

January
10th 2021
9:30 a.m.



Live Stream
Worship

First Sunday of Epiphany Baptism of the Lord

Meditation Thought

"Jesus Christ can be accepted; he can be rejected; He cannot reasonably be ignored."

- D. Elton Trueblood

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

God of light, light of light, true God of true God

We bless You

God of new beginnings, hope of hope, as we reach for this new year

We bless You

God of joy, delight of delight, as we give thanks for all that is good

We bless You

Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" # 227 Pilgrim Hymnal

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer

who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

Invocation and Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Lord of Hope, we give You thanks for a new day.

We arise today, to a horizon guiding our eye beyond the everyday;
to a dawn gently lighting up the wonders of Your creation;
to a whispered dew rooting us firmly to this precious earth.

For this and more we thank You.

Lord of Hope, we give You thanks for a new year.

We arise today, to the knowledge that Your Son, our Lord, goes before us;
to the hope that through His presence all people will be transformed;
to the promise of salvation for all.

For this and more we thank You.

Lord of Hope, we give You thanks for a new start.

We arise today, turning our backs on the ways of judgement and criticism;
sloughing off narrow-minded assumptions;
reaching out to enemy and friend with generous compassionate hearts.

For the promise of a new start, a new year, a new day,
for these gifts and for so much more we thank You and offer this prayer in the name of
your Son our Lord Jesus Christ who taught us to pray saying,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Music Offering *"The Peaceful Forests"* Bach/Alexander Schreiner Bob Bengston, organ

Scripture Reading Mark 1:4-11

Message *"In Over Our Heads"*

Music for Reflection *"Concerto"* Samuel Barber - Willa Brasch, violin Cathy Lord, piano

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn *"Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult"* # 171 NCH

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild and restless sea;
Day by day that voice still calls us, saying, "Christian follow me."

As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship of treasures we adore,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,
Jesus calls in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercies, Savior, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

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



Our altar flowers this week are shared with us by Claudia Wright "In loving memory of my husband, Don, and other family members."

Announcements

Annual Meeting of the Congregational Church of Laconia U.C.C.

This year's Annual meeting will be held Sunday January 31st following the morning Live Stream worship service. Due to the nature of the meeting and in order to have the capability to conduct voting this meeting will be held through the Zoom meeting format.

Be looking for the Call to the meeting next week along with the link to join the meeting via Zoom.

Also there will also be a **Budget Review meeting on Sunday January 24th** immediately following the Live Stream worship This Budget Review meeting will be **held by Live Stream** so you are asked to stay on following the worship.

Book Discussion for January

"The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules"

By Catharina Ingleman-Sunberg

Friday, January 21, 2021 Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87814469927?pwd=MWpFaXpwRjhoSmZONXVQUzd0Ukt1UT09>

Meeting ID: 878 1446 9927

Passcode: dr5fq6

For those planning ahead: February book "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett

March book "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger

If you have questions you may contact Martha Clement 603-520-8219

January Devotionals Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom.

Use the link here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84679318442>

Meeting ID: 846 7931 8442

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.

Church office hours

Monday, Wednesday and
Friday

9 AM – 3 PM

Please make every attempt to
conduct your church related
business on these days.