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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)

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

CENTERING MUSIC and LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #59 Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest realms of light;
Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of gloom and blight;
Holy Spirit, ever raising earthbound souls to glory high;
Living, life imparting Spirit; you we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever breathing on the church the breath of life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through your people's ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church the mind of Christ;
In our worship we will praise you for your fruit and gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working through the church's ministry
Quickening, strengthening, and absolving, setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and soul to soul.
In community unending you we worship and extol.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

One: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**Many: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.**

One: In the beginning the Spirit of God swept over the face of the waters.

Many: In the beginning God said, "Let us make humankind in our image."

One: And so we came into being, created by God who exists in community.

Many: We are here as God's community to worship the Source of our being.

INVOCATION (unison):

**Holy Creator, you have birthed us into life,
Holy Creator, you have nurtured us along our way,
In you we live and move and have our being.
We open ourselves to your presence in this time of worship.
Fill us with resolve and purpose, to be your community
and to expand our boundaries until all of creation is renewed
and all people are welcomed and blessed.
Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE:

Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, God of love. Hearts unfold like flowers
before you, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive
the storms of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES

Jesus said, "Let the little ones come unto me." Let's sing "Jesus loves me"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

OLD TESTAMENT: Job 3:1-10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21 (First Job speaks)

3 1-2 Then Job broke the silence. He spoke up and cursed his fate:

3-10 "Obliterate the day I was born. Blank out the night I was conceived!

Let it be a black hole in space.

May God above forget it ever happened. Erase it from the books!

May the day of my birth be buried in deep darkness, shrouded by the fog,
swallowed by the night. And the night of my conception—the devil take it!

Rip the date off the calendar, delete it from the almanac.

Oh, turn that night into pure nothingness— no sounds of pleasure from that night, ever!

May those who are good at cursing curse that day.

Unleash the sea beast, Leviathan, on it.

May its morning stars turn to black cinders, waiting for a daylight that never comes,
never once seeing the first light of dawn. And why? Because it released me from my
mother's womb into a life with so much trouble.

Job 4:1-9 (Job's friend Eliphaz responds)

4 ¹⁻⁶ Then Eliphaz from Teman spoke up:

"Would you mind if I said something to you? Under the circumstances it's hard to keep
quiet. You yourself have done this plenty of times, spoken words that clarify,
encouraged those who were about to quit. Your words have put stumbling people on
their feet, put fresh hope in people about to collapse.

But now *you're* the one in trouble—you're hurting! You've been hit hard and you're
reeling from the blow. But shouldn't your devout life give you confidence now?

Shouldn't your exemplary life give you hope?

⁷⁻⁹ "Think! Has a truly innocent person ever ended up on the scrap heap?

Do genuinely upright people ever lose out in the end?

It's my observation that those who plow evil and sow trouble reap evil and trouble.

One breath from God and they fall apart,

one blast of his anger and there's nothing left of them.

Job 7:11-21 (Job's response)

"And so I'm not keeping one bit of this quiet, I'm laying it all out on the table;
my complaining to high heaven is bitter, but honest.

Are you going to put a muzzle on me, the way you quiet the sea and still the storm?

If I say, 'I'm going to bed, then I'll feel better. A little nap will lift my spirits,'

You come and so scare me with nightmares and frighten me with ghosts

That I'd rather strangle in the bedclothes than face this kind of life any longer.

I hate this life! Who needs any more of this? Let me alone! There's nothing to my life—
it's nothing but smoke.

¹⁷⁻²¹ "What are mortals anyway, that you bother with them, that you even give them the
time of day? That you check up on them every morning, looking in on them to see how
they're doing? Let up on me, will you? Can't you even let me spit in peace?

Even suppose I'd sinned—how would that hurt you?

You're responsible for every human being.
Don't you have better things to do than pick on me?
Why make a federal case out of me?
Why don't you just forgive my sins and start me off with a clean slate?
The way things are going, I'll soon be dead.
You'll look high and low, but I won't be around."

SERMON: "Breaking the Silence"

WE RESPOND WITH REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYER

HYMN # #61 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost, taught by you, we cover most
of your gifts at Pentecost, holy, heavenly love.

Love is kind, and suffers long; love is meek, and thinks no wrong;
Love than death itself more strong; therefore, give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see, joining hand in hand agree;
But the greatest of the three, and the best, is love.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

God has abundantly bestowed upon us the gift of life. Our best response is to offer
our whole lives as channels for God's mission in the world. Give as you are able –
in order to build the community of God in this place and around the world.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY

God the Spirit guide and guardian, windsped flame and hovering dove,
Breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love:
Give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace;
Send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Receive these gifts, even our very lives for your service. Multiply them and our
effort to meet the need. We are yours God, use us we pray, Amen.

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

HYMN #391 In the Midst of New Dimensions vs. 1

In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.

Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?

God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,

We your people, ours the journey now and ever, now and ever, now and evermore.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.”

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IN OUR PRAYERS – June 14, 2020

PRAYERS OF JOY

60 years of marriage for Jane and Larry Krantz!

Brian Lew attended Wonder Wednesday! Great to see him!

Peaceful protestors speaking out for justice sake

All the people who love their neighbors by wearing masks!

Technology that allows connection in this era of physical separation!

Spaghetti Supper Angels serving our community in spite of a pandemic!

Thank you to Lisa at Rig-a-Tony's! for their generous donation for Spaghetti Supper!

Thank you to Debbie Gline Allen, Joan Virga, Rachel Cobban, Jack Martin, Joan Virga for Sunday Service participation.

Bible Wonder Tuesday night continues to be enriching and enlightening!

Joyful Update: Thank you for all your prayers for triplets Avery, Conner and Bradley.

They have made it through surgery and are home doing well. They are waiting until Bradley is stronger. Thank you from their family too. Lianne D

Update: Bronte (Jo Worthen's niece) had her baby!

PRAYERS OF CONSOLATION, HEALTH, AND HEALING

For the families of those who have died: Families of: George Floyd, Rev. Bob Sargent (a Cobban Family Friend), Scott True (son of Mel and Ginnie), Douglas Greetham (Diane Gordon's father), Glenn Allen, long-time faithful member of First Parish, Pam (neighbor of Rachel Cobban) and Eric Ellis (Firefighting friend of Brian Krantz)

For Healing:

Pat Crowell had knee replacement two weeks ago and is home recovering- cards can be sent to 29 St Andrew's Way; Londonderry, NH 03053

Sue & Rick Metts, who both have COVID.

Sandra, friend of Jo Worthen, has a bacterial UTI.

Mike Dubisz (Jo Worthen's brother) is recovering from surgery.

For those with cancer: Avis Hanson, Marjorie Palmer's cousin's wife; from Nutfield Coop: Grace Theroux; Martha, close friend of Pat and Dick Plouff, recurring leukemia; Joan (friend of Wendy Williams) liver cancer; Janice Paradzick; Bob Dinan (friend of the Wilson's), Danny with stage 4 cancer, brother of Mary Jane (friend of Cobban family)

SPECIAL ONGOING PRAYERS

For those who choose hate and those who choose violence

For people who are losing their livelihood due to this pandemic.

For health care professionals who are "on the front lines" of this war against covid-19

Parkland Hospital Personnel, All Nurses and Doctors, Hospice workers and employees of Nursing Homes and Extended care facilities; First Responders; National Guard

Active Military; Aghadowey Rural Kinship; Southern NH Family Promise

Andrea Cooper health & strength

Dangamvura – UCCZ – Zimbabwe African Church

Tim Beers – Health & strength

Bonnie Hillsgrove, friend of Tim Beers

Brian Krantz and ALL of the Wildland Firefighters this fire season

Victims of floods and fires and violence; Refugees and their families

People of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community

Friends of the Meetinghouse Board of Directors

Our Covenant Partner: Pastoral Counseling Services, Inc.

