

THE SANBORNTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Established November 13, 1771

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

August 25, 2024

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME

Sue Long

WE ARE AN ACTIVE CHURCH - FINDING FAITH IN WHAT WE DO

PASSING THE PEACE and MOMENT OF CENTERING

ONE: Peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you!

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

PRELUDE

Adagio

J. A. van Eyken

GATHERING and PRAYING

*HYMN #69 Come, God, Creator, Be Our Shield

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Glory be to the Mother of hummingbirds,

All: whose tiny, iridescent wings carry them such long distances.

One: Glory be to the Gardener of sunflowers,

All: whose color brings us joy, whose seeds nourish the field mice.

One: Glory be to the Father of trees,

All: whose roots run deep, whose crowns dance with the wind.

One: Glory be to the Creator,

**All: whose grace is as refreshing as a cool, August evening,
whose love warms us with the steadfastness of the sun.**

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Divine Guardian, we gather as a people on a journey. We have come a long way, and we have a long way to go. But in this moment we rest. We invite your Spirit to refresh and revive our hearts. We feast on your Word and hold on to a morsel for the road. Remind us that no matter where we are on life's journey, you are our shield and strength, and we are always welcome in your dwelling place. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (Unison)

God of Just Mercy, too often we have turned away from your difficult teaching. We have let fear, rather than compassion, guide our actions. We have averted our eyes from the injustices of this world, rather than witness the suffering of our neighbors. We have served the false idol of selfish individualism, rather than stand in solidarity with our diverse communities. Remind us that what we do to the least of your family, we do to you. Forgive us when we abandon you.

WORDS OF GRACE (based on Psalm 34:17-20)

When we cry out in sincere repentance, God hears us. God saves us from our troubles, even the ones we make ourselves. God is close to those whose hearts have been broken in contrition. God saves those whose spirits have been crushed by shame. We will mess up. But God's grace saves us. God watches over God's sheep. Not one of us will remain lost.

*HYMN #314

Community of Christ

REFLECTING and PRAYING

SCRIPTURE	Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69	Mary Ruth Scott
REFLECTION	“Evil? Where?!”	Alison Thatcher
ORGAN RESPONSE	Morning	Alfred Hollins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

COMMITTING

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY AND STEWARDSHIP

We are not meant to go it alone. The first Christian church was not a building, it was a community of people who shared all they had, especially with those in need. Our community of Christ is more than the sum of its parts. Let us remember the call to be generous, the call to be caring, and the call to be one in Christ as we give this morning. Our morning offering will be received.

OFFERTORY	Andante for Two Manuals and Pedal	Otto Dienel
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*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Praise God above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (Unison)

God, you provide abundantly for us every day. We give as we are able and pray that our gifts be used to share your abundance with those who need it most. Bless this offering and help it reach all who are seeking protection, sustenance, and new life. Amen.

*HYMN #491 Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Trio in G E. Friedrich Richter

*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 to Sanbornton Congregational Church, UCC

Visit our website to read our newsletter (The Belfry) www.uccsanbornton.org

Follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sanborntonuccchurch>

Watch us on our YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAeFubn0S3JWWB0xKxiNgHw>

Bulletins for youth, puzzle minded folk and young at heart, are available each week in person as you enter the sanctuary, via [this link](#). They are filled with puzzles that relate to the readings each week. To receive these by email, send a request to us at uccsanbornton@gmail.com.

Hearing Devices: Clif is happy to provide anyone with an assistive hearing device for today's worship service.

Altar Flowers: Altar flowers donations are always welcome! 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 sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Undercroft and bring the flowers Sunday morning.

Fellowship Snacks - The Hospitality committee welcomes your donation of snacks for our weekly time of fellowship after church. During the summer our fellowship snacks will be lemonade, cheese and crackers.

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. Those at home can email uccsanbornton@gmail.com or fill out a [prayer request](#) from our website.

Ushers - Marg Whedon & Barbara Osler

Reader - Mary Ruth Scott

Flowers - Teresa Spinner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Worship Updates for the months of July and August

- ❖ Worship begins at 9:30 am
- ❖ Join us after worship for summer refreshments in the Undercroft

Thank you to Alison Thatcher, Member in Discernment, for leading us in worship again today!

Announcements and calendar additions for the bulletin should be submitted to uccsanbornton@gmail.com by Friday at 9am to be included in Sunday's bulletin.

Crafting in the Undercroft meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. We are working on Christmas crafts already! Pictures, videos, progress and information can be seen on our church Facebook page and in the Belfry.

First Fruits is always in need of and grateful for our contributions, especially toiletries. **Belknap House** is in need of **cleaning supplies**. Donations can be placed in the appropriate receptacles which are in the back of the sanctuary.

GotLunch! Sanbornton has only ONE delivery day left this season.

- ★ If you haven't had a chance to be involved in this spectacular program, you still have time because GLS always welcomes extra volunteers!
- ★ *Signing up on the sheets in the Undercroft helps us plan how packing and driving are structured each Monday.*
- ★ *Contact Laurie Greci or Mary Ruth Scott with questions*

We are accepting donations to continue to feed over 50 local children each week.

<input type="checkbox"/> 5 oz cans of solid white tuna in water	On Mondays
<input type="checkbox"/> mayonnaise (30 oz.)	<input type="checkbox"/> help pack bags
<input type="checkbox"/> peanut butter (16 oz.)	<input type="checkbox"/> be a driver
<input type="checkbox"/> jelly (18 oz.)	<input type="checkbox"/> be a rider
<input type="checkbox"/> canned fruit (not single serve)	<input type="checkbox"/> come for lively conversation
<input type="checkbox"/> financial donations	<input type="checkbox"/> enjoy some camaraderie

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Progress continues with Pemi Valley Habitat for Humanity in Sanbornton

TWO MORE dates have been added for family selection meetings!

August 27 and August 29 at Sanbornton's Old Town Hall at 6 pm.

These meetings are designed to familiarize potential partner families with PVHFH and what to expect if chosen. Questions about the process will be answered at the meeting AND questions can be addressed before the informational meeting by contacting Frank McLain (executive director) at office@pemivalleyhabitat.org PVHFH is looking for a true PARTNER family. If you know someone who might be interested, please pass this information along. If you are interested, we look forward to seeing you at the meeting. <https://www.facebook.com/PemiValleyHFH>

See progress pictures in the Undercroft and [with this link: Habitat House](#)

Sanbornton Public Library

Wed., 8/28 at 6pm: Monarchs and Milkweed - Citizen Science with Mirka Zapletal

Thurs., August 29 at 4pm: Monadnock Falconry Demonstration for all ages

Tuesday, 9/9: First Day of School Coffee and Tea

Wed., 9/11 at 6pm: Book Discussion of Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

Tues. & Fri. 9/24-10/25 from 10:30am-12pm: Aging Mastery Program with

GraniteVNA Sign up at Granite VNA

Museum Passes available through the library:

Currier Museum - Manchester - 50% off admission for 2 adults, kids<17 are free

Wright Museum (NEW) - Wolfeboro - free admission for 2 adults and 4 kids <18

Squam Lakes Science Center

The Seacoast Science Center - New pass

Canterbury Shaker Village - New pass

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25	Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming <i>with Alison Thatcher, Member in Discernment</i>
26	Monday	9:00 am	GotLunch! Sanbornton (last one)
28	Wednesday	10:00 am	Crafting in the Undercroft

September 2024

Worship begins at 10 am on September 1, 2024

1	Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming <i>with Rev. Richard Slater</i>
4	Wednesday	10:00 am	Seekers
5	Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
8	Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming <i>with Rev. Richard Slater</i> <i>Faith Formation Sunday</i>
10	Tuesday	All day	Election workers meals - lunch and dinner
11	Wednesday	10:00 am	Crafting in the Undercroft
12	Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
15	Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming <i>with Rev. Richard Slater</i> <i>Just Peace Sunday</i>



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