

# Congregational Church of Laconia

## United Church of Christ



### Third Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. June 13, 2021

### In-Person and Live Stream Worship

***Face masks will be required and Safe Distancing will be practiced in the Sanctuary***

#### Meditation Thought

*"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo.*

*"So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."*

- J.R.R. Tolkien – *The Fellowship of The Ring*

#### Prelude

#### Welcome, Announcements and Lighting of the Christ Candle

#### Call to Worship

We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos.

**We gather to worship the One who carried the ark over the flood to a new beginning.**

We gather to worship the God who has seen us through in the past, this most recent year and will see us through the unknown of the future.

**We gather to give thanks to God who has carried us through!**

Let us lift our praise and thanksgiving to God who gives us voice and songs, old and new.

**Hymn** *“Now Thank We All Our God”* # 419 NCH

**Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices,  
Who, from our parents’ arms, has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given,  
To Christ and Spirit too, our help in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

**Invocation and Lord’s Prayer** (Unison)

***One body, one Spirit, one hope,  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all,***  
take this patchwork collection of persons and quilt together your church.  
Like old pieces of cloth, take these words and songs and prayers,  
take our thoughts and inner hungers and join them all together into a new and living  
fabric— the purpose of which is to cover and color your world (or at least our corner of  
it) with grace and love. For we pray in the spirit and with the words of Christ:  
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.

**Musical Offering** *“Gracious spirit, Heed Our Pleading”* Cathy Lord, Piano

**Scripture Reading** Ephesians 4: 4-6, 11-16



**Message** *"Oh, What a Relief It Is!"* (Or is it?)

**Musical Reflection** *"Humbly, Lord, We Worship You"* Jaylene Bengtson, Soprano

**Pastoral Prayer** with Shared Joys and Concerns

**Hymn** *"In the Midst of New Dimensions"* # 391 NCH

**In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways.  
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples wandering in their separate ways?**

***Refrain:***

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,  
We your people, ours the journey now and ever,  
now and ever, now and ever more.**

**Through the flood of starving people, warring factions and despair,  
Who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?**

***Refrain***

**As we stand a world divided by our own self seeking schemes,  
Grant that we, your global village might envision wider dreams**

***Refrain***

**We are man and we are woman, all persuasions, old and young,  
Each a gift in your creation, each a love song to be sung.**

***Refrain***

**Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain,  
May your blazing phoenix spirit, resurrect the church again.**

***Refrain***

**Benediction/Blessing**

**Parting Song "Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks and sing!" (2xs)**

**Postlude**



Today flowers on the altar are given by Margie and John Kreitler in memory of loved ones.

## ***Announcements***

### **Church office hours**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 AM – 3 PM

**Welcome to our Live Stream and In-person 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!



**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.

## HORTON CENTER 2021

Do you love the outdoors and being involved with a loving and caring community of fun? Then Horton Center is the camp for you! Make lots of new friends and explore all that Horton Center has to offer; hiking, rock climbing, archery, faith formation, swimming, community building, caving, campfires, s'mores, and worship at our beautiful Chapel Rock! Go to the website [hortoncenter.org](http://hortoncenter.org) and sign up now!! We already have 4 young people and 3 adult volunteers signed up for this summer! Please contact Diane Tinkham at [tinkhams@metrocast.net](mailto:tinkhams@metrocast.net) for more information.



**Campership Fund** We truly value this church camp experience, and we want to help any and all of our young people to go to camp. All campers attending from our Laconia church community will be given \$100 from our Campership fund towards the cost of their week at camp. Please speak to Pastor Neil if your family needs additional support.

**You can send a kid to camp!!** Would you like to give a child an amazing church camp experience? You are invited to contribute the cost of one week at camp (\$650) to make it possible for a child/youth from our church to attend who might not otherwise be able. Please contact Carolyn to discuss how to make an additional donation to the Campership Fund.