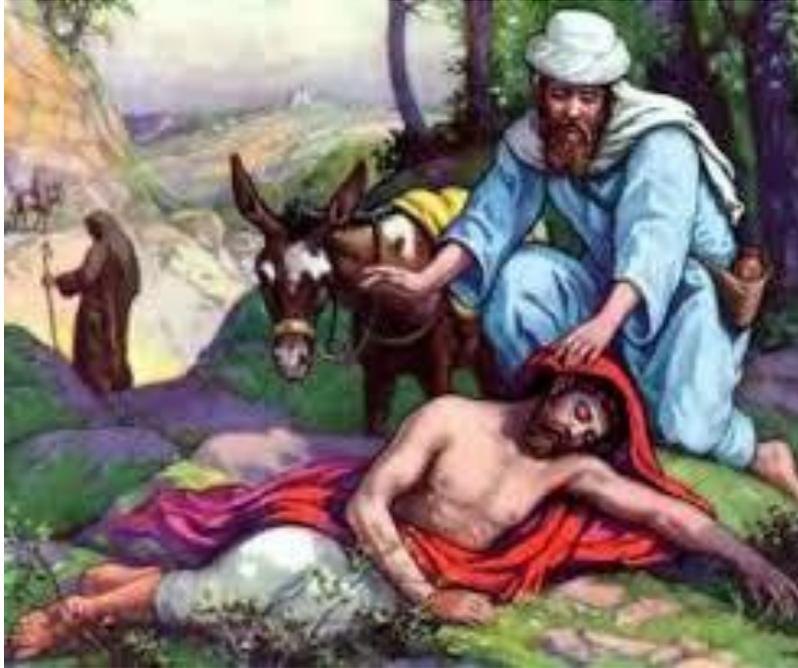


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### **Good Samaritan**

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.”*

**WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

CENTERING MUSIC AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP : (Based on Psalm 15)

One: O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**Many: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;**

One: Mortal, what does the LORD require of you?

**Many: to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with  
your God.**

One: Let us worship our God together.

## HYMN: Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;  
Day by day that voice still calls us, saying, "Christian, follow me."

As of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Jesus calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,  
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

## INVOCATION (Lay Reader – join in at home.)

God of compassion, draw us into a circle of mutual caring. May your lovingkindness motivate us to more profound praying, to greater giving and to faithful fasting of culture's cheapening of a life in You. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory, 2x

## **WE SPEAK TO GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE - "He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"

## 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**

### **NEW TESTAMENT: Luke 10: 25-37**

<sup>25</sup> Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> (Jesus) said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And (Jesus) said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup> But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came

near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**SERMON:** "Go and Do Likewise"

HYMN: Lord I Want to be a Christian

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; (Repeat)

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart, (Repeat)

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; (Repeat)

## **WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS**

OFFERTORY INVITATION: (Lay Reader)

God's love motivates our generous giving. As God has loved us, we return that love in our offering of energy, time and wealth.

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION – BLACK HISTORY MONTH VIDEO

DOXOLOGY: Masithi

(Masithi) Amen, si ya ku du mi sa, (masithi) (Repeat)

Amen, Bawo, Amen, Bawo ; Amen, si ya ku du mi sa.

(sing amen) Amen, we praise your name, O God. (Sing amen)

Amen, amen, amen, amen; Amen, we praise your name, O God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (Pastor Deborah)

May these gifts bear fruit in many good works, increasing among all people a knowledge of God. Ever and always grateful for the goodness You have shown us, we pledge ourselves and these offerings to extend mercy and goodness to many.  
Amen.

## **WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER**

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYERS

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

HYMN: #310 The Old Ship of Zion

It's the old ship of Zion, it's the old ship of Zion, (x3) get on board, get on board!  
It has landed manya thousand, it has landed manya thousand, (x3) get on board!  
It's the old ship of Zion, it's the old ship of Zion, (x3) get on board, get on board!  
There's no danger in the water, there's no danger in the water, (x3) get on board,  
It's the old ship of Zion, it's the old ship of Zion, (x3) get on board, get on board!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **"Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go."** *Words & Music: Natalie Sleeth, © 1976 Hinshaw Music, Inc.; All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE #A-708716.*

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## ***IN OUR PRAYERS - February 21, 2021***

### **PRAYERS OF JOY**

First Virtual choir rehearsals! Thank you, Joan!  
In person Ash Wednesday Service  
The orchid in Pastor Deborah's office is blooming beautifully.  
The piano (given in memory of Arlene Williams) in the Virtual studio has been tuned  
Melanie and Alan Pawl have a new "fur baby" – Hunter!  
Pastor Deborah and Liz's piano found a new home!!  
Jo Worthen's sister, Sue and her husband, Bruce, are home after having Covid.  
Successful and peaceful Annual meeting. Gratitude to all of the tech support!  
Over 100 scarves knitted by Sharon Hartmann!  
Spaghetti Supper: The frigid weather did not stop our team! Nearly 100 dinners were served in spite of the frigid cold temperature and brisk wind.  
Peaceful transition of power in Washington

Tuesday night Adult Faith conversations were rich and rewarding.  
Gratitude for our Irish Friends who worship with us every week!  
Gratitude for our friends in Zimbabwe!  
Gratitude for member in Georgia and Laconia and other faraway places!  
Gratitude for the people who put themselves in harm's way for our country's safety.  
Congratulations to the Pingree family: Welcome to Rory Jean, born January 4!  
Congratulations to Kayla and Christopher, and to Grandma Cindy and Grandpa Mark!  
Successful COVID-19 Vaccine being distributed.  
Labyrinth finger walks and growing appreciation in this ancient spiritual practice.

### **PRAYERS OF CONSOLATION**

Prayers for the family of Nancy Sullivan, Cyndi Gray's sister-in-law, who died 2.7.21.  
Pat Crowell's sister Judy, whose husband, Bruce, died 2.4.21 from Covid  
Prayers for Jo Worthen's family as Uncle Rudy has died from Covid (2.5.2021)  
Families of the over 482,500 deaths in the US due to COVID.

### **PRAYERS OF STRENGTH, HEALTH, AND HEALING**

Kevin R. (friend of Liza Duffy) who is struggling with Covid; he is in the hospital with double pneumonia  
Kate (friend of Chris Cox) dealing with difficulties in pregnancy  
Diana (friend of Heather Richardson) undergoing tests to rule out cancer  
Pam Pillsbury needs prayers of encouragement.  
Carl (friend of Melanie Pawl) had open heart surgery. Pray, too, for his wife Sandy for comfort while he's in the hospital as she can't be with him.  
Manny, brother-in-law of the Guerrins, hospitalized in Chicago with leukemia.  
Anne Engelhardt and her family  
Wendy William's health concerns.  
Kathleen McFadden (friend of Trudie Bergeron) recently diagnosed with cancer on her lung will have surgery after Thanksgiving.  
Teachers and all school personnel; Medical Professionals of all levels and in all locations; pastors; world and local leaders

**For those with cancer:** Liza Duffy's husband's Uncle Walt has Stage 4 cancer and has an operation Feb 25; Kate, Jesse's friend is battling terminal cancer; Jay, Marjorie Palmer's friend, a 41-yr old father of 3 young children who has been diagnosed with multiple cancers. Martha, close friend of Pat and Dick Plouff, recurring leukemia; 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**

Law Enforcement and other protectors of our safety and democracy; especially Active National Guard Military; First Responders;  
Family Promise in their new expanded facility  
Everyone in Zimbabwe, a country riddled with revolution and pandemic

Tom and Andrea Cooper - health & strength

For the families of those who are hospitalized and are unable to visit them.

For teachers, staff, & students the uncertainty of going back to school.

For people who are losing their livelihood due to this pandemic

Parkland Hospital Personnel, and All Nurses and Doctors, Hospice workers and employees of Nursing Homes and Extended care facilities

Aghadowey Rural Kinship – all of our friends in Northern Ireland

Our Covenant Partner: Pastoral Counseling Services, Inc.

Southern NH Family Promise; Sonshine Soup Kitchen; Marion Gerrish; Upper Room

Dangamvura – UCCZ – Zimbabwe African Church

Union Theological College in Zimbabwe, as well as our friend Kennedy Gondongwe

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 Covid and violence; Refugees and their families

People of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community

Friends of the Meetinghouse Board of Directors