

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LACONIA
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

APRIL 28, 2024 9:30 A.M.

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING AND JUST PEACE CHURCH



Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Introit

Celtic Alleluia

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

A. Adapted from Living Psalms Book by Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Kehaunani Hill

One: Waves of stormy days have receded,

All: Weeping is but intermittent,

One: Hard times are fragile, hopefulness struggles to overcome despair.

All: My heart is filled to the brim with love.

One: I open my chest wide that it may be generous.

All: I sing praises from the great earth unto you, O God!

***Hymn of Praise 558**

O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the need of others, and of our failure to feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Passing the Peace

Anthem

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

Paul Bouman

Scripture | [John 4: 7-21](#) and [John 15: 1-8](#)

Sermon

Reverence, Love, and the Treasure of Encounter

Altar Flowers

The Peace Lily on the altar is given by Beth Shehadi and David Bouchard, "In loving memory of our parents, Martha Jane and Jack Shehadi, and Yvette and Joseph Bouchard." Next Sunday you will find the Peace Lily in the church narthex for all to enjoy.

LUNCH AND LEARN- May 23- Noon- Sam Evans Brown "The Energy Transition- What Does it Mean for the Granite State?"

LUNCH AND LEARN- May 30- Noon- Warren Huse- Honoring the 200th Anniversary of the Congregational Church of Laconia. A discussion with the well-regarded local historian about these past 200 years!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- August 6-8, 9:00-1:00- Faith, Food, and Fun!

Women's Breakfast May 15th, 8:30am at the Water Street Cafe
please RSVP to bettobergstrom@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast May 3rd, 17th, 31st
8:00am at the Water Street Cafe

Yom HaShoah Commemoration

Temple B'nai Israel

Saturday, May 4th at 1:00pm

The Congregational Church of Laconia

18 Veterans Square

Special Guest Presenter

Larry Benaquist, Phd.,

Emeritus Professor Film Studies, Keene State College

No registration required – Free and open to all