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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 // LIGHTING THE CHRIST LIGHT**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Led by Sue Brown) (Based on a prayer by John Henry Newman)

One: Come, O Holy Spirit. Come as Holy Fire and burn in us

**Many: Come as Holy Wind and cleanse us**

One: Come as Holy Light and lead us in the darkness

**Many: Come as Holy Truth and dispel our ignorance**

One: Come as Holy Power and enable our weakness

**Many: Come as Holy Life and dwell in us.**

**HYMN: #282 *Everytime I Feel the Spirit***

INVOCATION (Led by lay reader. Please join in.)

Holy God, May we listen for the wind of Your spirit as it blows through our lives.  
May we heed the words of wisdom it speaks to each of us.  
Then may we follow it from service to our own passions to service in the world.  
Amen.

**SONG OF PRAISE: #267 *Come, Oh Spirit, Dwell Among Us* (vs. 3)**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

**SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-21**

<sup>1-4</sup> When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

<sup>5-11</sup> There were many Jews staying in Jerusalem just then, devout pilgrims from all over the world. When they heard the sound, they came on the run. Then when they heard, one after another, their own mother tongues being spoken, they were blown away. They couldn't for the life of them figure out what was going on, and kept saying, "Aren't these all Galileans? How come we're hearing them talk in our various mother tongues?"

Parthians, Medes, and Elamites;  
Visitors from Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia,  
Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,  
Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene;  
Immigrants from Rome, both Jews and proselytes;  
Even Cretans and Arabs!

"They're speaking our languages, describing God's mighty works!"

<sup>12</sup> Their heads were spinning; they couldn't make head or tail of any of it. They talked back and forth, confused: "What's going on here?"

<sup>13</sup> Others joked, "They're drunk on cheap wine."

<sup>14-21</sup> That's when Peter stood up and, backed by the other eleven, spoke out with bold urgency: "Fellow Jews, all of you who are visiting Jerusalem, listen carefully and get this story straight. These people aren't drunk as some of you suspect. They haven't had time to get drunk—it's only nine o'clock in the morning. This is what the prophet Joel announced would happen:

“In the Last Days,” God says, “I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people:  
Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters;  
Your young men will see visions, your old men dream dreams.  
When the time comes, I’ll pour out my Spirit  
On those who serve me, men and women both, and they’ll prophesy.  
I’ll set wonders in the sky above and signs on the earth below,  
Blood and fire and billowing smoke, the sun turning black and the moon blood-red,  
Before the Day of the Lord arrives, the Day tremendous and marvelous;  
And whoever calls out for help to me, God, will be saved.”

Reflection by Nancy Murdock

HYMN: #270 *Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song*

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

OFFERTORY INVITATION (lay reader)

Who carries the hope of Christ into the world? Our gifts do just that. They empower those who serve all the while expressing the goodness and greatness of our God!  
*If you are joining us virtually, please use the next few moments to share joys and concerns in the chat. Please use first names as our services are recorded. God knows who you mean.*

GETTING TO ANOTHER CHILD OF GOD: UCC Dangamvura

DOXOLOGY: #267 *Come, Oh Spirit, Dwell Among Us* (vs. 2)

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Led by lay reader, please join in.)

**We bring our offerings to feed your lambs and tend your sheep, gracious God. Allow them to provide help where it is most needed, as well as opportunities for growth within your gathered believers. Amen.**

### **WE RESPOND WITH GRATITUDE AND PRAYER**

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS and PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (led by Reni)

I invite you to join me in a spirit of prayer:

Holy God, we come before You in prayer, lifting up to You the joys and concerns, the hopes and dreams of our hearts.

May we also be open to Your voice in our lives that we may see with new eyes, and hear with new ears, the direction You would have us go.

Hear our prayers for those whose lives have touched ours; for those who are in pain; those who are ill; and those who grieve.

May we touch their lives not only through our prayers, but through our words and actions, as well.

Guide us, bless us, uplift us, and hold us, for we are Your children called to Your purpose in our world.

Hear our prayers, those spoken and those hidden in our hearts,

As we pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

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

ANY FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: #295 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

BLESSING

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated.)

Please visit our Facebook page or our website for recent videos of services and moments of Christian Faith Formation and inspiration.

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH - Members of the Congregation

SENIOR PASTOR AND TEACHER - The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

LAY READER – Sue Brown

REFLECTION PRESENTER – Nancy Murdock

GREETERS – Reni Harnden, Rachel Cobban, Jo Worthen and Jack Grand (Remote)

GUEST MUSICIAN – Madeleine Landers

SONG LEADER – Katie Cobban

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR - Christine Lehoullier

OFFICE MANAGER - Michelle Guerrin

AV/STREAMING – Paul Lindemann, Mike Schroeder, Brian Williams & Reni Harden

## ***IN OUR PRAYERS – June 5, 2022***

### **PRAYERS OF JOY**

Many thanks to Deanna Butler for music last week.

Spring Fling – wonderful first time!! Thank you to everyone who helped us!

Pastor Deborah's ordination party! 17 years! She had a great Birthday. More than 17!!

Pastor Deborah is grateful to everyone for their kind attention and generosity! Dozens (nearly 200!) of "cards of caring" were delivered to CMC! Thank you, All! Caroline M completed all of her cancer radiation treatment and rang the bell!

Having the piano in Currier! It is a lovely addition to the worship service!  
Martha (Nancy M's sister-in-law) is doing much better!  
Our sister church in Zimbabwe – Dangamvura UCC – has invited us to write to them!  
Music Committee is working hard to provide a program of music for worship services!  
Gratitude for members and friends in Indiana, Georgia, Zimbabwe, and N. Ireland.

### **PRAYERS OF CONSOLATION**

Trina's sister Marian's husband (Larry) lost his battle with cancer May 31  
For the families of those killed by an assault rifle in a Texas Elementary School  
For the families of those killed in the grocery store in Buffalo, NY.  
For the families of the more than one million souls who have died in the US due to COVID.  
For the family of Naomi Judd and all those who take their own lives because their despair is so profound.  
Christine Lehoullier and her family on the death of her cousin AmyLee

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

Andrea & TomBob – Nancy L's dad – had a serious operation on 5.17.22  
Joe Weaver- tested positive for COVID 5/11/22  
Safety for Jen's friend Heather and her family in Prescott< AZ – so near the fires  
Gary (friend of the Guerrin Family) with stage 3 lung cancer  
Carol (Carol G.'s sister-in-law) facing multiple operations  
Lincoln, Karen W's nephew, struggling with Autism and other mental health concerns.  
Jenny, friends of Jeff S  
Davida, Jo's friend  
Benjamin Plouff, Dick's brother, suffering from cardiac issues, breathing now difficult;  
Jim, Jeff S.'s father, for prayers of confidence and healing

### **For those with cancer:**

Marcia (dear friend of Karen and Bob) with advanced ovarian cancer;  
Rod Hunt, recovering from his operation;  
Sue Weaver is recovering from her operation.  
Lisa (friend of Liz G and Pastor Deborah) is recovering from her operation  
BB Dinan (friend of the Bob and Karen) – approaching the end of his life;  
Bruce with stage 4 colon cancer; Janice P continues to fight her cancer;  
Priscilla with colon cancer; Tracey with aggressive cancer who has 3 children/ only 46 years old; Liza D's husband's Uncle Walt has Stage 4 cancer;  
Martha, close friend of Pat and Dick P, recurring leukemia

### **SPECIAL ONGOING PRAYERS**

Teachers – who continue to give their heart and soul with diminishing resources.  
Ukraine – its people, its President. Russia – its people, its Leaders.  
Poland and other NATO countries who are offering aid in Ukraine's time of crisis.  
Law Enforcement, fire fighters; first responders, active military  
Prayers for peaceful resolution to conflict situations around the world

Parkland Hospital personnel, Elliot Hospital personnel, staff at Dartmouth Hitchcock and all nurses and doctors, Hospice workers and Southern NH Family Promise; Sonshine Soup Kitchen; Marion Gerrish; Upper Room; Tim B – Health & strength and Bonnie H, friend of Tim B

## Final Announcements:

**“Path to the Sanctuary Initiative 2022-23” – amazing** matching gift! Your gift will be doubled! Please pledge what you can. Pink pledge cards are available. For **every** dollar you donate, **two** dollars will be received.

JUNE Adult Faith Formation – No Class on June 7<sup>th</sup>. On June 14, 21, 28 we will read “Faith After Doubt” by Brian McLaren. Read on your own and we will discuss together. Copies are now available in the office.

## Upcoming Events:

- Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am – Celebration of Jane Krantz’s life; here at FPC
- **The Meetinghouse Five Fundraising Footrace** — June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 — The Friends of the Meetinghouse are staging a competitive 5-Mile Race and a fun 2.5-Mile Walk to support Meetinghouse preservation, with professional help from New England Timing’s Dave Breeden. Visit to sign up or learn about opportunities to Sponsor or Volunteer: [Meetinghouse Five web page https://fotmh.org/race](https://fotmh.org/race)
- **Vacation Church Camp:** Rocky Railway July 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>; 9 to 12:00 pm is for ages 4 to 12.
- Pastor Deborah will be on vacation for a week. Her 4<sup>th</sup> grandchild arrived on June 1 at 2:00pm. 6lbs 10 oz. Mother and child doing very well. Prayers for safe travel for both her!! There is a clergy person on call. If you have a need, please call a Deacon first. (Rachel Cobban, Sue Brown, Joanne Worthen, Reni Harnden)