

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

THE ORDER FOR MORNING WORSHIP

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent

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

**GATHERING**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

PASSING THE PEACE

GATHERING

\*HYMN #208 God Loved the World

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: God calls with a blessing.

**All: Our help is in God.**

One: God call with a promise.

**All: Our help is in God.**

One: God calls through our questions.

**All: Our help is in God.**

One: God calls through the Spirit.

**All: Our help is in God.**

\*CHORAL INTROIT

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*Unison*)

**Spirit of help and hope, be with us this day. Breathe into our prayers, praise and song. Breathe into our spirits. Breathe into our worship with your promise of help, your promise of rebirth, and your promise of blessing. In faith and trust, we pray. Amen  
Amen**

ANTHEM

**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

\*HYMN # 270 Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

SCRIPTURE                      John 3:1-17                      Marg Whedon

MEDITATION                      "A Lenten Playlist"                      Laura Belanger

**COMMITTING**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*COMMUNION HYMN # 331 Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE (*Unison*)

**Faithful One, you know our fears and our doubts. You know our hopes and our dreams. You know our blessings and our curses. Hold us closely with your love. Breathe into our lives with your mercy. For we yearn for the courage to accept your grace and love. We long to know your presence and to trust your grace. In faith and hope, we pray. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God blesses you with renewal and grace. God holds your life and lifts you up, both now and forevermore.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS

SHARING THE ELEMENTS OF LOVE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ. Amen**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*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 AND DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

**Generous God, you give us all we need. You ask only for faithful living in return. We bring these gifts to you today, asking that you bless them, that they may support your work of justice. Amen**

**GOING TO SERVE**

FINDING FAITH IN WHAT WE DO

\*HYMN See Insert

\*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

*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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