

THE SANBORNTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

June 19, 2022 Juneteenth Second Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARING

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT: *“My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together.” Desmond Tutu*

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

PRELUDE Praludium J. G. Herzog
WELCOME Rev. Paula Gile
MOMENT OF CENTERING
PASSING THE PEACE

GATHERING

*Hymn # 576 For the Healing of the Nations Westminster Abbey

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

One: Come, let us worship Almighty God

All: Let us lift up our songs, our prayers, our praises.

One: Come, let us honor Christ Jesus.

All: Let us love Christ with our hearts, our minds, our spirits.

One: Come, let us be filled with the Spirit of the Living God.

All: Breathe in us, Breath of God. Alleluia. Amen.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Almighty God, you rescued your people from slavery in Egypt, and throughout the ages you have never failed to hear the cries of the captives.

Today we remember our sisters and brothers in Galveston, Texas who on this day received the glad tidings of their emancipation. Holy and loving God, you created us in your image. Grant us the grace to resist fearlessly against evil and to never let oppression become an accepted normal way of being. Help us, like those of generations before us, resist the evil of slavery and human bondage in any form. Help us to use our freedoms to bring justice among people and nations everywhere. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom, while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.

We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

If you are serious about the confession you have made, God will bless your efforts. Your past is forgotten; you are a beloved child of God.

REFLECTING AND PRAYING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:12; Matthew 25:40 and 1 John 4:21

*HYMN # 575 O for a World Azmon

MEDITATION The Golden Rule and Juneteenth Rev Paula Gile

REFLECTIVE MUSIC Meditation Dom Paul Benoit

COMMITTING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Lobe Den Herren J. G. Walther

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 Live, bless our gifts of every kind-our energy and talent, our
treasure and mission. May your light shine through these gifts, that our
world may be transformed by your power. Amen**

GOING TO SERVE

FINDING FAITH IN WHAT WE DO

*Today we will be taking a special offering at this time for Father's Day Tools of
hope. Your donation will assist Church World Service in providing tools of hope to people
around the world*

*HYMN# 574 In Egypt under Pharaoh Lancashire

*BENEDICTION Rev. Paula Gile

ORGAN POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune Martin Setchel

*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*.

Please visit our website: www.uccsanbornton.org, for the monthly newsletter

(*Belfry*) and Past sermons “Follow” us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/sanborntonuccchurch> and watch us on our

YouTube channel –

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAeFubnOS3JWWB0xKxiNqHw>

Sunday Worship services continue to be live streamed on YouTube—join us Sunday morning at 10 am or anytime you have a chance.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAeFubnOS3JWWB0xKxiNqHw>

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.

Guidelines for in-person worship The Reopening Task Force remains in place and continues to monitor local and regional data. We are watching the current data closely as it is ever changing. At this time the guidelines will remain the same. Masks are optional. Please be aware of your own risk factors and make personal decisions about your own personal safety. Please respect our neighbors’ choices.

COFFEE HOUR - All are invited to fellowship and feast in the Undercroft.

Today's Scripture Reader: Mary Ruth Scott **Greeter:** Cheryl Provost **Usher:** Sharon Danforth

Next Week's Reader: Debi Gray **Greeter:** Bill Gile **Usher:** Lauri Greci

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOT LUNCH! Sanbornton – Our first delivery is tomorrow; June 20th we have 19 children!

Rea Alkema Graveside Service: Saturday, June 25th at 11:45am
Mount Auburn Cemetery, 580 Mt. Auburn St (Rte 16) Cambridge, MA
Reception: Demos Greek Restaurant 64 Mt Auburn Street Watertown, MA
Call Robert Ladew (603) 393-6604 if you plan to attend so we can inform the family and restaurant. Carpooling encouraged. Please let Robert know.

Altar Flowers: today are in honor of Burrett's 75th birthday this month by Rhu

Father's Day Tool Sunday – Today is Tool Sunday where people are invited to make a donation to assist Church World Service in providing tools of hope to people around the world. If you would like to make a donation in honor or memory of a father figure in their life, please make your donation and email Pastor Paula how you wish the memorial or honorarium to read and it will be published in the Belfry and the bulletin.

Summer Worship time change July 3 – August 28th worship will begin at 9:30 AM. Continue to join us!

Committee Meetings and Gatherings

Monday, June 20	9:00 am	GOT LUNCH! Sanbornton
Monday, June 20	7:00 pm	Search Committee
Sunday, June 26	10:00 am	In-person and Live Streaming Worship
Monday, June 27	9:00 am	GOT LUNCH! Sanbornton
Monday, June 27	7:00 pm	Search Committee
Tuesday, June 28		Belfry Articles Due
Sunday, July 3	9:30 am	In-person and Live Streaming Worship
Monday, July 4	9:00 am	GOT LUNCH! Sanbornton
Wednesday, July 6	10:30 am	Seekers
Sunday, July 10	9:30 am	In-person and Live Streaming Worship
Monday, July 11	9:00 am	GOT LUNCH! Sanbornton
Monday, July 11	7:00 pm	Search Committee
Saturday, July 16		Old Home Day
Sunday, July 17	9:30 am	In-person and Live Streaming Worship
Monday, July 18	9:00 am	GOT LUNCH! Sanbornton
Monday, July 18	7:00 pm	Search Committee
Wednesday, July 20	10:30 am	Seekers
Wednesday, July 20	7:00 pm	Council – Zoom
Sunday, July 24	9:30 am	In-person and Live Streaming Worship
Monday, July 25	9:00 am	GOT LUNCH! Sanbornton
Monday, July 25	7:00 pm	Search Committee
Friday, July 29	2:00 pm	Shirley Powers Memorial Service



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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 19, 2022

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

In God's Presence

Father's Day

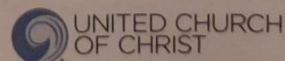
Today's scripture tells the story of Elijah, worn out by political maneuvering, isolated and afraid. At the very end of his rope, Elijah was ready to give up. God did not give up on him, though, and spoke to him, giving him clarity and a renewed sense of purpose. Strengthened, he was able to go back out to follow God's way. How about you? Are you also feeling isolated and weary? If so, take heart. God is near! Listen for God's guidance as you remember that your actions and your voice matter now more than ever.

You need look no further for clarity and purpose than the many *Our Faith, Our Vote* resources available online from the Justice and Local Church Ministries advocacy office in Washington DC. There, you will find nonpartisan resources that will help you study issues through the lens of your faith and conscience, as well as get information on how church communities may and may not legally be involved in this congressional election year.

Sandy Sorensen, director of the Justice and Local Church Ministry Washington DC office, advises that churches can legally "hold voter registration drives, take action for democracy protections, and generate voter mobilization as we near midterms — including rides to polls, getting folks registered, etc. It will also be critical in these divisive times to establish relationships with state and local elections officials to support fair elections...Urge legislators to pass democracy protections. Engage in media advocacy around voting rights in your community through op-eds, letters to the editor, social media and other outlets. Learn what your state legislature is doing to change election laws in your state."*

The UCC is a longtime supporter of the Poor People's Campaign, and its actions to ensure equal access to elections, including marches near the date of Juneteenth, which have taken place both on the ground in local cities and online in the past few years. Find out what the Poor People's Campaign has planned in your area, if you would like to connect with others interested in these issues.

*Holznagel, Hans. "National Ministries Eager to Work with Local Churches on Full 2022 Agenda." *United Church of Christ* accessed 4 Jan. 2022, <https://www.ucc.org/national-ministries-eager-to-work-with-local-churches-on-full-2022-agenda/>.



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