pension Board President and CEO Brian Bodager encouraged church members to be vine tenders, as they described one of the crises facing church leadership.

"Seminary and educational debt, the debilitating nature of limited income and the uncertainty of a secure financial future represent a deepening crisis for many pastors in the United Church of Christ," they wrote in a joint letter. The Ministers' Financial Vitality Initiative (MFVI) is a program to help ministers address this problem with practical tools. Participants in the program receive financial gifts of \$9000 for debt reduction, \$1000 to seed a retirement account and the support of a cohort of fellow pastors and financial experts.

The Ministers' Financial Vitality Initiative strengthens ministry in the UCC by:

- increasing and enhancing financial literacy among UCC authorized ministers, with a particular emphasis on ministers from historically underrepresented groups within the denomination;
- assisting UCC ministers and their Ministry settings, Associations, Conferences, and the National Setting of the Church in "breaking the conspiracy of silence" that exists around pastoral finances;
- providing financial assistance to UCC authorized ministers toward repayment of educational and personal debt as well as seeding of pension funds;
- engaging key lay leaders in UCC churches in collaborative efforts to identify and address the connection between pastoral financial challenges and ministry setting financial challenges; and;
- launching a major fundraising campaign to solicit major gifts that will enable the long-term sustainability, and continued expansion of the program

You can be a vine-tender along with God, planting and nurturing growth. One way is to support the MFVI with your gift at pbucc.org.



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