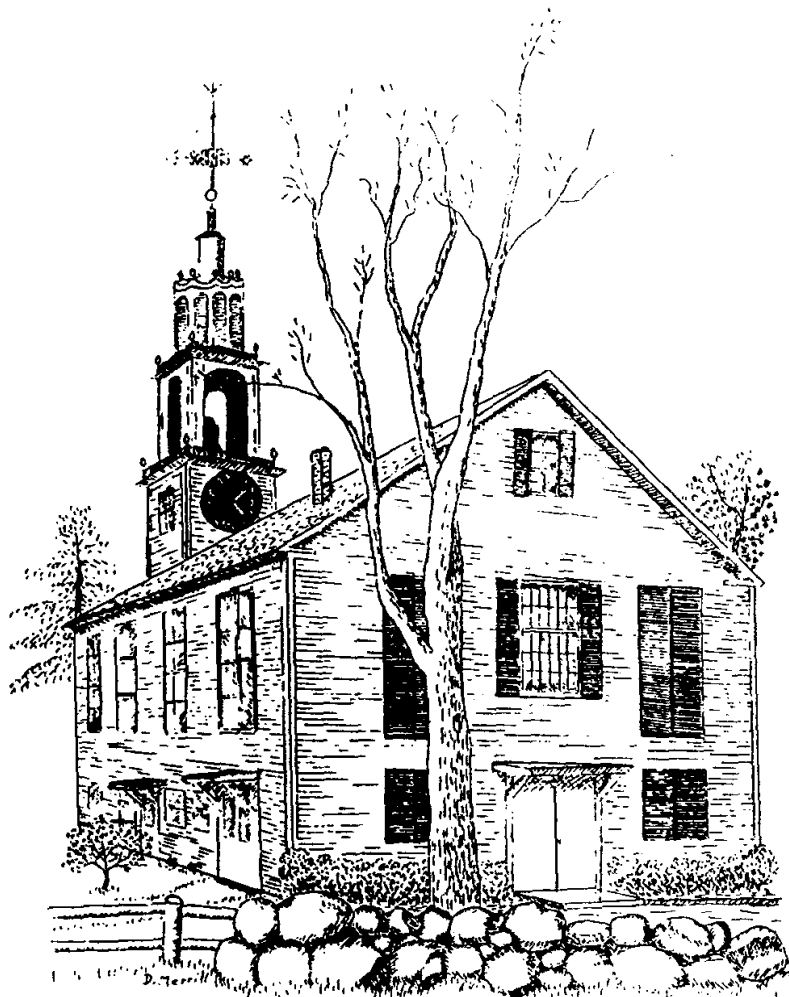


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May 10, 2015



Doris Merrill

ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

May 10, 2015 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome Visitors!

As members of the United Church of Christ we say: "No matter **who** you are or **where** you are on life's journey, **you** are welcome here! We mean it!"

Please introduce yourself to an usher and come meet Pastor Deborah.

Feel free to join us for refreshments in Currier Hall immediately following the service.

If you would like information about our church or would like to be added to our mailing list, please fill out a bright yellow "How May We Serve You"/ "Communication Options" card located in the pews and at the back of the Sanctuary. We also have cards available in the church office.

Thank you for worshiping with us. We are honored to have you with us today.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS & JOYS AND CONCERNS

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Lighting the Candles

*HYMN NO. 506

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

All: Let our joy be complete!

One: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

All: Love one another!

One: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

All: No longer servants but friends!

One: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

All: Rejoicing in the friendship of God.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

O beloved God,

All the ends of the earth marvel

at your deeds of power;

we feel your presence

as the new life of spring dawns;

we rejoice as we remember

your faithfulness and steadfast love

revealed in the risen Christ.

Surround us with that faithfulness and steadfast love

Fill us with generosity and courage

so that we may be called your friends

and go forth to befriend your world. In Jesus' name.

*SONG OF PRAISE #756 - **Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo ;**

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S LITTLE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (x4)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

In our thanks, these gifts we bring, for you give us everything. Teach us how to follow you, in all we say, and all we do. Amen.

Followed by 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 us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

*HYMN NO. 394

"In Christ There is No East or West"

WE WITNESS TO GOD WITH OUR STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT – Carl Hepworth

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98

(O.T. p. 610)

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

(N.T. pp. 113-114)

SERMON

"Crazy Little Thing Called Love"

Pastor Heidi Heath

CHOIR ANTHEM

"This is the Time to be Joyful"

Choplin

WE RESPOND WITH OUR PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Eagle's Wings"

WE RESPOND WITH OUR MONETARY GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Give freely and spontaneously. Don't have a stingy heart. The way you handle matters like this triggers GOD, your God's, blessing in everything you do, all your work and ventures. – Deut. 15:10, the Message Translation

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY #785

**We give you but your own, what-e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Lord, richly bless and multiply these offerings of gratitude that all whose lives they touch may know the grace and power of your love. Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

*HYMN NO. 300

"Jesus Shall Reign"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Let Us Now Depart in Peace"

POSTLUDE

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

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The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof
Rev. Chester R. Ham
Susan Handy
Jeff DeLangie
Lindsey Roman
Heidi Heath

PMA

First Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, May 10

7:00am Best Breakfast ~ Currier
9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~
Music Room
10:00am Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15am Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal ~
MacGregor
11:30am Sacred Dance ~ Sanctuary
6:00pm Youth Group ~ Luke

Monday, May 11

7:00pm Trp 405 Meeting ~ Currier

Tuesday, May 12

4:00pm GS Troop 20993 ~ Currier
6:15pm GS Troop 20321 ~ Luke
6:30pm GS 20570/BSA Venture 570 ~
Currier
6:30pm AA ~ Library
7:00pm Music Board ~ Nursery
7:00pm OA ~ A/B

Wednesday, May 13

12:30pm K.I.T. ~ MacGregor
6:00pm GS Troop 13152 ~ Luke
7:00pm Communication Cohort ~ Cook
6:00pm Youth Group ~ Luke

Thursday, May 14

6:30pm CS Pack 405 ~
A/B/John/Luke/Currier
7:00pm Sr. Choir ~ Music Room

Friday, May 15

7:00pm AA Serenity Sisters ~ A/B
9:30pm AA Fri Night Assoc. ~ A/B

Saturday, May 16

9:00am Williams Syndrome Fundraiser ~
Parking Lot/Currier/Kitchen
7:30pm AA ~ Currier

Sunday, May 17

7:00am Best Breakfast ~ Currier
8:00am HPC ~ Archive
8:00am Youth Ministry ~ A/B
9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~
Music Room
10:00am Worship ~ Sanctuary
10:15am Kids Church Program ~ John
11:15am Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal ~
MacGregor
11:30am Mission ~ A/B
11:30am Sacred Dancers ~ Sanctuary

Reminder: Pastor Deborah will be away on her annual Study Leave from **May 8 through May 16**.
Pastor Heidi will be on call for pastoral emergencies, please call her at 434-0628.

Scriptures – May 10

Psalm 98

A Psalm.

¹ O sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.

His right hand and his holy arm
have gained him victory.

² The LORD has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.

⁸ Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy

⁹ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

John 15.9-17

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made

known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.