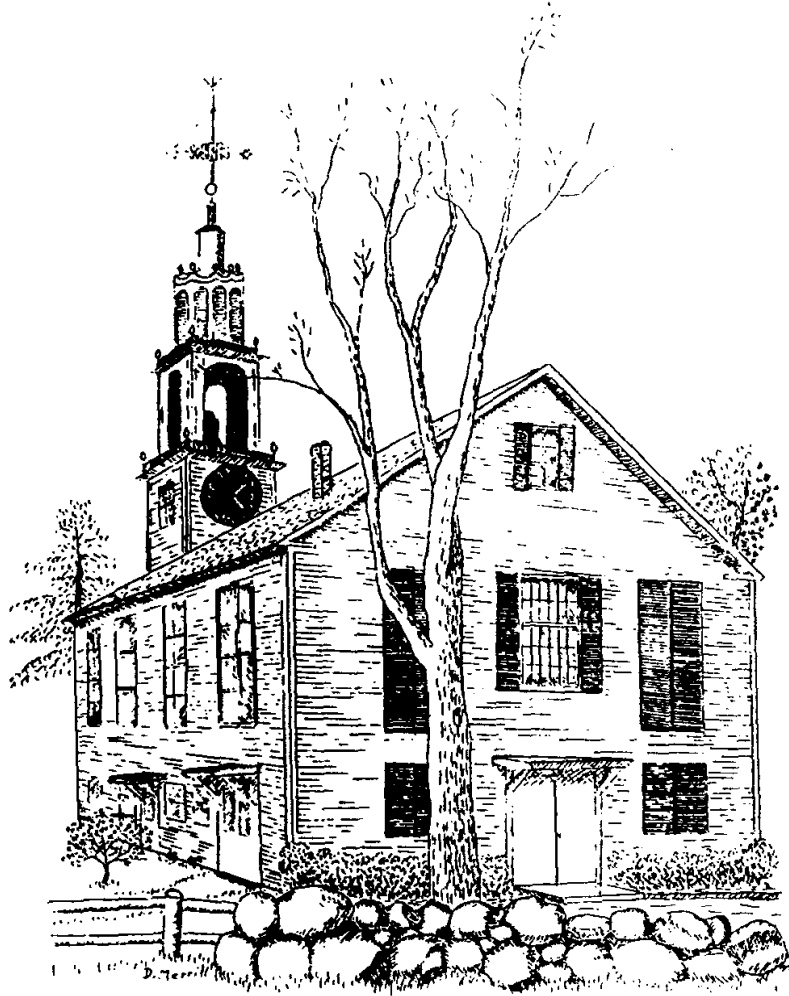


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May 17, 2015



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 17, 2015 Seventh 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. 301

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 47)

One: Clap your hands all of God’s people!

Many: We shout to the Holy One with songs of joy!

One: Our God is an awesome God.

Many: His love prepares and makes new our hearts.

One: Let us sing songs of praise and worship God.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Precious love,

Your ascended Son promised the gift of Holy power;

Send now your Spirit of revelation and wisdom,

that in the blessed freedom of hope,

we may witness to the grace and joy of forgiveness,

and sing songs of joy with the peoples of the earth

to the One who makes us one body. Amen.

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

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia.

HANDCHIME CHOIR

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Steve Davis

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. 507

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD FOR US

HEBREW BIBLE SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:1-11

(N.T. p. 122)

GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

(N.T. pp. 93)

SERMON

“When You Come to the End of All the Light You Know”

Pastor Heidi Heath

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Bless Us Now This Day”

Wagner

WE RESPOND WITH OUR PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Eagle’s Wings”

WE RESPOND WITH OUR MONETARY GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” - Matthew 6:19-21

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 multiple 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. 49

“Ask Me What Great Things I Know”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Let Us Now Depart in Peace”

POSTLUDE – HANDCHIME CHOIR

“Shalom Chaverim”

(Please remain seated until the Handchime choir has finished the postlude)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

FLOWERS - Given by Mike and Wendy Staggs in celebration of their 10th anniversary

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Kevin and Diane Gordon
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Ruth Honnors
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Rev. Chester R. Ham
Susan Handy
Jeff DeLangie
Lindsey Roman
Heidi Heath

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First Parish Activity Calendar

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
11:15am Hand Chime Choir Rehearsal ~
MacGregor
11:30am Mission ~ A/B
11:30am Sacred Dance ~ Sanctuary
6:00pm Youth Group ~ Luke

Monday, May 18

7:00pm Trp 405 Meeting ~ Currier
7:00pm Trp 405 Patrol Leaders Council ~
John
7:00pm Nutfield Board Meeting ~ Cook

Tuesday, May 19

10:00am Nutfield Gym ~ Currier
4:00pm GS Troop 20993 ~ Currier
6:15pm GS Troop 20321 ~ Luke
6:30pm GS 20570/BSA Venture 570 ~
John
6:30pm AA ~ Library
7:00pm Finance ~ Cook
7:00pm OA ~ A/B
7:00pm Trp 405 Committee Mtg. ~ Currier

Wednesday, May 20

6:00pm GS Troop 13152 ~ Luke
7:00pm Council ~ Cook
7:00pm CS Pack 405 Committee ~ A/B

Thursday, May 21

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

Friday, May 22

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

Saturday, May 23

9:00am Church Clean Up Day ~ All
7:30pm AA ~ Currier

Sunday, May 24

7:00am Best Breakfast ~ Currier
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 Sacred Dancers ~ Sanctuary
6:00pm Youth Group ~ Luke