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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**

CALL TO WORSHIP - based upon Psalm 100 (Led by Sue Brown)

One: May a joyful noise to the God, all the earth.  
Worship God with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing.

Many: Know that the Lord is God.  
It is God that has made us, and we are God’s; we are God’s people,  
the sheep of God’s pasture.

One: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving and God’s courts with praise.  
Give thanks and bless God’s name, for God is good with steadfast love that  
endures forever, to all generations.

**HYMN: #86 *When Morning Gilds the Skies***

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,  
One purpose I declare: may Jesus Christ be praised!

New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let sin and evil fear,  
When this sweet chant they hear: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine,  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the-eternal song,  
Through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

**INVOCATION (Led by Sue Brown, please join in.)**

Gilding God, you touch the earth and it comes to life. You touch our days and bring us to life! Come in these hallowed moments. Gild and form us that we may too bring life and healing to your hurting world. Call us from frenzy and boredom; center us on those things that are lasting and true. In your great mercy we ask it. Amen.

**CALL TO CONFESSION: (Sue Brown)**

When we come before God and confess our sins, God hears our sorrow and returns us to full life. Join now in our prayer seeking God's mercy and grace.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Led by Sue Brown, please join in.)**

Almighty and most merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and have done those things we ought not to have done. Forgive us we pray and turn us again to you and eternal life. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (Sue Brown)**

Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ. Go therefore, live in peace and love. Our sins are forgiven. Amen.

**SONG OF PRAISE:**

This is the day, this is the day  
That our God has made, that our God has made  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it!  
This is the day that our God has made  
We will rejoice and be glad in it,  
This is the day, this is the day, that our God has made.

## GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES

### *Jesus Loves Me*

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### COMMUNION HYMN: *Gift of Finest Wheat*

**Refrain:** You satisfy the hungry heart, with gift of finest wheat,  
Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and hear his voice;  
So, when you call your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. **Refrain**

With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. **Refrain**

You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in your name in truth and charity. **Refrain**

#### OUR SACRED STORY

#### PEACE HYMN: *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

#### SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Please greet one another with the peace of Jesus Christ.

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION and 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.**

#### SHARING the MEAL

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

#### **SCRIPTURE:** Mark 10: 35-45; Philippians 2: 1- 12

**Mark 10:35** James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I

drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup> They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

**Philippians 2:1** If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup> who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup> but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup> he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

**Communion Meditation:** "What Kind of Cup Do You Bring?" (Rev. Linda Lea Snyder)

**HYMN: #336 *Here O My Lord, I See You Face to Face***

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;

Here would I touch and handle things unseen;

Here grasp with firmer band the-eternal grace,

And all my weariness upon you lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here share the cup, the gracious gift of heaven;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste a fresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heavenly table spread anew;  
Here let me feast, and, feasting still prolong  
The brief, bright hour together here with you.

We have no help but yours, nor do we need  
Another strength than yours to lean upon.  
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;  
Our faith is in your might, your might alone.

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S BLESSINGS: Use the next few moments to share joys and concerns in the chat. Our services are recorded. Please use first names. God knows who you mean.

GETTING TO KNOW ANOTHER CHILD OF GOD – Lynn & Bill Mann

### **OFFERTORY INVITATION**

We bring our offerings, not to win God's favor, but to express our thanks. We give because we cannot truly live if we only receive. It is our privilege to respond to God's mercy by doing good with the resources entrusted to us. Let us give with generosity and joy.

OFFERTORY MUSIC ***Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord*** – Psalm 100  
Christine Lehoullier and Joan Virga on Ukulele

### **DOXOLOGY:**

Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sustains all creation!  
Sing praise, my soul, in profound and complete adoration!  
Glad some rejoice organ and trumpet and voice,  
Joining God's great congregation.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Rev. Linda)

### **WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER**

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS and PASTORAL PRAYER

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

### **HYMN: #76 *Sent Forth By God's Blessing***

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
The fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
To work for God's realm and to answer the call.

### **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 - June 6, 2021***

### **PRAYERS OF JOY**

104 To-Go meals served at the Spaghetti Supper on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Spaghetti Supper Angels!

We continue to pray for a restful, restorative sabbatical leave for Pastor Deborah.

For you youth, Haley, Abby, and Kylie, who gathered and made the wonderful Memorial Day signs which will be displayed outside our building in honor of Memorial Day 2021 that show our congregation's care and esteem for those who gave their all for our ideals.

That increased vaccine distribution in the US will continue to build our common resistance as a country. For those who continue to be taken ill and lose family members.

Kevin R. (friend of Liza D) is doing much better!

Gratitude for our Irish friends who worship with us every week. Prayers for Lynda's husband Kenny who has been hospitalized in Northern Ireland.

Gratitude for Rev. Kennedy and our friends in Zimbabwe!

Gratitude for members in Georgia and Laconia and places physically far from us.

## **PRAYERS OF CONSOLATION**

Jay, Marjorie P's family friend, who died.

Families of the nearly 600,000 people who have died in the US due to COVID.

Tender prayers for the countries of Brazil, Nepal, and India facing unprecedented COVID cases and deaths.

Prayers for Israel and Palestine that the cessation of violence will hold and lead to reconciliation.

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

Marilyn Ham who took a fall this week, went to the hospital but didn't stay, that she will be healed.

Cathy Pottle's daughter Shana who is recovering from an infection.

Judy D. who is still recovering from arm surgery after taking a bad fall on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Prayers for Rachel as she supports her.

Prayers for Andrea & Tom who thank everyone for their support and continued prayers.

James S (Jeff's dad) who needs dialysis

Erin H. friend of Nancy Murdock. She has a serious autoimmune disease.

Young 8 yr. old Nash needs healing prayers; his family needs strength

Raymond C, son of Maryann's friend Linda, needs a heart transplant.

Stephen, nephew of Eileen Cox, diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma stage 3, spreading quickly.

Kate (friend of Chris C) dealing with difficulties in pregnancy

Anne E and her family

Wendy W's health concerns.

Teachers and all school personnel finishing up the school year; medical professionals of all levels and in all locations, pastors and chaplains, world, and local leaders

**For those with cancer:** Liza D's husband's Uncle Walt has Stage 4 cancer; Kate, Jesse's friend is battling terminal cancer; Martha, close friend of Pat and Dick P, recurring leukemia; Janice P; Bob Dinan (friend of the Bob and Karen); Danny with stage 4 cancer, brother of Mary Jane (friend of Rachel and Alec); Kathleen M (friend of Trudie B) diagnosed with cancer

## **SPECIAL ONGOING PRAYERS**

Prayers for peaceful resolution to conflict situations around the world and for peaceful healing of divisions in our own country.

Parkland Hospital personnel, and all nurses and doctors, Hospice workers and employees of nursing Homes and extended care facilities

Law Enforcement, fire fighters and other protectors of our safety and democracy; especially all first responders, active troops, and National Guard Military.

Family Promise in their new Manchester expanded facility and our FP team that will bring dinner one night.

Everyone in Zimbabwe, recovering slightly from desperate hunger and now receiving some vaccines. Continue with Kennedy and other leaders as they help heal a country riddled with corruption, continuing environmental impacts and COVID.

Aghadowey Rural Kinship – all of our friends in Northern Ireland

Southern NH Family Promise; Sonshine Soup Kitchen; Marion Gerrish; Upper Room Danganvura – UCCZ – Zimbabwe African Church

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

Tim B – Health & strength

Bonnie H, friend of Tim B

Refugees and their families seeking asylum and safety.

People of color and members of the LGBTQ+ community.

Friends of the Meetinghouse Board of Directors.

