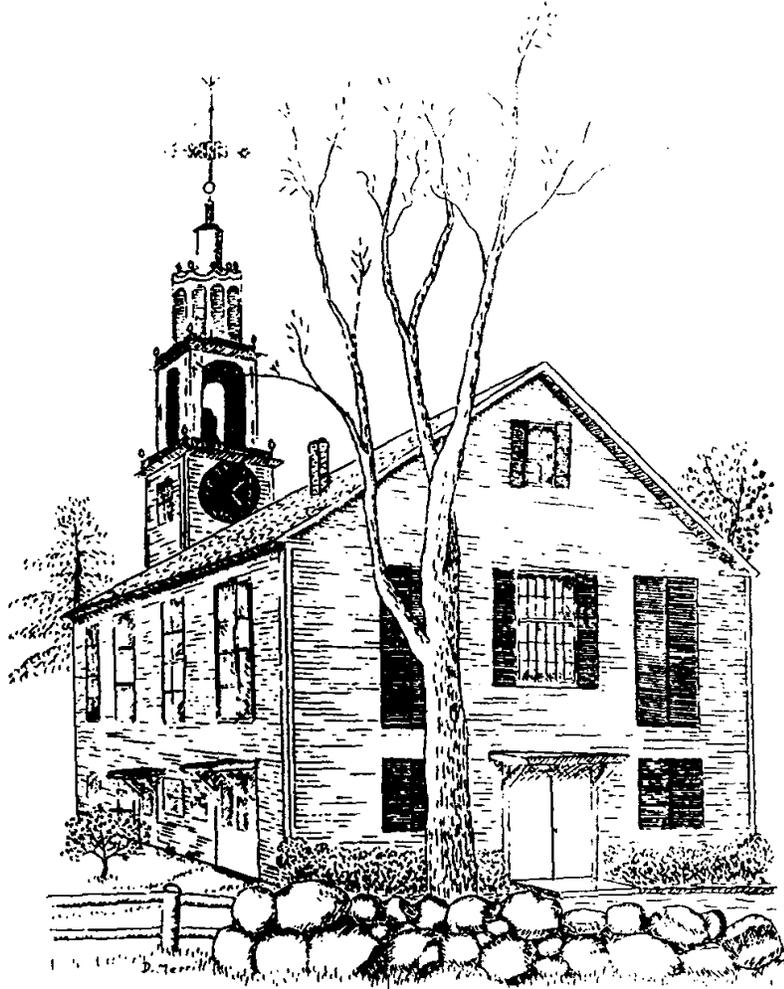


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ALL ARE WELCOME

*“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)

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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. 473

"Blessed Assurance"

*CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSE

Many: Give us eyes to see and ears to hear.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Traveling God, where can we go to escape your presence? We go to the sea and you are there. We hike up to the mountaintops and you are there. We fly to far away places, and you journey with us. Today we gather surrounded by your creation, knowing that you are as close as our own breath. Give us open hearts and open hands as we worship you with joy. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #759 – **Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three in One; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S LITTLE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

"I'm Gonna Sing"

I'm goin' a sing when the Spirit says sing (x2)

I'm goin' a sing when the Spirit says sing, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

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

Pastor Heidi

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Lord's Prayer"

Paul Wright

*HYMN NO. 471

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

SCRIPTURE
TESTIMONY

Mark 1:16-20
"When God Calls"

(N.T. p. 35)
Pastor Heidi Carrington Heath

WE RESPOND WITH OUR PRAYERS

MUSICAL RESPONSE
PASTORAL PRAYER

WE RESPOND WITH OUR MONETARY GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Much we have been given and so much of us required. We give unto God a small piece of what has been given to us as gratitude for the grace given to us. The morning offering will now be given and received.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

***DOXOLOGY #780 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Lord, richly bless and multiply these offerings of gratitude that all whose lives we 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. 295 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"**

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *"When the Saints Go Marching In"* Ben Allen (trumpet),
Jeff Delangie (piano)

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated.)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH
DEACONS OF THE MONTH
LAY READER
USHERS

Members of the Congregation
Diana Sweeney and Reni Harnden
Reni Harnden
Ross and Linda Webber
Kevin and Diane Gordon
Michael Bryan
Diane Breedon
The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof
Rev. Chester R. Ham
Susan Handy
Jeff DeLangie
Lindsey Roman
Heidi Carrington Heath

GREETER(s)
PASTOR
AFFILIATE PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
ORGANIST
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CE DIRECTOR

Scripture – August 9

Mark 1.16-20

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me and I will make you fish for people.’¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.