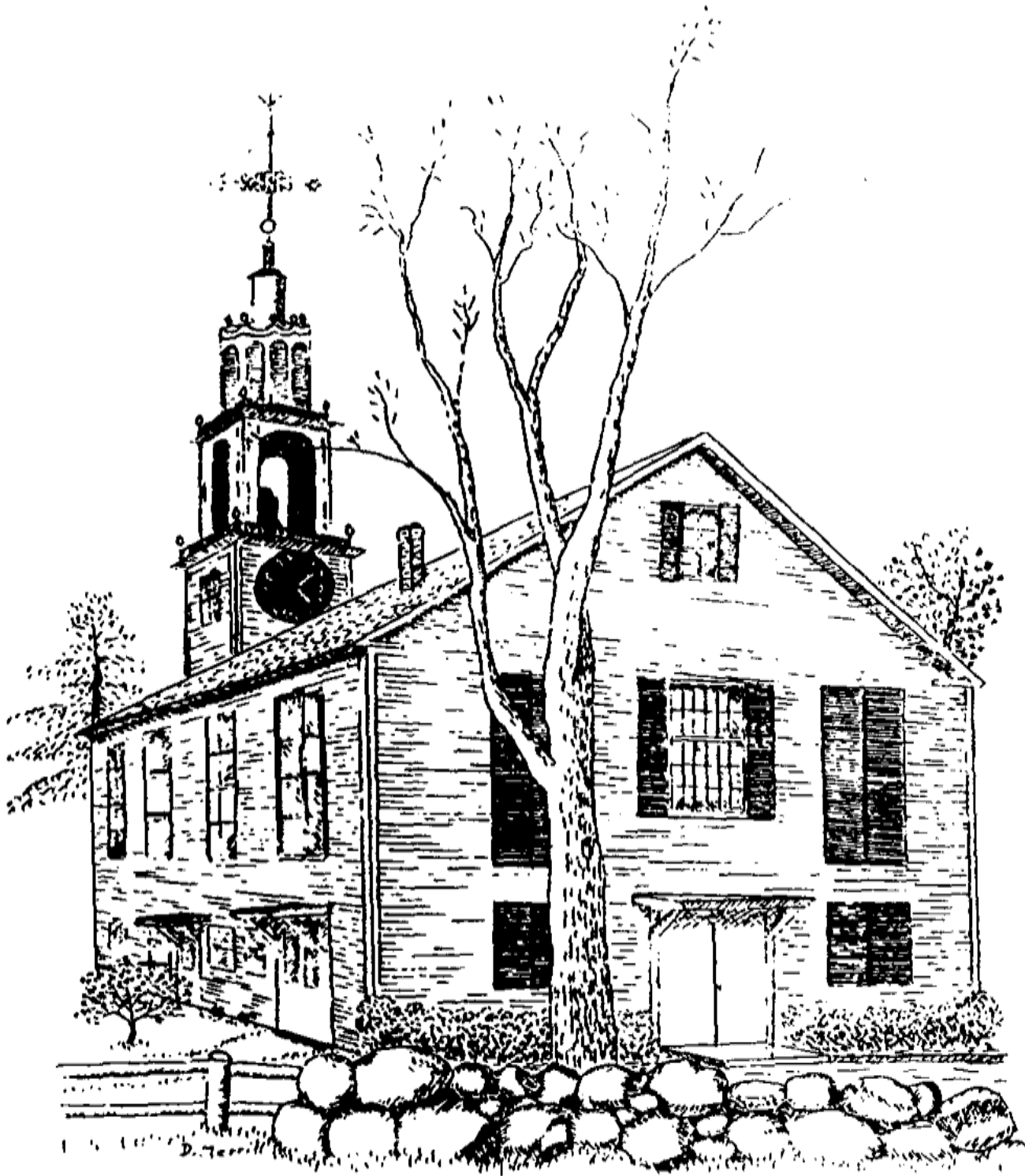


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Boy Scout Sunday



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)

Thought for the day:

“In each experience of my life, I have had to step out of one little space of the known light, into a large area of darkness. I had to stand awhile in the darkness, and then gradually God has given me light. But not to linger in. For as soon as that light has felt familiar, then the call has always come to step out ahead again into new darkness.”

Mary McLeod Bethune, 1955

Mary Jane McLeod Bethune was an American educator, stateswoman, philanthropist, humanitarian and civil rights activist best known for starting a private school for African-American students in Daytona Beach, Florida.

WELCOME TO ALL OF GOD’S CHILDREN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

*HYMN #407

“How Firm a Foundation”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, foolish people; God is calling us.

All: The God of all time and space wants our attention.

One: God says to us: You shall be holy because I am.

All: Let us be true and just, generous and loving, for the sake of Christ who dwells in us.

*INVOCATION

God, we have come to worship you. Help us to hear your will for us, not as limiting and oppressive but as the freeing, fulfilling pathway to life. We want to be your faithful children. We want to experience life at its best. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #759 Gloria Patri

HANDCHIMES CHOIR

“When Love is Found”

Joshua A. Evanovich

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD’S YOUNGER DISCIPLES

At this time, all children are invited to come forward for the children's offering, and children's time. An offering is not required for participation. All are welcome, especially first time visitors.

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

"I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

I'm going to sing when the Spirit says sing (repeat 3x)

And obey the Spirit of the Lord

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, we offer you our gifts with thanks and praise, be with us and guide us all of our days. Teach us how to love each other, and to shine your light into the world. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Christine Lehoullier

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 #498

"Jesu, Jesu"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 (O.T. p. 542)

NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 5:38-48 (N.T.p.282)

SERMON Guest Speakers from the Boy Scouts

CHOIR ANTHEM Make Me An Instrument of Your Peace Mary McDonald

(Given in memory of Bob Cook)

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHOIR RESPONSE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

God delights in our joyous responses to divine generosity. Our offering proclaims our love of God and neighbor, in many different ways.

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**

With these gifts, we express our desire to observe your law with wholeness of heart, to delight in your commandments with all that we have and are, to worship you not only when we are together but in many different places when we are apart. May our church reach out to care for enemies as well as friends. May we remember that we are your church, your temple, your holy ones. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

***HYMN #448**

“Take My Life and Let it Be”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

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DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Ken Gould and Julie Turner

LAY READER

Diana Sweeney

USHERS

Stanley & Holly Gorgol

Tom & Andrea Cooper and Michael Bryan

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