



***First Congregational Church of Walpole
United Church of Christ***

***No matter who you are, no matter where you are on life's
journey, you are welcome here***

March 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE
Second Sunday in Lent - March 8, 2020

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CHURCH NEWS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

INTROIT

Jubilate Deo

Palestrina

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

In worship of God, let us quicken our conscience by God's holiness;
nourish our minds by God's truth; purify our imagination by God's beauty;
open our hearts to God's love.

**Let us surrender our wills to God's purpose, and gather ourselves selflessly
before God in adoration.**

***HYMN**

O Word of God Incarnate

#310

CALL AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

May we confess, as Jesus did in the wilderness. Gracious God forgive those things we have done which have caused you sadness, and those things we should have done that would have brought you joy. In both we have failed ourselves, and you. Bring us back to that place where our journey began, when we said that we would follow you.

Silence

Let us confess together...

Holy One, who is able to make all things new, we are thankful for the gift of each day being an opportunity to do better, to be better. We ask forgiveness for wanting new life without being willing to die to old ways of being. Forgive us for doubting that new life, rebirth is possible. Midwife our spirits, that we may be born into a new state of consciousness; that we may be born from above.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even in our reluctance, even in our brokenness, God provides a path to wholeness and renewal. When we confess our shortcomings, God has mercy on us and is generous with forgiveness. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven... and that is good news.

Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 121; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Peg Winnen

***SCRIPTURAL RESPONSE**

Iverson

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the Living God,
fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me*

A CHILD IN US ALL

SERMON

***HYMN**

I Love to Tell the Story

#498

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

**Hear our prayer O Lord
Hear our prayer O Lord
Incline Thine ear to us
And grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Winter Reigneth O'er the Earth

A. Sullivan

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

May these gifts indicate our gratitude for our many blessings.
May the spiritual nourishment we receive today
Strengthen us for continued service. Amen.

*HYMN

Renew Your Church, Her Ministries Restore

#725

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

God of our past. God of our future. God of this present age. As we leave this
place, but not your presence—we pray that you take us not away from danger
But give us the courage to face it.
Take us not away from difficulty,
But give us strong hearts to bear it.
Take us not away from evil,
But give us the power to overcome it.
May the love of God surround you, the peace of God dwell in you,
And the justice of God compel you. Go in peace. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go Now in Peace

*Please feel free to stand and
join in forming a circle*

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE

Scripture Readings for March 8, 2020

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on
and forevermore.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.
In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to
keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the
image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as
Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is God who said, "Let
light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the
knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.



WELCOME VISITORS! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. If you care to complete a pew card with contact information or requests, they are located in the back of the pew in front of you. Place the completed card in the offering plate when it is passed.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION. There will be a Coffee & Conversation after the worship service today.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. On March 22nd, we will be having our One Great Hour of Sharing offering. As part of our 5 for 5 commitment, this Lenten offering supports the disasters, refugee and development ministries of the UCC. Look forward to additional information in next week's bulletin.

Calendar for Week of March 8, 2020

Sunday, 8th	10:00 am	Worship Service / Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee and Conversation
Monday, 9th	9 -Noon	Office Hours
	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday, 10th	9 -Noon	Office Hours
	6:30 pm	Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, 11th	9 -Noon	Office Hours
	1:00 pm	Men's Hearts Club
	7:00 pm	Women's Fellowship Meeting
	7:00 pm	Bells Rehearsal
Thursday, 12th	9 -Noon	Office Hours
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 13th	9 -Noon	Office Hours
Saturday, 14th	5:30 pm	Movie & Pizza Night
Sunday, 15th	10:00 am	Worship Service / Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour



Birthdays:

March 11: Michelle Wright
March 13: Margaret Winnen

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following people: **Marilyn Blake, Robert & Virginia Galloway, Nancianne Houghton, Linda Jacob, Gina Nason, Sandy O'Brien, David Price, Phil Rogers, Helen Sawyer, and the Search Committee.**

Please speak directly to Pat Kingsbury with your prayer requests.

Members living in retirement homes.

Patsy Campbell, Robert Graves, Rick Prentiss, Virginia Putnam, Nancy Ramsey
(Maplewood, 201 River Rd., Westmoreland, NH 03467)

Dave & Barbara Maysilles

(Langdon Place, 136A, Arch St., Keene, NH 03431)

Our sister church in Chiredzi, Zimbabwe.

Deacon of the Month: Jana Sellarole
Greeters: Paul & Ann Looney
Ushers: Minna Good, Sandy Pickering
Music Director: Amy Cann
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Minister, Rev. Eric Marean
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