

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

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

July 14, 2024

Eighth 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

So Fades the Blooming Flower

George Shearing

GATHERING and PRAYING

*HYMN #72

Here, O God, Your Servants Gather

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather as a living library of stories, each written by God's hand.

All: We gather as one people to hear God's word of hope.

One: We gather with individual voices, languages, and dialects;
to spread Jesus's message of inclusive love.

**All: We gather to sing one song of praise
for our Creator's mighty and beautiful works.**

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*Unison*)

Holy Spirit, we invite you into our hearts

as we prepare to worship in community.

We pray that you will help us quiet our minds for meditation,

open our ears to hear your word,

and unite our voices to sing your praises.

May we feel your presence glowing within us and flowing among us,

this hour and always. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (*Unison*)

Merciful God, we all too easily stray from the path

that you sent Jesus to show us.

Sometimes we run the other way

when we see an obstacle that looks too difficult to overcome.

Other times we wander distracted, and then find ourselves lost.

Still other times, we think we know better,

and end up futilely bushwhacking through the wilderness.

But we remember your covenant.

We ask for your forgiveness as we vow to continue to be agents of your will.

WORDS OF GRACE

*HYMN #469

O Grant Us Light

REFLECTING and PRAYING

SCRIPTURE	Psalm 85: 8-13 Mark 6: 14-29	Laurie Greci
REFLECTION		Alison Thatcher
ORGAN RESPONSE	Meditation	Dom Paul Benoit

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

OFFERTORY	Precious Lord/In Christ Alone	Anne Laura Page
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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

Dear God, all good gifts come from you.

We give thanks and graciously offer what we can in return
to further your reign of justice and peace here on Earth.

Bless this offering that it may help to house the homeless, feed the hungry,
and bring comfort to the lonely.

We give with a cheerful spirit and a grateful heart.

In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #573

Lead On Eternal Sovereign

*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE Festal Flourish Gordon Jacob

*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](#) and by email. 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.

Scripture Reading – Laurie Greci

Ushers - Clif Mills & Brendan Morrison

Altar Flowers are provided by Teresa Spinner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Worship Updates for the months of July and August

- ❖ Worship begins at 9:30 am
- ❖ Fellowship snacks will be lemonade, cheese & crackers

Once again, we welcome Alison Thatcher, Member in Discernment, as our guest pastor. Alison is a member of Plymouth Congregational UCC where she serves as the office administrator and leads the anti racism task force. She is also a member in discernment in the Merrimack Association. She lives in Ashland with her husband, seven year-old child, one cat, and two bunnies.

GotLunch! Sanbornton continues to thrive! This year, over 50 children are receiving healthy grocery deliveries every Monday with the help of volunteers from Sanbornton Congregational Church AND members of the Sanbornton community. *Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the undercroft and are ready for your name! Signing up helps us plan how packing and driving are structured each Monday.*

What does helping *GotLunch! Sanbornton* look like?

- We happily accept donations: 5 oz cans of solid white tuna in water, mayonnaise (30 oz.), peanut butter (16 oz.), jelly (18 oz.) and/or financial donations.
- On Mondays: help pack the bags, be a driver, be a rider, come for lively conversation and camaraderie

Questions?

- Ask Laurie Greci or Mary Ruth Scott or leave a message on the church phone (603-286-3018) . Thank you!

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.

First Fruits - Donations can be left in the cart in the back of the sanctuary. First Fruits is always in need of and grateful for our contributions, especially toiletries.

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.

The Congregational Church of Laconia is again inviting any children from the Merrimack Association to join their Vacation Bible School. August 6, 7, 8 (Tue, Wed, Thurs), 9:00 - 2:00 pm. Children grades 1 through 7 are welcome. 8th - High Schoolers are NEEDED to be helpers!! Location: Congregational Church of Laconia 18 Veterans Square, Laconia. Contact: Diane Tinkham - tinkhams@metrocast.net

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Ethan Haman, organist, from The Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University will perform at **Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ** on Monday, July 15, 2024 at 7pm. This event is sponsored by the Joan Campbell Lovett Fund. Donations will be graciously accepted at the door to fund future concerts.

FREE Adult Potluck, sponsored by The Sanbornton Recreation Department, happens every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 11 am - 1 pm, at the First Baptist Church Vestry, 17 Church Lane, Sanbornton. Along with a good meal, listen to the guest speakers scheduled.

July 17, 2024: Katy Magoon-Fredette, Registered Dietician., will talk about the RD program that Hannaford offers. She will bring a fun summer recipe demo that can be eaten.

Pemi Valley Habitat for Humanity in Sanbornton - An update from Dale Mosher

The process of partnering with another family is quickly coming upon us. Do you make somewhere between \$32,000 and \$77,000? If you do, you may be eligible to be our partner family with this **new Sanbornton home**. The numbers above are based on a four-family household. With either a single or double-earning household. Numbers will change a bit based on how many household members are in your family. As mentioned above, the Sanbornton residence will be a two-bedroom dwelling. So your family must also make sense with the size of the house. As always we are also looking for a family in need.

If you are interested in learning more about the process, please contact Frank McClain, our executive director at office@pemiValleyhabitat.org.

We ask partner families to put in a certain amount of sweat equity during the build of the house. We are looking for a true PARTNER family. If this sounds like something that would work in your current situation, please contact Frank at the email above.

Follow on Facebook for continuing updates on this process.

<https://www.facebook.com/PemiValleyHFH>

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July 2024

Worship begins at 9:30 am in July and August

14	Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming <i>with Alison Thatcher, Member in Discernment</i>
15	Monday	9:00 am	GotLunch! Sanbornton
17	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (Zoom)
21	Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming <i>with Rev. Nancy DeVries</i>
22	Monday	9:00 am	GotLunch! Sanbornton
24	Wednesday	10:00	Crafting in the Undercroft
27	Saturday	1:00 pm	Memorial Service
28	Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming <i>with Alison Thatcher, Member in Discernment</i>
29	Monday	9:00 am	GotLunch! Sanbornton



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