

THE SANBORNTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Established November 13, 1771
THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday after Epiphany

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT: *“Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.” Martin Luther King Jr.*

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

GATHERING

PRELUDE “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”
Neumark/Bender

Mary Ruth Scott, organist

WELCOME
PASSING THE PEACE
GATHERING

*HYMN #73 “Enter, Rejoice and Come In” Enter, Rejoice

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: God of our ancestors and God of our dreams, we gather today to remember that you have created us all in your image and in your likeness.

All: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

One: We remember how you spoke into the darkness and created light.

All: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

One: We remember the ways you have delivered your people through trials and tribulations since the beginning of time, right up until this present moment.

All: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

One: We have seen where You have comforted our African sisters and brothers through the middle passage, racism, segregation, stripped identities and unjust laws.

All: And so, with them we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

One: God you have been the guiding light along the paths of Hope and Love leading toward a beloved community where all are equally seen and radically loved.

All: And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

One: We gather today remembering your presence amongst us and your call to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you and our neighbors.

*CHORAL INTROIT “Be Still” Laura Belanger

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*Unison*)

God of our weary years and God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far on our journey. We invite your presence into our midst as we pay tribute to all who have labored for justice, equality and love. We pray that in this moment you would strengthen us to continue to fight for the fulfillment of the dream that the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. so eloquently laid out on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. Let your love guide us to see one another as fully human with diverse hues, ethnicities and cultures. Amen

ANTHEM “Day by Day” Mark Schweizer

PRAYING AND REFLECTING

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 "Hear Our Prayer, O God" Norbert/Callahan

*HYMN #177 "God of Change and Glory" Katherine

SCRIPTURE John 1: 29-42 Kim Bossey

MEDITATION "Dreams" Rev. Paula Gile

COMMITTING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Nun last uns Gott den Herren" Johann Pachelbel

*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 Hope, Receive these gifts and offerings and with your wisdom guide us in their use, that others may come to know Your Hope, Your

Love, Your Joy and Your Peace. Amen.

GOING TO SERVE

FINDING FAITH IN WHAT WE DO

*HYMN TUNE IS #362

O WALY WALY

“Come, Let us Dream”

Come, Let Us Dream

Tune: O Waly Waly



1 Come, let us dream God's dream a - gain; come one and
2 The lame shall walk, the blind shall see, the doors swing
3 When ha - tred ends and war shall cease, so all may



all, let us as - cend the moun - tain top where those of__
wide, all pri - so - ners free, the low - ly raised, the proud brought
dwell in deep - est__ peace, then be as - sured the time is__



old saw God's new day on earth un - fold.
low. This is God's dream: let ju - stice flow.
near when per - fect love casts out all fear.

*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Voluntary and Trumpet Tune”

John Stanley

*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

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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.

www.uccsanbornton.org

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Watch us on our YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAeFubn0S3JWWB0xKxiNqHw>

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

Pastoral Concerns: If you have any pastoral needs, please contact Rev. Paula Gile. Email: pastorpaula1980@gmail.com or 802-310-4598

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 contact Barbara Osler bosler@metrocast.net or sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Undercroft.

Coffee Hour – All are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments in the Undercroft after church. Remembering to use health precautions as you are comfortable. **Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Undercroft to bring something.**

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.

Scripture Reading – Kim Bossey



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

To the members of the Sanbornton Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, pursuant to the Bylaws, you are hereby notified of the 252nd Annual Meeting to be held after worship on January 22nd, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim E. Bossey
Clerk

Winter Weather Closings: Watch for an email announcement in your email or check WMUR for church status. An email will be sent out and the announcement will be on WMUR by 7:30 AM. If Pastor Paula, Laura and Judy are able to make it to the church there will be a notice of “Online Services” if they are unable to make it to church “Church Services will be Closed.” Please check these sources for information.

Pledge cards can be brought in anytime, mailed in or you can email your pledge to Robert Ladew – Thank you for your commitment.

Seekers – Will be meeting on Jan 12th @ 10 AM in the Undercroft. We will be exploring “Jesus - Facts or Fiction” video. All are welcome – we have a great time.

Regional Health Awareness Reopening Committee recommends that masks are optional when all indicators are green and yellow and when indicators are red, masks are encouraged but not required. Data represents # of new cases of Covid

January 12 data:

County	COVID Cases
Belknap	Green
Merrimack	Green
Carrol	Green

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Events and Happenings

JANUARY

- 15** Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming
- 18** Wednesday 10:00 AM Seekers
7:00 PM Council
- 22** Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming
11:00 AM Sanbornton UCC Annual Meeting
- 29** Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming
1:30 PM Faith Formation and Youth Group Laconia UCC

FEBRUARY

- 1** Wednesday 10:00 AM Seekers
- 5** Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming
- 12** Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming
- 15** Wednesday 10:00 AM Seekers
Wednesday 7:00 PM Council
- 19** Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming
- 22** Wednesday Ash Wednesday
- 25** Saturday **Prepared to Serve NH Conference Event**
- 26** Sunday 10:00 AM Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming
10:00 AM Worship Services in-person and Live Streaming
1:30 PM Faith Formation and Youth Group Laconia UCC



