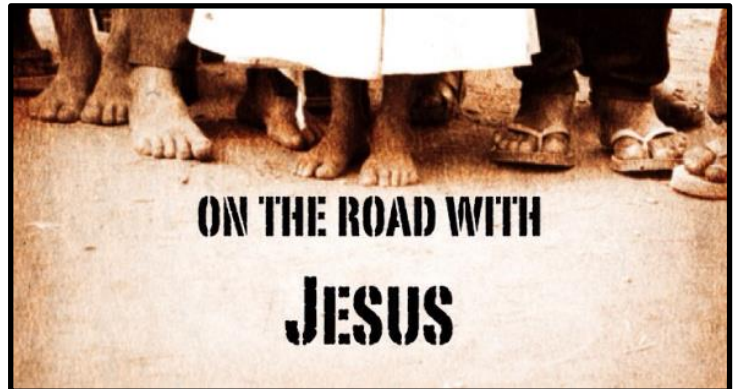


**Congregational Church of Laconia
United Church of Christ**

**Third Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021 9:30 a.m.**

Live Stream Worship



Meditation Thought *"Most people want Jesus as a consultant rather than a sovereign, and He does not come that way.* - Timothy Keller Pastor Redeemer Presbyterian Church New York City, NY

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (Responsively) based on Psalm 19

The heavens are telling the glory of God

May our worship reflect God's glory.

And the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

May we see each other as the handiwork of God.

Let our prayer and praise, our singing and proclamation project the love of God.

We commune with Christians around the world, with Christians throughout time.

With Christians across geography and across time,

Let us worship!

Hymn *"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"* # 173 NCH

**You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.**

Refrain

O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name.

On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you I will seek other seas.

**You know full well my possessions.
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working.**

Refrain

**You need my hands, my exhaustion,
Working love for the rest of the weary-
A love that's willing to go on loving.**

Refrain

**You who have fished other waters;
You, the longing souls that are yearning:
As loving Friend, you have come to call me.**

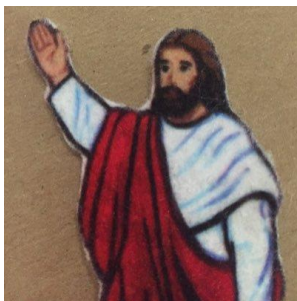
Refrain

Invocation and Lord's Prayer (Unison)

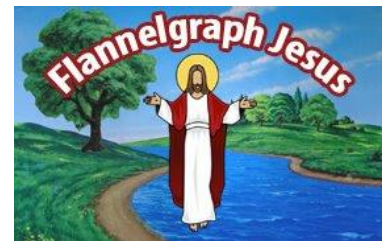
**Gracious Christ, you came to the fishermen when the prophet John was taken away.
Come to us now, as we fear losses of our own.
Grant us courage to cast aside the nets that bind us,
to follow you into true freedom and newness of life.
Help us to be faithful disciples, that we might inspire others
to follow in your ways. We pray in the spirit and words of Jesus, our guide in all things
of faith: Our Father, whose dwelling is heaven, holy is 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.**

Musical Offering *"Canon for Two Flutes"* (Thomas Tallis) Ginny Barunas & Bob Bengtson

Scripture Reading Mark 1:14-20; 2:13-14



Message *"Life on the Road with Jesus"*



Musical Reflection *“Ah, Holy Jesus”* (Johann Crüger/ arr. Larry Shackley)
Ginny Barunas, Flute Phil Breton, Oboe Bob Bengtson, piano

Pastoral Prayer with Shared Joys and Concerns

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (adapted from *“A Wee Worship Book”* Liturgy for Holy Communion B)

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands;
now we put ours into yours.

Take us, renew and remake us.

What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.

Lead us on. Take us with you.

Amen.

Hymn *“The Summons”* verses 1,2,3,5 See Insert for Music

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the lepers clean, and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Benediction (Responsively)

From where we are to where you need us,

Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal,

Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your reign,

Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared for those who love God.

Jesus, now lead on.

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 Richard & Maurine Bastille in loving memory of brothers David Bastille, Rev. Dr Edward Bastille and parents Maurice & Pearl Favreau and Edward & Evelyn Bastille.

**Church office
hours**

Monday,
Wednesday and
Friday
9 AM – 3 PM

Announcements



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead Saturday evening or you will be late for worship next Sunday! But then even if you are late you can still watch the entire service on the website www.laconiaucc.org/live-stream/ or on YouTube just search for "Congregational Church of Laconia."

Welcome to our Live Stream Worship! If you are worshipping with us online for the first time or started worshipping with us recently, introduce yourself to us by leaving a little note in the YouTube chat function! Also Let the Church Office know if we can help you in any way! 603-524-0668. Seeking to be the church God desires for us to be!

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

Use the link here. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89836723958>

Meeting ID: 898 3672 3958

Prayer Requests: *Please post prayers as early as possible in the comment area of the YouTube page.* In order for Pastor Neil to share them, they need to be received **before the end of the sermon.** 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.

GOT LUNCH! Laconia has been selected by our local Hannaford store leadership as the

benefiting non-profit in the Fight Hunger Bag Program!

For the month of March 2021, GOT LUNCH! Laconia will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag at the Hannaford store located at 38 NH Route 25, Unit 5, Meredith NH.



World Day of Prayer replay

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0XURFju4Mlk>

Are you saying I'm Racist?

The Opening and Affirming Committee is inviting you to participate this week in the second of our 3 part series of Standing with Jesus for Justice, after church this Sunday, March 7, 2021 on ZOOM meeting. Time: 10:45-11:30

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83104317543>

Meeting ID: 831 0431 7543

Sunday, March 7- Racial Justice

Starting from an overview of racism and the church from the first days of the Apostles through the expansion of Christianity into the new world and colonial America, the Civil War and its persistence up to the present day, we will explore white privilege vocabulary and move to the question: "What does all this mean to us, here in Laconia?"

The last of the three part series will be on

Sunday, March 21- Local Justice Issues

What are we doing in our community and where do we go from here?

Palm Sunday Music and Meditation

Palm Sunday March 28 at 3:00 p.m. we will be hosting an hour of Music and Meditation in the Sanctuary. We invite any who would like to sit for a time in the sanctuary, to absorb the music and the comfort on this sacred space to email Pastor Neil neil@laconiaucc.org to let us know you would like to be there. There will be readings, music and some time for silence.

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Temple B'nai Israel

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Community Shabbat Sabbath Service 2021

Friday, March 19, 7:30 pm, over Zoom

sabbath- [**sab-uhth**]- A day set aside for rest and worship.



Please Join Us!

Temple B'nai Israel synagogue, of Laconia, would like to invite the Lakes Region community to join us for a Friday evening, Shabbat (sabbath) service on Friday, March 19, 2021, over Zoom.

Rabbi Dan Danson and Cantorial-Soloist Melody Funk will be leading our service and will introduce the community to a Reform Jewish service through song, explanation, and story. The prayers are English and Hebrew, and all explanations and lessons are in English. There will be a Q & A session following the service. The service will run a little over an hour in length.

We warmly welcome all who are interested to join us as we greet the Jewish sabbath together.

Please use this link to pre-register for the service. Upon registering, you will receive a custom URL with which to join the service. <http://bit.ly/3bxRMKt>

Call 617-584-2896 for more information.



The sanctuary at Temple B'nai Israel

Rabbi Dan Danson



Bima-raised platform for Torah reading

If the link in the above article does not work, use this one to register.

<http://bit.ly/3bxRMKt>

Or as stated above call 617-584-2896 for more information.



caring CONNECTION

This coming **Thursday March 11 at 10:00 a.m.** our Congregational Church of Laconia's Caring Connection Team will be hosting a Zoom gathering and training.

If you have been part of the Caring Connections as a visitor or offered rides to church or **would like to learn more**, mark your calendar for **Thursday, March 11th for a 10 a.m. Zoom gathering.** We've asked Alida Millham to share the history of the



Caring Connections. Pastor Neil will discuss this important ministry and how we can work more closely with him to meet the many pastoral needs of our congregation.

Anyone with a caring heart is invited to join us. For more information you may contact our Caring Connections leaders, Kay Vercoe, Diane Wells, or Louise Bastille.

Use the link below to join the gathering or you may RSVP

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88179883305>

Meeting ID: 881 7988 3305

The Summons

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1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech oes truc when you but call



your name? — Will you go where you don't know and
 your name? — Will you care for cruel and kind and
 your name? — Will you set the pris - oners free and
 your name? — Will you quell the fear in - side and
 my name. — Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? — Will you let my love be
 nev - er be the same? — Will you risk the hos - tile
 nev - er be the same? — Will you kiss the lep - er
 nev - er be the same? — Will you use the faith you've
 nev - er be the same. — In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, — will you let my name be known, — will you
 stare — should your life at - tract or scare? — Will you
 clean, — and do such as this un - seen, — and ad -
 found — to re - shape the world a - round, — through my
 go — where your love and foot steps show. — Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? —
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? —
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? —
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? —
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. —

WORDS: John Bell
 MUSIC: Traditional Scottish

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