

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

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

WELCOME

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!

MOMENT OF CENTERING

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

PRELUDE If You But Trust in God to Guide You Setting by Christlieb Binder

GATHERING and PRAYING

*HYMN (insert - page 4) Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty Nicaea

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based upon a portion of Psalm 138)

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**People: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your
name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have
exalted your name and your word above everything.**

Leader: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength
of soul. For though our God is high, God regards the lowly; but

the haughty, God perceives from far away.

People: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O God, for they have heard the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of our God.

*INTROIT

Send Me

Rachael Aarons

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON)

Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship with one another and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered.

In our community, we are many different people;

we come from many different places, have many different cultures.

Open our hearts that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us. We pray in faith. Amen. (Prayer attributed to the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

ANTHEM

I Give You a New Commandment

Peter Aston

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

Spirit of God

Simon Lole

*HYMN #539

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

Servant Song

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

NICAEA 11.12.10.
John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y;

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty! A - men.

THE TRINITY

Be Still, My Soul

Katharina von Schlegel, 1697-?
Tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897

FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.
Jean Sibelius, 1865-1957

In unison

1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side; Bear pa-tient-
2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take To guide the
3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on When we shall

ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to thy God to
fu - ture as he has the past. Thy hope, thy con - fi -
be - for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment,

or - der and pro - vide; In ev - ery change he
dence let noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious
grief, and fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's

faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly
shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

friend Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
know His voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
past, All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

WELCOME to Sanbornton Congregational Church, UCC

Please join us in the Undercroft for refreshment and fellowship after worship.

We welcome Rev. Richard Slater and thank him for leading us in worship.
Rev. Slater has agreed to serve as regular pulpit supply through mid-June 2025.

Thank you to Mary Ruth Scott for playing the organ this morning, allowing Laura to attend an event this weekend.

We want you to hear all parts of today's service! If you have difficulty hearing any part of our worship service, please let an usher know so we can fix it!

We have THREE types of bulletins each week including youth bulletins for puzzle minded folk and young at heart which are available each week in person and digitally with [this link](#).

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 prayerrequests@uccsanbornton.org or fill out a [prayer request](#) from our website.

Thank you to today's **ushers** Barbara Osler & Cheryl Provost and today's **reader** Sue Long.

Read our history, listen to our organ, keep up to date on events and re-watch a service through our many platforms.

Visit our website

www.uccsanbornton.org

Follow us on Facebook

www.facebook.com/sanborntonuccchurch

Watch us on our **NEW** YouTube Channel

www.youtube.com/@SanborntonCongregationalChurch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ★ **Wednesday, March 5, 2025 - ASH WEDNESDAY** - All are welcome to gather in the Undercroft at NOON for a simple meal of soup, followed by a brief gathering for worship in the Undercroft, which will include an invitation for imposition of Ashes.
- ★ **Sunday, March 16, 2025 - Merrimack Association Thanksgiving & Celebration** hosted at Sanbornton Congregational Church at 2 pm. There will be a reception after the service. Although not necessary, if anyone would like to contribute food items, donations are welcome.

Seekers Bible Study Group will resume meeting on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 10 am in the Undercroft. The first path of study, learning and reflection will focus on four unique stories of women in the Bible and will begin with Deborah, the only female judge named in scripture. Curriculum materials are available in the Undercroft for anyone interested, even if you can't come to the meeting. All are welcome!

Keeping in Touch - Thank you for keeping us in-the-know!

Do you have some news to share? If you want to share news, you can let us know by filling out the [form linked here](#). With your permission, we will add your news to the next Belfry.

Fellowship Snacks - The Hospitality committee welcomes your donation of snacks for our weekly time of fellowship after church. Please join us after worship today for hot coffee, tea and a tasty treat or two.

Announcements and calendar additions for Sunday's bulletin can be submitted by Friday at 9 am through administrator@uccsanbornton.org or by contacting Sue Long.

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.

Winter Weather Closings

On occasion, scheduled events and/or worship may have to be canceled.

As soon as a decision is made,

- an email will be sent out (check your spam or Forums folder)
- our [on-line calendar](#) (on our website) will be changed
- a post will be on our [Facebook page](#) and
- it will be posted on [WMUR \(TV and website\)](#).

A decision will be made by 7:30 AM on Sundays at the latest.

If we can broadcast worship on our YouTube channel, we will have “Online Services.” Please check these sources for information.



COMMUNITY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

Sanbornton Public Library

<p>Tuesdays 10-12pm Fiber Arts: Stitch, knit, spin with us!</p> <p>Fridays 10:30am Storytime for children 0-6 with stories and songs.</p> <p>Thursdays 2-4pm Learn and play Mahjong, ask at the circulation desk.</p> <p>Tech Appointments are available by request, no question is too small.</p>	<p><u>Library Hours</u> Tuesday: 9-5pm Wednesday: 1-7pm Thursday: 1-7pm Friday 9-5pm Saturday 9-2pm</p> <p>Sat. 2/21-3/1: February Vacation Raffle: kids can earn a raffle ticket for every check out with a chance to win!</p>
<p><u>Winter Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Wed.2/26 at 6pm: Book Discussion of The Book Thief by Markus Zusak● Thurs. 3/20 at 6pm: Author Talk with Amanda Grappone Osmer about her local history and biography of her grandparents who were immigrants from Italy and started Grappone Automotive in the 1920s <p>April 1 - May 20: “A Matter of Balance” Wellness Program from Granite VNA</p>	

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A complete listing of events (with links) can be found on our website on the calendar.

February 2025

Submit articles for the Belfry soon!

23	Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming <i>with Rev. Richard Slater</i> Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
23	Sunday	After church	Virtual Coffee Hour - join us at our Talking Table meet.google.com/eyv-xpjd-gcf
26	Wednesday	10:00 am	Crafting in the Undercroft
27	Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal

March 2025

2	Sunday	10:00 am	Worship Service in-person and Live Streaming <i>with Rev. Richard Slater</i> Transfiguration Sunday
2	Sunday	After church	Virtual Coffee Hour - join us at our Talking Table meet.google.com/eyv-xpjd-gcf
3	Monday	7:00 pm	Old Home Day Committee Meeting in the Undercroft
5	Wednesday	10:00 am	Seekers - meet in the Undercroft
5	Wednesday	NOON	Ash Wednesday - Join us for a simple meal of soup followed by a brief Worship Service in the Undercroft
6	Thursday	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal



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