

THE SANBORNTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Established 1771
THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

September 18, 2022 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT: “Let us not take ourselves too seriously. None of us has a monopoly on wisdom.” Queen Elizabeth

We invite you to listen to the music and abide in God’s presence.

PRELUDE Andante Tranquillo Malcolm Davey

WELCOME
MOMENT OF CENTERING
PASSING THE PEACE

GATHERING

*HYMN #8 *“Praise to the Living God”*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

One: O God, you summon the day to dawn,
You teach the morning to waken the earth.

**All: Great is your name.
Great is your love.**

One: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
The trees of the field shall clap their hands.

**All: Great is your name.
Great is your love.**

One: For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
The poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.

**All: Great is your name.
Great is your love.**

One: Your mercy and love shall last forever,
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

**All: Great is your name.
Great is your love. Amen!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Holy One, you have called us together in this place as your people. Hallow, enlighten and bless our human action, our praying and singing, our speaking and hearing. Draw close to us that we may draw ever closer to you. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (Unison)

Source of Wholeness, we confess that sometimes our goals don't align with yours, and we get lost. At times, we have pursued power, knowledge, and wealth instead of you, who are the source of all. You are steadfast in your love and justice. Help us to be the same. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Musical Response

Lento

César Franck

REFLECTING AND PRAYING

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

HYMN #493

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

SCRIPTURE

Luke 16: 1-13

MEDITATION

Say What?

COMMITTING

GIVING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

Arr. C. Albin Whitworth

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 (Unison)

Holy One, may our offering be both blest and blessing as tokens of our love for you and our neighbor. May they be used to fulfill your will in this time and place and may they bring hope and light in all the dark places of the world. Amen.

GOING TO SERVE

FINDING FAITH IN WHAT WE DO

*HYMN #76 *“Sent Forth With God’s Blessing”*

*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Prelude in A minor J. S. Bach

We invite you to be seated to listen to the postlude.

If you need to leave, please do so quietly. Thank you.



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 and “Follow” us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sanborntonuccchurch> and watch us on our YouTube channel – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAeFubn0S3JWWB0xKxiNqHw>

Sunday Worship service will be live streamed (ONLY) on our YouTube page on September 18 AND September 25. In person worship (along with live streaming) is planned to resume on October 2.

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

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. This past week, a recommendation was made by the Reopening Committee and a good discussion was held at council. It was unanimously decided to go remote only for the September 18 and 25. The recommendation for those who have been exposed is to wear a mask when in public and to test immediately if you have symptoms. After the two remote Sundays there will be a reassessment of conditions and people will be notified of future worship.

Today’s Scripture Reader: Marjory Hillman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Paula is on vacation September 15 – 29 - If there is an emergency please contact Rev. Neil Wilson (260-849-1512) or email him at neil@laconiaucc.org

Faith Formation for kids update!! The **second Sunday** of each month we will have a dedicated focus “Time with God’s Children” during worship. Incorporated into the service will be a children’s story and activity for children to have in the pew that relates to the scripture of the day. The congregation’s role is to welcome them let them know they are loved.

Children’s Bulletins - Special age-appropriate children’s bulletins with fun activities are available each Sunday that parallels the scripture for the day.

Merrimack Association Fall Meeting – All are invited - **Sunday Oct. 2nd, beginning at 1:30 pm** at the Meredith Congregational Church people can gather and view the Sacred Quilts Ally Display. At 1:50 we will view “*Stitch, Breathe, Speak*” movie and hear from Co-producer Rev. Chris Owen about the project. The NH Racial Justice Ministries will share about the work of the ministry in NH and the Hopkinton Church will share some of the resources they used to become a Racial Justice Church. At 3:00pm stay for the celebration of the installation of Rev. Peter Lovett First Congregational Church of Meredith as the preacher/teacher.

Merrimack Association Youth Trip – Oct 16th – departing @ 1pm from the First Congregational Church of Meredith, youth will be traveling to the Black Heritage Trail of New Hampshire in Portsmouth. Contact Sara Holland for more info.

Merrimack Association Faith Formation Gathering - October 16th at 1-3 PM at the First Congregational Church of Meredith children will gather. Each gathering will have a focused faith formation theme, snacks, fun activities and more. For more information contact Rev. Paula Gile.

Save the dates: We are closing out the celebration of our 250th year of a church serving in this community with two wonderful events. Save the dates now!

- **October 23rd** @ 2PM – Organ Recital by Laura Belanger celebrating our upgraded organ.

- **November 13th** @ 2PM – Church World Service will be presenting about the work and conditions in Ukraine. This is a Merrimack Association Event to be held at the Sanbornton Congregational Church UCC.



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SEPTEMBER

18	Sunday	10:00 AM	Live Streaming Worship Only
21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Search Committee (<i>tentative</i>)
25	Sunday	10:00 AM	Live Streaming Worship Only
		2:00 PM	Merrimack Assoc. Youth Group meets in Franklin
28	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Search Committee
29	Thursday	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal (<i>tentative</i>)

OCTOBER

2	Sunday	10:00 AM	In-person and Live Streaming Worship
		1:30 PM	Merrimack Assoc. Fall Meeting - Meredith
5	Wednesday	10:00 AM	Seekers
		7:00 PM	Search Committee
6	Thursday	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
9	Sunday	10:00 AM	In-person and Live Streaming Worship
12	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Search Committee
13	Thursday	7:00 PM	Choir rehearsal
16	Sunday	10:00 AM	In-person and Live Streaming Worship
		1:00 PM	Merrimack Assoc. Youth Group - Meredith
		1:00 PM	Merrimack Assoc. K-7 Faith Formation - Meredith