

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LACONIA
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 29, 2023 ~ 9:30 A.M.



ORGAN PRELUDE

Mr. K. Robert Bengtson, Organist & Choir Director

INTROIT

“Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning”

Saward and Barnard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 21 Day Challenge
- January Specials

Campbell Lovett, Interim Pastor
Diane Tinkham, Educational Ministries

CALL TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

***HYMN OF PRAISE #49** Ask Me What Great Thing I Know

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Beth Shehadi, Liturgist

Holy One, the prophet Micah reminds us that You show us what is good and what is required of us – to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with You. Inspire us in this time together to work for justice, to act kindly and to be humble on our earthly pilgrimages. Speak to us the word we need for the living of our days. Unite us to be your church at work in this troubled, but beautiful world. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us when we pray together to say...

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (*using “sins” and “those who sin against us”*)

***GLORIA # 53**

*Glo-rious is your name, O Je-sus, prais-es to your name.
Oh, glo-ri-ous and righ-teous and ho-ly is your name. Oh, glo-ri-ous is your name.
I feel your pres-ence in this place, your Spir-it make me whole;
I can feel your warm em-brace and all the joy with-in my soul.
Oh, glo-ri-ous is your name, Oh, glo-ri-ous is your name, Oh, glo-ri-ous is your name.*

HISTORICAL MOMENT

John Kimball Young and the Ten Commandments

ANTHEM

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Stan Pethel

(This anthem is offered in memory of The Rev. Edward Bastille)

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Praying Together: *Eternal God, in the reading of scripture, may your word be heard; in the meditation of our hearts, may your word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your word be shown. Amen.*

1 Corinthians 1:18 – 31 *Paul writes to the Christians at Corinth about the wisdom of God.*

Matthew 5: 1 – 12 *In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus talks about blessedness.*

MEDITATION

Who Would Choose to be Foolish and Weak?

(Please submit online prayers by the end of the Meditation)

ANTHEM

“I Feel the Spirit”

arr. by Don Bessig

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God in your mercy: *Hear our prayer.*

OFFERING

Sunday offerings may be placed in the small wooden boxes by each exit.

*Checks may be mailed to: Congregational Church of Laconia,
18 Veterans Square, Laconia NH 03246*

Online donations may be made at laconiaucc.org and click the DONATE tab

*CLOSING HYMN # 575

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COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

ANNUAL MEETING

(The Annual Meeting will begin promptly after a few minutes of set-up)

Upcoming Events & Save the Dates

Are there talented woodworkers or potters among us? Campbell is looking for examples of wood pieces turned on a lathe or pots spun on a wheel for the Ash Wednesday service. Please contact him at: pastor@laconiaucc.org.

LUNCH & LEARN: The next Lunch & Learn opportunity will welcome guest speaker Corey Gately, MLADC, Director of Substance Use Services for Concord Hospital-Laconia. Please join us on Thursday, February 9, at 12 PM.

THINK SUMMER! That may be hard to do if you've spent the better part of the last week or so with a snow shovel in your hands, but summer is closer than you think. Visit the Horton Center website to see what camps are being offered this year. There are options for ALL AGES. Some are short camps of a few days, but most are week-long programs. Whenever you go, Horton Center on Pine Mountain is awesome! <https://hortoncenter.org>.

FEBRUARY BOOK DISCUSSION: Leaving Cold Sassy by Olive Ann Burns, The Book Discussion group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 12 PM in the Parish House Library.

CHAMBERLAIN-REYNOLDS FOREST WALK/SNOWSHOE: Sunday, February 5th. Meet at 1 PM in front of the Parish Hall. Bring a snack, water, winter footwear or snowshoes! Three-mile loop, no elevation gain, forest trail. Contact Jean Clarke for more information, 603-455-9702 or jeanclarke56@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Educational Ministries Committee.

CELEBRATION XI FOR WOMEN – MARCH 17-19

Celebration XI will be held in Manchester, NH this year! What an opportunity to have more than 200 women come together to worship, sing and learn for three days. It is truly an empowering and amazing experience. Please register by March 10. Some scholarships are available to help with the cost. It is possible to attend one day or all three. For questions, call or talk with NHCUC Women's Fellowship Board members: Elvena Anderson, Margie Kreidler, Hollis Thompson or Diane Wells. We hope to see you there!