

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LACONIA  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

JUNE 23, 2024 9:00 A.M.

*AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING AND JUST PEACE CHURCH*

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**Prelude**

**Welcome and Greeting**

**LuAnn Mussari**

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn To the tune of “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  
by Ludwig van Beethoven**

**Rise Up**

Rise up, Rise up, children of the Holy Spirit, praise today  
We have gathered here together sharing love as family  
Brother, sister, mother, father, friend, and neighbor, children all  
Of the One whose love created everything both large and small

Walk beside us, Heavenly Savior, as we journey through our time  
Be our strength and also guide us as we choose our path to climb  
Toils and troubles, joys and blessings, all are part of the life we live  
Walking hand in hand with You and sharing all the love you have

**Prayer of Invocation**

Jesus, you have told us that wherever two or more of us are gathered in your name, you will also be present. Here we are, Lord; we have gathered as Christians. As you promised, we know you are here. Help us to see you wherever we look. Let your love shine brightly and the warmth of your compassion envelop each of us. And may the blessing of your Spirit bring us together as a family today and always. Thank you for being here with us.

**Passing the Peace**

**Sung Response**

**Halle – Halle**

**Special Music – Responsively**

**On Eagle’s Wings**

**Michael Joncas**

**Refrain:**

And He will raise you up on eagle’s wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

**Verse sung by Jaylene Bengtson**

## **Scripture Mark 4: 35-41**

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him,

**"Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"**

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were in awe and asked each other,

**"Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"**

## **Words of Reflection**

## **Let Us Go Over to the Other Side**

## **Prayers of the People**

God, we know you have a lot going on and that it may seem like an impossible dream for you to hear us. But you have fulfilled that dream by giving us Jesus. And, because Jesus is here with us, we know that our prayers are heard. We can rest assured in the knowledge that your loving arms embrace us and our prayers will be answered.

## **Prayer of our Savior**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## **Mission in Motion**

## **Got Lunch**

## **Special Music**

**Here I am, Lord**

**Dan Schutte**

**Sung by Lorraine & Granville Barrows**

## **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God for all that love has done,  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Lord, thank you for all the wonderful things you have done for us and for the promise of the glory yet to come. We offer these gifts to our church family as a means of supporting our mission of serving you by serving others. We promise to be faithful servants of these

gifts and to make sure they strengthen and nurture our world in fulfillment of your hope for us.

**\*Closing Hymn**

**Be Not Afraid**

**Bob Duford  
See Insert**

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

**Altar Flowers**

In honor of Muff's sister, Janet Beall, who is Celebrating her 80th Birthday!

Women's Breakfast July 17th, 8:30am at the Water Street Cafe  
please RSVP to [bettobergstrom@gmail.com](mailto:bettobergstrom@gmail.com)

Men's Breakfast June 28th, July 12th and 26th at the Water Street Café

Book Club June 26<sup>th</sup>

Night Watchman

by Louise Erdrich

**History Walk**

The Congregational Church of Laconia, United Church of Christ located at Veterans Square in downtown Laconia invites the community to see some of our history in photos. The display will be outdoors on the grounds of the church from June 17th to July 31, 2024

Afternoon hike at Gunstock Mountain

Supper at the Bastille Gazebo, and Vesper Service

Sunday Afternoon, 3 ~ 7 p.m. June 23, 2024

All are welcome!

**Creating an In-house Photo Directory**

- Send a good photo of you, you and your husband or wife, or you and your family (facial photos are best) to Carolyn Jorgensen at [carolyn@laconiaucc.org](mailto:carolyn@laconiaucc.org) so that she can add this photo to your other information in the Church Windows database.
- ***Please see the News Blast for more information!***