



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

May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

PREPARING

MEDITATIVE THOUGHT: "You are not a drop in the ocean, you are the ocean in a drop." -Rumi

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

PRELUDE Aspiration John West
WELCOME David Henderson

GATHERING

*Hymn # 521 "In Solitude" Land of Rest

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) (Adaptation of Psalm 97)**

One: Though clouds and darkness abound, we come to this space.

**All: We come for the righteousness and justice that are your foundation,
Holy One.**

One: With power to melt mountains and light up the world, we come seeking you.

All: You, O Creator, who stands exalted above all the earth.

One: We come seeking the one who guides the lost and rescues the innocent.

All: In this space we rejoice! For light dawns and joy fills our hearts.

Amen!

CHORAL INTROIT God's Love Richard Shephard

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Merciful God, Creator, Redeemer, we come to you this morning through the fog of uncertainty and despair. We come to this space seeking your presence. We come seeking a peace and comfort that we have not known this past week. Seeking answers for questions that have so far been unresolved. Meet us in this space, Holy One. Join us in this journey and give us the peace and resolve to continue moving. Amen

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Redeemer, as we move along this journey of life, we admit we are not always at our best. We do not always follow the path with exactness. Help us on this day to find our way back. Help us to realign with your will for our lives. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The journey this week was hard. The tear in our collective souls rippled across the country. Take these few moments together to grieve and to rest. Let us prepare our hearts to move into this new week putting love into action and changing the world.

ANTHEM There Is a Place John L. Bell

There is a place prepared for little children, those we once lived for, those we deeply mourn, those who from play, from learning and from laughter cruelly were torn.
There is a place where hands which held ours tightly now are released beyond all hurt and fear, healed by that love which also feels our sorrow, tear after tear.
There is a place where all the lost potential yields its full promise, finds its true intent; silenced no more, young voices echo freely, as they were meant.
There is a place where God will hear our questions, suffer our anger, share our speechless grief, gently repair the innocence of loving and of belief.
Jesus, who bids us be like little children, shields those our arms are yearning to embrace. God will ensure that all are reunited, there is a place.

John L. Bell, Graham Maule

Marjory Hillman and Kim Bossey, solos

REFLECTING AND PRAYING

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE Let the Words of My Mouth Paul Hamill

SCRIPTURE John 17: 20-26 Marjory Hillman

*HYMN # 390 "Eternal Christ, Who, Kneeling" Nyland

MEDITATION "Destruction of One" Derek Waldron

MEDITATION MUSIC

COMMITTING

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC Trio in F E. Friedrich Richter

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 (Unison)

**Holy One, we offer up these gifts to you given by those who love you.
Accept these offerings on this day and transform them to further your
work within this world. Transform them to empower us as your agents of
radical love in this life. Amen.**

GOING TO SERVE

FINDING FAITH IN WHAT WE DO

*HYMN # 575 "O for a World" Azmon

*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE All Things Bright and Breezy Rosalie Bonighton

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*.

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Pastoral Concerns: While Pastor Paula is on vacation please contact David Henderson, Moderator or Kim Bossey, Clerk. Rev. Andrew MacLeod pastor in Bristol and Rev. Wanda Lester are covering for Pastor Paula.

Donate 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.

Today’s Scripture Reader: Marjory Hillman

Greeter: Barbara Osler **Usher:** Sue Long

Next Week's Reader: David Henderson

Greeter: Abby Long **Usher:** Rhu McBee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You – to our guest preacher today, Derek Waldron. He is a member in discernment to become a Chaplain in the Army Reserve.

Flowers today: Are given in loving memory of John and Betty Gile, Anita and Elizabeth Klink; Jim, Pearl and Butch Stevenson – Pastor Paula's and Bill's family.

Coffee Hour: Please join us for a time of fellowship and good food following the worship service in the Undercroft.

Pastor Paula Returns to church on June 1st.

Committee Meetings and Gatherings

Wednesday, June 1	10:30 am	Seekers
Sunday, June 5	10:00 am	In-person and Live Streaming Worship
Sunday, June 12	10:00 am	In-person and Live Streaming Worship
		Confirmation Sunday
Wednesday, June 15	10:30 am	Seekers
	7:00 pm	Council
Sunday, June 19	10:00 am	In-person and Live Streaming Worship
		Father's Day
Monday, June 20		First Day of GOT LUNCH! Sanbornton
Sunday, June 26	10:00 am	In-person and Live Streaming Worship



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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2022

Acts 16:16-34

Breaking Chains

When Paul and Silas broke the walls that bound them, they created a new life not just for themselves but for the other prisoners and the jailers, as well. Suddenly, everyone in the story began thinking of themselves and their place in the world in a transformed way. Like the transformed people in the story of Paul and Silas, as old walls and ways of being crumble, many churches and conferences are opening themselves up to a new way of being and doing in the world.

In recent years many UCC Conferences have gone through the wrenching process of letting go of their beloved church camps, for a variety of reasons. Tears have been shed over these decisions, because of the poignant memories and formative faith experiences that have taken place at these camps. Many clergy are camp alumni; they felt their call to ministry in the beauty of nature among extraordinary people.

After the tears, one such camp alum felt propelled by the Holy Spirit to start a non-profit to purchase and operate Camp Mimanagish in central Montana. Rev. Cathy Barker, with her husband, Rev. Dick Weaver, started talking with others who love that particular sacred space. The group sent out a "What If" survey to gauge the interest in seeing Mimanagish into a new future.

Within months the working group had founded and incorporated Singing Waters Montana, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. The group consulted extensively with the U.S. Forest Service, who manage the land, sharing their vision of becoming "A Camp for those who have no Camp." Mimanagish alumni lent their expertise in fundraising and Singing Waters Montana raised over half a million dollars for the purchase and maintenance of the facility.

At the Dedication Celebration on July 31, 2021, over 50 people, including UCC Conference leaders, honored the past and shared hopes for the future. In addition to faith communities, this lovely wilderness retreat on the Boulder River will host recovery groups, veterans, LGBTQ+ support groups, youth de-stress weeks, Foster and Adoptive Family Camps, and more. Fishing, Art, and Music will round out the schedule. The welcome will be wide.

When the Holy Spirit is leading, anything can happen!



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