



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Congregational Church of Laconia United Church of Christ
 9:30 a.m. September 13, 2020

Meditation thought: “There's no place too dark for God's light to penetrate and no heart too difficult to be set aflame by God's love.” Sammy Tippit,

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 true light that gives light to everyone has come into the world.*

Adapted from John 1:9 (NIV)

Call to Worship (responsively)

Just as it is impossible to stop the ripples of the water once they start,
So too it is impossible for anything to stop our ripples of Love from reaching a heart,
 Take comfort in that, and let Jesus' peace and love flow through you.
Let us each keep dropping love pebbles everywhere we go!

Hymn # 4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

1. Joyful, joyful we adore you, God of glory, God of love;
 hearts unfold like flowers before you, opening to the sun above.
 Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the storms of doubt away;
 giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

2. All your works with joy surround you; earth and heaven reflect your rays,
 stars and angels sing around you, center of unbroken praise.
 Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow,
 flashing sea, changing bird and flowing fountain,
 teach us what our praise should be.

**3. You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you;
teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.**

Prayer of Invocation and Lord's Prayer

United in one voice, scattered in different places, we pray Gracious God, renew our minds with the power of your Holy Spirit. Cleanse our spirits with the mercy of your grace. Bring us into fellowship with one another and grant us courage to defend those in need. Part the waters of our troubled thoughts, that we might see others as you see them. Protect us with your powerful hand that we might sing of your faithfulness and dance to your glory. United we pray the prayer Jesus taught us; Mother, Father God, 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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Special Music	"To a Wild Rose" Kay Vercoe, Piano	By Edward MacDowell
Scripture Reading	Galatians 5:13-15	
Message	"It's All About Love"	Rev. Paula Gile
Time for Reflection	O Christ the Same Jaylene Bengtson, Soprano	Traditional Irish Melody, words by Timothy Smith

Pastoral Prayer *If you're watching today's service on YouTube you may send in your prayer requests via the comment section on 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 and pray by your side physically, we do want to be in prayer with you.*

Hymn "It's All About Love"

- 1. What does it mean to call myself a Christian? What does it mean to live out my faith?
I do not think it's a list of do's and don'ts that's just not deep enough.
It's all about love. It's all about love.
It's all about love and the kinds of things that love does;
things like justice and compassion. It's all about love.**
- 2. If you ask me why I'm so drawn to Jesus? If you ask me why I follow Christ,
I won't tell you, I'm afraid of judgment day. That's just not deep enough.**

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3. When I feel lost, and everything's uncertain; when I'm not sure what choices to make,
these simple words always help me find my way. They're always deep enough.
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Benediction

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 Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of John Thompson
by Greg and Hollis Thompson.

The rose on the Altar is in honor of Steve Hatch's 90th birthday September 9.

***Outdoor worship TODAY at 10:45 -- masks and social distancing.
Email Pastor Neil if you plan to attend.***



Announcements

Church Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 AM – 3 PM

Prayer Requests: **Please post prayers as early as possible today during the service.** *If you're watching today's service on YouTube you may send in your prayer requests via the comment section on the YouTube page. Also, you may post your prayers on the Prayer Wall on the website and throughout the week please remember to contact Pastor Neil if you have needs to share. While we may not be able to be together and pray by your side physically, we do want to be in prayer with you.*

Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Devotion Gatherings on Zoom – link below

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