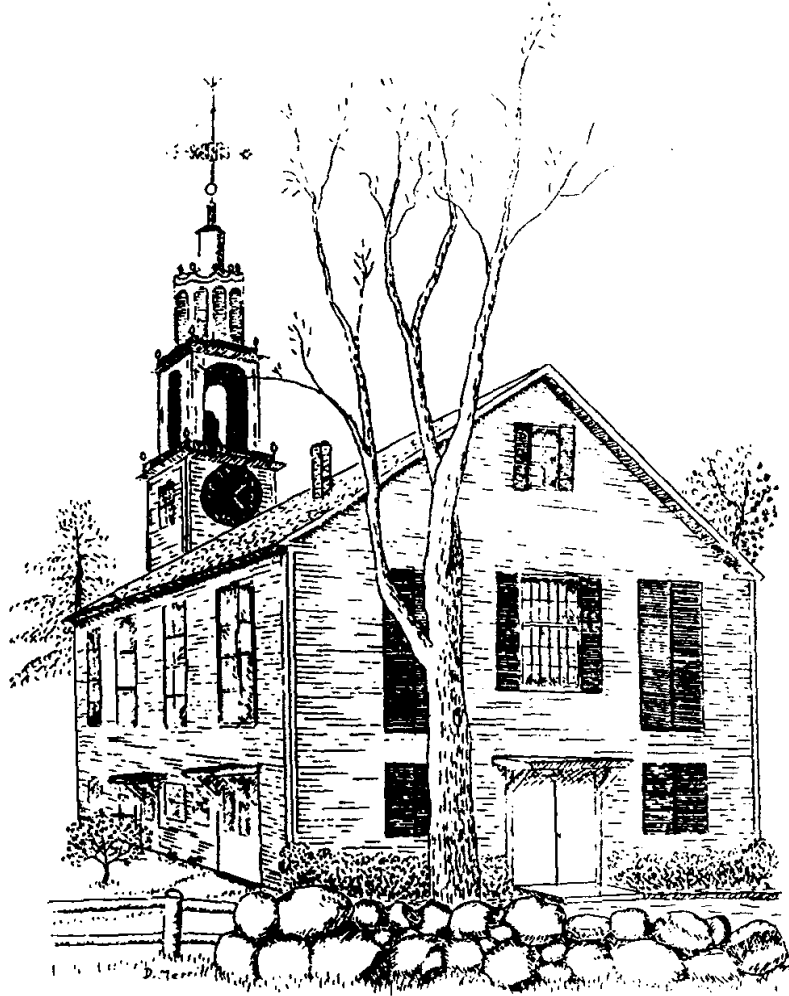


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Doris Merrill

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)

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. 4

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

*CALL TO WORSHIP RESPONSE

One: God is gathering us from many different places.

All: No one is worthy, but we are all invited.

One: God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back.

All: God cares for us amid our pain and losses.

One: May our lips pour forth laughter and joyous singing.

All: Let us taste and see how good God is.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Amazing God, whose claims on us are as old as creation and as new as this very moment, help us to hear you calling us, not alone that we may be healed, but that we might become instruments of healing in a hurting world. Restore to us the sight that is beyond seeing, so your church may respond with joy to the great high priest, in whose name we pray and carry out our ministry. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #236 – **Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja.**

Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja.

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD’S LITTLE CHILDREN

CHILDREN’S OFFERING

“Jesus Loves Me”

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (insert) Edward Christian Lombardi; Everly Danielle Lombardi

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. 449

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD FOR US

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Psalm 34:1-8

(O.T. pp. 560-561)

GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

(N.T. p. 48)

SERMON

“Are You On The Way?”

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Carry Us On”

Gaither, arr. Curry

WE RESPOND WITH OUR PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR MONETARY GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Our offerings are to magnify God’s name and to express our deep sense of thanksgiving. They are also an expression of empathy and concern for sisters and brothers who struggle to find life. Giving reorients our lives to what is of lasting value and importance. Let us give as we are able – with joy!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY #785

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give. We offer more than money; we offer ourselves. Keep us strong, that this church may give radiant witness to truth, constructive opposition to evil, and merciful redemption to those caught up in the wickedness of our times. Amen.

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

*HYMN NO. 52

“O, How I Love Jesus”

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated.)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

FLOWERS - Offered by Lindsay Huber

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

LAY READER

USHERS

Members of the Congregation

Pat and Dick Plouff

Beth Hunter

Ken Gould, Diane Breeden

Dee Deranian, Shirley Dickason

Michael Bryan

Betsy McCall

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

Pastor Heidi Carrington Heath

Rev. Chester R. Ham

Susan Handy

Jeff DeLangie

Lindsey Roman

GREETER(s)

SENIOR PASTOR

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

AFFILIATE PASTOR

MUSIC DIRECTOR

ORGANIST

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

First Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, October 25

- 7:00am Best Breakfast ~ Currier
- 9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ Music Room
- 10:00am Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 10:15am Sunday School ~ John
- 11:15am Handchime Rehearsal ~ MacGregor
- 11:45am New Member Class ~ A/B
- 5:00pm Pumpkin Carving ~ Currier

Monday, October 26

- 7:00pm Troop 405 ~ Currier/AB/Nursery

Tuesday, October 27

- 9:30am Nutfield Gym ~ Currier
- 4:00pm GS Troop 20993 ~ Currier
- 6:15pm GS Troop 20321 ~ Luke
- 6:30pm AA ~ Library
- 7:00pm Bible Wonder ~ Cook
- 7:00pm OA ~ A/B

Wednesday, October 28

- 6:00pm GS Troop 13152 ~ Luke
- 7:00pm Facilities ~ Cook
- 7:00pm AA 12 Step Workshop ~ A/B

Thursday, October 29

- 4:30pm Daisy Troop 11080 ~ John
- 5:30pm CS Pack 405 Halloween Party ~ Currier
- 6:30pm BSA Venture Crew 570 ~ MacGregor
- 7:00pm Sr. Choir ~ Music Room
- 7:00pm Alzheimer Support Group ~ Cook

Friday, October 30

- 5:00pm Spaghetti Supper ~ Currier
- 7:00pm AA Serenity Sisters ~ A/B

Saturday, October 31

Halloween

- 9:00am Outside group gathering ~ Currier
- 4:30pm Trunk-or-Treat ~ Parking Lot
- 7:30pm AA ~ MacGregor

Sunday, November 1

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

- 7:00am Pancake Breakfast ~ Currier
- 9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ Music Room
- 10:00am Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 10:15am Sunday School ~ John
- 11:15am Handchime Rehearsal ~ MacGregor

Scriptures – October 25

Psalm 34

Of David, when he feigned madness before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.

³ O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,
and was saved from every trouble.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.

Mark 10.46-52

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' ⁵²Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.