



Congregational Church of Laconia United Church of Christ

9:30 a.m. May 31, 2020

Prelude

Announcements and Lighting of the Christ Candle

You are invited to light a candle in your home worship space at this time. As you do you are invited to say: *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

Words to Gather Us (Sung Responsively)

Deep within the forest, where silence reigns,

The gift of God echoes.

Through crowded walkways and busy streets,

The gift of God echoes.

Amongst our broken and suffering people,

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Hymn *"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"* #270

**Like the murmur of the dove's song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind's rush,
like the new flame's eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**To the members of Christ's body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the Church in faith assembled,
to our midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

Opening Prayer (Responsively) (Liberationist's Version of Lord's Prayer)

Life-Giving God, Holy Breath of Creation, Righteous Redeemer of the lost, we come to you in this space seeking the flame of your Holy Spirit. We come to you in this space here, in our homes across this state and country, we come to you in this world divided. In this world of injustice and strife. To the God within each of us, we call out to you, make yourself known to our mind's eye, allow us to see your beauty in each and every person we encounter. Our path to healing lies within our hearts, Holy One, within the space that you reside. As we journey this path to peace, hear us now as we say together:

Our Mother and Father, who is in us here on earth, holy is your name, in the hungry who share their bread and their song. Your Kingdom come, which is a generous land flowing with milk and honey. Let us do your will, standing up when all are sitting down, and raising our voice when all are silent. You are giving us our daily bread in the song of the bird and the miracle of the corn. Forgive us for keeping silent in the face of injustice, and for burying our dreams; for not sharing bread and wine, love and the land, among us, now. Don't let us fall into the temptation of shutting the door through fear, of resigning ourselves to hunger and injustice, of taking up the same arms as the enemy. But deliver us from evil. Give us perseverance and the solidarity to look for love, even if the path has not yet been trodden, even if we fail; so we shall have known your Kingdom which is being built forever and ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21

Sermon "Let the Spirit Breathe"
Time for Reflection

Pastoral Prayer ***** *Also, if you're watching today's service on YouTube, you may send in your prayer requests via the comment section of the YouTube page. Also, throughout the week, please remember to contact Pastor Neil or Pastor Paula if you have needs to share. While we may not be able to be together in prayer by your side physically, we do want to be in prayer with you.*

Our Offering to the Community

Hymn "How Great Thou Art"

**O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]**

**When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]**

Benediction

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God Be With You

God be with you 'til we meet again
By God's counsels guide uphold you
With God's sheep securely fold you.
God be with you 'til we meet again.

Postlude

Today's flowers . . . *"Happy belated birthday to Greg, from Hollis with love."*

Announcements

*Summer worship begins on June 21 at 9:00 a.m.
Live streaming continues*

No Meatballs, Deviled Eggs and Fellowship today! Join us next week.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Devotion Gatherings on Zoom

Here's your link

Meeting ID: **975 8688 5719**

Password: **249804**

Or call in

1.646.558.8656

Voted Best in the Lakes Region in 2019

Do you love our church as much as you did last year? I bet you do! Well, its time again for the Best of the Lakes Region and we are looking for your vote!

It is simple and easy. Especially now that so many of us have become more accustomed to working with our computer technology! Click on the link <https://www.bestofthelakesregion.com/> Then click on the "Vote" tab and in the next window click on "Things to do. Click on "Next". Then choose in the "Things to Do Sub-Category" - "Best Place of Worship."

Look for Congregational Church of Laconia United Church of Christ and **Vote!**

Like it has been said about Chicago politics "Vote early and vote often" only in this case it is completely legit to vote every day! I already know you are the **Best Place of Worship in the Lakes Region** but let's let the rest of the Lakes Region know how much you love this church and congregation!

Peg Petrie's obituary was in Thursday's paper. Here is the contact information for her children:

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