

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

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

When Moses says, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?”

God answers not by telling Moses who *Moses* is,  
but by telling him who *God* is, saying,

“I will be with you” (Exodus 3:12)

~*Harold S. Kushner, Overcoming Life’s Disappointments*

PASSING THE PEACE and WELCOME

Sue Long

ONE: Peace of Christ be with you.

**ALL: And also with you!**

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

MOMENT OF CENTERING

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

PRELUDE

Priere

Ambroise Thomas

**GATHERING and PRAYING**

\*HYMN #42

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Azmon

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) *(Psalm 30, Stephen Mitchell adapted.)*

One: I thank you and praise you Lord for saving us from disaster.

**People: I cried out, "Help me dear God; I'm frightened and have lost my way."**

One: You came to me in the darkness; you breathed life into my bones.

**People: You plucked me from the abyss; you healed me and made me whole.**

One: You rescued me from despair; you turned my lament into dancing.

**People: You lifted me up; you took off my mourning, and you clothed me with joy.**

One: Sing to the Lord, you who love The Creator; thank God from the depths of your hearts.

**People: For though God may seem to be absent, in the divine presence is eternal life.**

One: Tears may linger when night falls, but joy arrives with the dawn.

**People: Therefore my soul blesses God with every breath I take. My song will give thanks forever, and my silence will be filled with God's praise. Let us worship God!!**

INTROIT

Come Into This Place of Peace

Laura Belanger

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION *(Unison)*

**Lord of the Universe, give us a heart for simple things: Love and laughter...bread and wine...tales and dreams... Make us a people of green and growing hope...whose song is hallelujah...whose name breathes love.\* Remembering Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

*Prayer of Invocation published by the Fellowship of Reconciliation*

*Please be seated.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Because we did not make ourselves;

**People: Because we do not keep ourselves;**

One: Because we cannot forgive ourselves;

**People: Our hearts reach out to you, O God.**

One: Let us pray.

CONFESSION

**Lord of the Universe, we confess that although your power and presence are the air we breathe and the ground beneath our feet, we slip away in confusion and self interest, and trust and utilize wrong sources of power. Forgive us, Lord.**

*Silent prayers of unburdening and confession...*

**As the year turns again to soft spring sunlight, cradle us bright holy God. Warm us with wonder. Safeguard us with courage. Trust us with justice. Quicken us with love. Be within us the God of peace. Remembering Jesus, we pray.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The days are coming, says the Lord, when God will dwell with us, and we will be God's people. And there will be no crying, and no pain anymore. The former things will pass away, for God makes everything new. Amen!

ANTHEM                      The Call of Wisdom                      Will Todd

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                      Pastoral Amen                      Laura Belanger

\*HYMN #252                      "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"                      Bradbury

## REFLECTING

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

[Psalm 139: 1-12](#)

[Luke 24: 13-35](#)

Joyce Dunwoody

Rev. Dr. Nancy De Vries

### REFLECTION

“Stay With Us”

Rev. Dr. Nancy De Vries

*But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us,  
because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.”*

*So he went in to stay with them.*

Luke 24:29

## COMMITTING

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY MUSIC

Vater Unser im Himmelreich

Dietrich Buxtehude

\*DOXOLOGY (tune Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia, Alleluia***

***Praise God for all that love has done;***

***Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia.***

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Like the disciples at Emmaus, we offer what we have. They offered their company, their table, their bread. We invite you to be with us, Jesus, as we offer you our love, our devotion, these gifts and our thanksgiving.

**People: May our eyes be opened to your holy presence among us, now and always. Amen.**

\*HYMN #366

“God of Our Life”

Sandon

\*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE  
Setchell

Trumpet Tune

Martin

*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.**



A puzzle from this week's youth bulletin.

As they came to the village, they urged Jesus, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So He went in to stay with them. When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. What happened next?

Add or subtract letters to find the answer.  
 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Q+3 J-2 C+2 L-3 V-4 G-2 V+3 A+4 W-4

Z-3 B+3 O+3 J-5 R-3 M+3 G-2 K+3 I-4 A+3

E-4 J+4 A+3 O+5 P-8 J-5 V+3



P-5 K+3 H-3 Z-3 B+6 M-4 P-3

Y-5 E+3 J-5 R-4 A+7 C+2



H-4 M-4 X-5 F-5 K+5 T-4 A+4 D-3 W-5 J-5 A+3

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**WGSE12**

## WELCOME to Sanbornton Congregational Church, UCC

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

**Today we welcome Rev. Dr. Nancy De Vries.** “Nan” is a retired Presbyterian pastor who lives in New London, New Hampshire. She has served parishes in the Northeast, Midwest and Denver as pastor and interim pastor. She was University Chaplain and Lecturer in Religion at Colgate University from 1989-2005. She is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, and has published devotional booklets and scholarly articles. She is delighted to join us this morning!

**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](mailto:uccsanbornton@gmail.com).

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

**Altar Flowers:** Thank you Joyce Dunwoody for bringing the lovely daffodils last week for the altar. 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. The sign up sheet is in the Undercroft and ready for your name. THANK YOU!

**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](mailto:uccsanbornton@gmail.com) or fill out a [prayer request](#) from our website.

**Scripture Reading** – Joyce Dunwoody

**Ushers** - Barbara Osler & Cheryl Provost

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Seekers** will continue to meet on the first and third Wednesday, through the month of May at 10 am in the Undercroft.

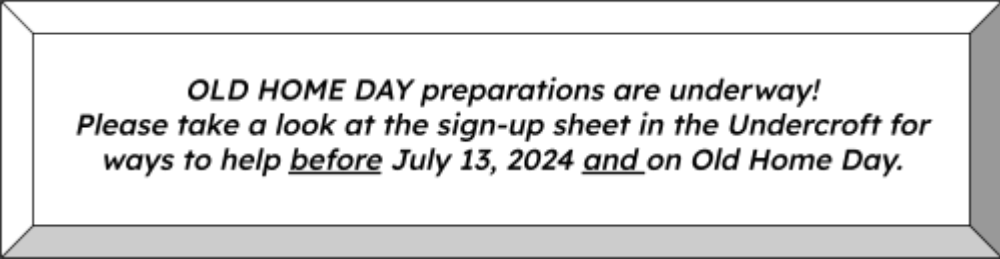
**Crafting in the Undercroft** meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. We welcome anyone who wants to be creative, write, paint, glue, tie knots, sit and socialize! You do NOT need experience in crafting. If you would like to craft but can't make it on Wednesdays, we have "home crafters" who are working on small projects during the week. See Sue Long if you want to be connected with one of our crafters for an at home project!

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

**Please send announcements and calendar additions for the bulletin** to our church email: [uccsanbornton@gmail.com](mailto:uccsanbornton@gmail.com) by Friday at 9am to be included in Sunday's bulletin. Thanks!

**WANTED - Spring clean-up for our church grounds** - Have you noticed that we need a little plant and shrubbery maintenance around our building? Is that your talent? This is a form of stewardship we are in need of. Sign-up downstairs ASAP! 🌻

**Employment opportunity** Are you looking for a few extra dollars in your pocket each week? If you are available for a few hours on Mondays and Thursdays, have a reliable car and would like to support Bread and Roses, please see Brendan Morrison for more information.



*OLD HOME DAY preparations are underway!  
Please take a look at the sign-up sheet in the Undercroft for  
ways to help before July 13, 2024 and on Old Home Day.*



## SUMMER CAMPS

The Horton Center has many opportunities for campers of ALL AGES! There is a poster on the bulletin board in the Undercroft that outlines the 2024 schedule.

<https://www.hortoncenter.org/summer-sessions>



The Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) has summer choral residencies (for all ages) all over the United States this summer, including Washington, D.C. Visit

[rscmamerica.org/2024-residencies](https://rscmamerica.org/2024-residencies) for more information.



The New Hampshire Conference is planning to have a delegation of youth from across the state attend the Regional Youth Event (for grades 7-12 and their youth leaders), July 28-31. Significant scholarship support is available. If you would like to be a part of the New Hampshire team attending the Regional Youth Event, please register

<https://www.silverlakect.org/campsession/18183657> and then please send a copy of your registration confirmation to [grankin@nhcucc.org](mailto:grankin@nhcucc.org).

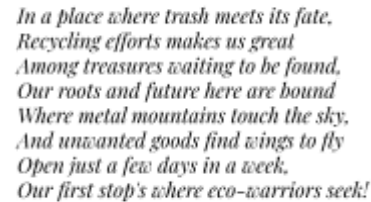


## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

### **Old Home Day Town-Wide Scavenger Hunt April 20 - May 31**

If you're familiar with geocaching, it's much like that! There are ten clues and ten locations to visit throughout town anytime between April 20th and May 31st. At each location, there is a canister in a handicap accessible spot also accessible during all hours on weekdays and weekends. This is fun for all ages and we hope you include all of the generations in your family! Two winners will be chosen, to be our two Grand Marshals: one to honor our roots, one to embrace our future.

#### **Here's the first clue**



*In a place where trash meets its fate,  
Recycling efforts makes us great  
Among treasures waiting to be found,  
Our roots and future here are bound  
Where metal mountains touch the sky,  
And unwanted goods find wings to fly  
Open just a few days in a week,  
Our first stop's where eco-warriors seek!*

**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.

May 15, 2024: Erinn Sopinsky from Strategic Caring Solutions will be there to give a presentation about the services provided to help assist families with how to manage assets during a crisis, with proper legal documents, creating long-term care plans and other various types of care before and during times of crisis.

June 12, 2024: Chief Dexter, Sanbornton Fire Chief

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.

**Sanbornton's Town Wide Yard Sale** is planned for Saturday, May 11, 2024. Maps will be created as the date gets closer. To be included on the map, add your address to the list on We Love Sanbornton's Facebook page.

**First Baptist Church invites you to a Mother's Day Luncheon** on May 12, after church. This event, intended for those over 50 years old (and their guests), will begin at 12:15. There is no charge for this but donations will be accepted.

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**April 2024**

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28	Sunday	10:00	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming with The Rev. Dr. Nancy A. De Vries

**May 2024**

1	Wednesday	10:00	Seekers
2	Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
5	Sunday	10:00	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming with Burrett McBee
8	Wednesday	10:00	Crafting in the Undercroft
9	Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
11	Saturday		Town Wide Yard Sale
12	Sunday	10:00	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming with Rev. Rebecca Macinni <b><i>Mother's Day</i></b>
12	Sunday	12:15pm	Mother's Day Luncheon at First Baptist Church
15	Wednesday	10:00	Seekers
15	Wednesday		Old Home Day Fundraiser - dinner at the Old Town Hall, desserts in our Undercroft
15	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting - Zoom



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