

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

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

November 19, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT: "Everything we do should be a result of our gratitude for what God has done for us." Lauryn Hill

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

PRELUDE "Prelude on 'St. George's Windsor'" Daniel Berghout

WELCOME Rev. Paula Gile

PASSING THE PEACE

MOMENT OF CENTERING

GATHERING and PRAYING

*HYMN #421 "We Gather Together" Kremser

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: This is the sabbath

All: we seek deep within our restful selves for re-creation

One: This is Sunday

All: we celebrate, with Thanksgiving, this time of worship.

One: This is the day which God has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*INTROIT "Here Am I" Hans Leo Hassler

PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(Unison)*

God of life, thank you for leading us to your way of justice, peace, love, and truth. You have given us examples of how we can live. You have taught us about truth. You have given us a glimpse of your reign, of your possibilities, and your promise. Help us to follow your example and to follow your way. Be with us now, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

God of compassion, forgive our selfishness and laziness in spending time with you. Help us, call us, inspire us to seek you more clearly. Forgive us when we make choices that are not of your love, your peace, your hope and your mercy. Forgive us when we turn away from you and towards the temptations of the world. Gentle God, we now lift to you in the silence of this moment our personal prayers of confession. Amen

WORDS OF GRACE

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven and united as one by God's love, forgiveness and grace. Amen

ANTHEM

“The God of Love”

John S. Dixon

PASTORAL 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

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Spirit of God”

Simon Lole

*HYMN #419

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Nun Danket

REFLECTING

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25: 34-46 Mary Ruth Scott
MEDITATION “A Righteous Heart” Rev. Paula Gile
 Moment of Silent Meditation

COMMITTING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC “Pastorale on ‘Holy Manna’” Gordon Young

*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 of grace, we offer you these gifts, our time, and our talents for your mission and ministry in the world. May these gifts be used for Your glory. Amen

FINDING FAITH IN WHAT WE DO

*HYMN #422 “Come, O Thankful People, Come” St. George’s Windsor

*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE “March Triomphale on ‘Nun Danket’” Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*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.

Visit our website for the monthly newsletter (Belfry) and past sermons.

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Watch us on our YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAeFubn0S3JWWB0xKxiNgHw>

Hearing Devices: We have hearing assistance devices available. Please see Clif for assistance.

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 sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Undercroft and bring the flowers Sunday morning.

Fellowship Snacks - Please sign up to bring snacks for fellowship so the Hospitality committee can plan accordingly!

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 Pastor Paula or fill out a prayer request from our website.

Worship begins when Laura Belanger plays three chimes before starting the prelude. At that time, respecting our on-line family, please limit conversation so that our friends at home can hear the prelude.

Scripture Reading – Mary Ruth Scott

Ushers - Brendan Morrison and Rhu McBee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers - Altar flowers today are given with thanks for families, by Susan Bayer

First Fruits - First Fruits is in need of toiletries and food for the food shelf.

It's Stewardship Time - If you weren't able to bring in a pledge card last week please bring it in soon or email Laurie Greci, Financial Secretary with your pledge.

We are in our final stages of preparations for our Annual Christmas Fair

Be sure to come on Saturday, December 2nd from 9am-2pm in the church undercroft. The event is posted on our Facebook page...please share it!

We DO need your donations!

Pease let the following people know if you plan to donate:

Gently used books ~ **no textbooks or dictionaries please** Susan Bayer and Mary Ruth Scott

Baked goods ~ **packaged and ready to sell** Barbara Osler and Mae Burke

Christmas bags ~ **Do you have extra unused gift bags in your stash? We will take them so shoppers have a nice way to take their purchases home.** Debi Gray and Sue Long

Other items:

★ If you have a holiday decoration or ornament in good condition, we would gladly accept it. When donating, please ask yourself if you would buy it. 😊

★ If you are making a new item for the sale, please suggest a price for each item.

We will have a wonderful collection of newly handcrafted gifts & decorations, vintage decorations, books, baked goods and SOAP. We have 3 custom made soaps that will be for sale at the Fair. Plymouth Soapworks helped us design a soap that celebrates our pipe organ, another that highlights our memorial stained glass windows, and a final one that reminds us to celebrate the Advent Season. We are especially thrilled that Robert Ladew is creating wood soap trays that can be added to your soap purchase.

Save the date! Family and Community Christmas Carol sing-a-long December 17th @ 4pm in the sanctuary. Carols and secular songs of the season for the whole family to enjoy. Invite your neighbors and friends!

Looking Ahead As you may remember, Pastor Paula is retiring - her last Sunday with us will be December 31, 2023. During that service there will be a "liturgy of farewell". It's a special time of thanksgiving, forgiveness and release. All are invited.

More Looking Ahead News - FYI, people have been very busy inviting local pastors to fill the pulpit after Pastor Paula's retirement. The New Hampshire Conference has been very helpful in this endeavor. There are only one or two Sundays that are still unfilled between Jan. 1 and March 31st. Rev. Gordon Rankin, NH Conference Minister will be preaching one Sunday; Rev. Rebecca Maccini will be preaching for three Sundays and Rev. Richard Slater, retired NH Associate Conference Minister will be at Sanbornton for all of Lent - beginning February 14th, Ash Wednesday all the way through Easter Sunday Morning. As Pastor Paula would say, "You've Got This".



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November

19	Sunday	10:00	Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming
21	Tuesday	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
23	Thursday		Thanksgiving
26	Sunday	10:00	Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming

December

2	Saturday	9am - 2pm	Annual Christmas Fair
3	Sunday	10:00	Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming 1st Sunday in Advent
5	Tuesday	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
6	Wednesday	10:00	Seekers
10	Sunday	10:00	Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming 2nd Sunday in Advent
14	Thursday	7:00	Choir Rehearsal
17	Sunday	10:00	Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming 3rd Sunday in Advent
17	Sunday	4:00	Community Family Christmas Carol Sing in Sanctuary
24	Sunday	10:00	Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming 4th Sunday in Advent
24	Sunday	7:00	Christmas Eve Service
31	Sunday	10:00	Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming