



*"YHWH'S favor is not exhausted, nor has God's compassion failed. They rise up anew each morning, so great is God's faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23, The Inclusive Bible*

## **New Hampshire Conference United Church of Christ**

**2021 Annual Meeting Worship Service  
Sunday, October 17, 2021**

Video can be found [here](#)

# THE LITURGY FOR MORNING WORSHIP

## Gathering Music

### **“The Storm is Passing Over”**

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### **“Draw the Circle Wide”**

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*Performed by the Congregational Church of Hollis Choir*

## Greeting and Welcome

*The Rev. Gordon Rankin, Conference Minister, New Hampshire Conference, UCC The Rev. Richard Slater, Associate Conference Minister, New Hampshire Conference, UCC*

**Call to Worship** (Based on Great is Your Faithfulness, New Century Hymnal #423)  
*First Church of Christ Congregational, UCC, North Conway, New Hampshire*

Leader: Great is your faithfulness, O God Creator

***People: With you, no shadow of turning we see***

Leader: You do not change

***People: Your compassions they fail not***

***All: All of your goodness forever will be.***

## **Hymn: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" New Century Hymnal #495**

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*Performed by South Church, Concord, New Hampshire, United Church of Christ*

### **Verse 1**

Called as partners in Christ's service Called to ministries of grace  
We respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace

May we learn the art of sharing Side by side and friend with friend

Equal partners in our caring To fulfil God's chosen end

### **Verse 2**

Christ's example Christ's inspiring Christ's clear call to work and worth Let us follow  
never faltering Reconciling folk on earth

Men and women richer poorer All God's people young and old Blending human skills  
together Gracious gifts from God unfold

### **Verse 3**

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission In a small or global sense  
Help us bear each other's burdens Breaking down each wall or fence Words of comfort  
words of vision Words of challenge said with care  
Bring new power and strength for action Make us colleagues free and fair

### **Verse 4**

So God grant us for tomorrow  
Ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife Make us partners  
in our living  
Our compassion to increase Messengers of faith thus giving Hope and confidence and  
peace

## **The People's Prayers for Healing and Hope**

*Introduction of Lament by a Spiritual Care Chaplain Concord VNA:  
Written and narrated by Rev Sean Dunker-Bendigo, South Church, UCC in Concord &  
Rev Gail Doktor, Jackson Community Church, UCC.*

### **Anthem: “We Could Change the World”**

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*Performed by the New Hampshire Conference Statewide Virtual Choir, under the direction of Billy Carleton Jr, Choir Director, Jackson Community Church.*

### **Scripture Lamentations 3:22-23 (The Inclusive Bible) and 1 Corinthians 13 (NRSV)**

*Charles Lewis, Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC*

### **Sermon “Building Fails and Successes”**

*The Rev. Gordon M. Rankin, Conference Minister, New Hampshire Conference, UCC,*

### **OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The Rev. Stacey Kullgren, Pastor, Unified Ministerial Mentoring Team, Chair*

*We ask that you consider accessing our online donation portal*



*to make a contribution to support the formation of our Members-in-Discernment of the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ. You may also mail your contributions to NHCUCC, 140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, NH 03275, with a memo noting this is your Annual Meeting offering.*

### **The Call to Give**

### **The Gathering of the Offerings: “The Summons”**

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*Performed and recorded by Virginia Bailey, BSO Soprano for the 220th New Hampshire*

*Conference Annual Meeting*

## **The Blessing**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION / ASSURANCE OF PARDON Call to Confession**

*Ann Siglin, Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC*

#### **Prayer of Confession**

***All: Author of Love, creator of community: we yearn to realize your hope for creation, your vision for humankind, but confess that we are too often not patient. Or kind. We are too easily envious, arrogant, boastful, and rude. We insist on our own way. We can be irritable and resentful and are perplexed to find ourselves delighting in the suffering of our enemies when we know we should be praying for their wellbeing, and our own humble transformation. Forgive us, we pray.***

***Help us, by your Love abiding within, to bear and believe, to hope and endure with you in the midst of all that challenges our desire to live as your Beloved Community.***

***We pray by the strength of the One who taught us how it's done, our brother and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.***

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

*The Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Pastor, Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC*

### **SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

*The Rev. Gordon M. Rankin, Conference Minister and The Rev. Richard N. Slater, Associate Conference Minister, New Hampshire Conference, UCC*

#### **Invitation “All Belong Here”**

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#### **Words of Institution/Remembrance, Break, Lift Epiclesis/Prayer of Consecration**

**Sharing** - The gifts of God for the people of God – all is ready – receive and rejoice.

## **Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Holy God, we praise You and thank You for these gifts of bread and drink that are manifestations of Your faithful love and compassion. By Your mercy may they nurture and grow this, Your beloved body of Christ, in Your world. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Shared by the Brookline Community Church, UCC & UMC*

## **Hymn: "We Would Be Building" New Century Hymnal #607**

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*Performed by South Church, Concord, New Hampshire, United Church of Christ*

### **Verse 1**

We would be building; temples still undone  
O'er crumbling walls their crosses scarcely  
lift; Waiting till love can raise the broken stone,  
And hearts creative bridge the human  
rift;

We would be building,  
Architect Divine,  
Reveal the shape of life in your design.

### **Verse 2**

Teach us to build; upon the solid rock  
We set the dream that hardens into deed,  
Ribbed with fine steel both time and change to mock  
The unfailing purpose of our  
noblest creed;

Teach us to build;  
O Maker, lend us sight  
To see the towers gleaming in the light.

### **Verse 3**

O keep us building, Savior; may our hands  
Ne'er falter when the dream is in our hearts,  
When to our ears there come divine commands  
And all the pride of sinful will departs;  
We build with you,  
O grant enduring worth  
Until your promised realm shall come on earth.

## **Benediction**

*The Rev. Gordon M. Rankin, Conference Minister, New Hampshire Conference, UCC,*

## **Postlude: Church Bell Ringing Composite**

# **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

## **The Annual Meeting Statewide Virtual Choir**

Steve Allbee, Jackson Community Church; Ben Allen, First Parish Congregational Church, UCC, East Derry; Debbie Gline Allen, First Parish Congregational Church, UCC, East Derry; Anne Ballam, First Congregational Church, Haverhill; Billy Carleton, Jr., Choir Director, Jackson Community Church; Dorothy Graaskamp, Congregational Church, Atkinson; Darlene Graczyk, Congregational Church, Atkinson; Suzanne Munroe, Jackson Community Church; Meg Phillips, Jackson Community Church; Rev. Nancy Talbott, Congregational Church of North Barnstead; Bart Wetherbee, Congregational Church, Atkinson; Robert Owen Williams, Community Church of Christ, Franconia.

## **The Annual Meeting Worship Planning Committee**

Ann Desrochers, Rev. Gail Doktor, Rev. Sean Dunker-Bendigo, Rev. Carlos Jauhola- Straight, Rev. Gordon Rankin, Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, and Rev. Dr. Lynn Wickberg.

## **The Annual Meeting Planning Committee**

Rev. Carlos Jauhola-Straight (*Chair*), Rev. Gail Doktor, Rev. Sean Dunker-Bendigo, Rev. Carolyn Keilig, Mr. Bruce Kinney, Rev. Gordon Rankin, Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen, Ms. Charen Urban, and Rev. Dr. Lynn Wickberg.  
Cindy Bradley and Ann Desrochers (*Support Staff*).

## **Call to Worship - First Church of Christ Congregational, UCC, North Conway**

Rev. John Hogue, Gerry Tilton, and Helen Goss with Rev. Gail Doktor of Jackson Community Church, UCC, Jackson, NH.

## **Congregational Church of Hollis Choir**

Bob Burns, Shirley Coleman, Dan Ericson, Dian Fallier, Lilian Garruba, Lina Hsu, Chris Hyde, Dot Hyde, Matt Kopser, Julie Kopser, John Lumbard, Drew Mason, Judy McCoy, Robin Parlee, Pat Petrasek, Joel Rasmussen, Mike Secules, Ann Siglin, April Springfield, Dee Wagner, and Marilyn Wehrle. Directed by Julie Oliver.

## **Credits**

Special thanks to Mr. James Allan and Mr. Timothy Griffin for sharing their technology expertise in the editing and production of our virtual Annual Meeting Worship Service.

## **Jazz Sanctuary House Band at First Congregational Church, Concord**

Rev. Emilia Halstead, Mr. Jock Irvine, Mr. Ed Raczka, and Rev. Dr. Timothy Wildman

## **Liturgy**

Many thanks to Rev. Tanya Stormo Rasmussen for the Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon; to Rev. Carlos Jauhola-Straight and Rev. Dr. Lynn Wickberg for the inspiring Sacrament of Communion liturgies; and to Alan Labrie, Music Director, Jackson Community Church for providing the "Music Freewrite in C" background music tracks.

**Lord's Prayer - Brookline Community Church** Ms. Cindy Perkins, Mr. Sanjay Cherian, Mrs. Nancy Dunbar, Ms. Carol Cherian, the Shaklee Family, Mrs. Amy Razzaboni, Mrs. Susan and Mr. Russell Haight, Mrs. Linda Saari, Mrs. Candy Tiner, Mr. Yifan Kang, Mr. John Nicholson, Rev. Catherine Merrill, the Sawick-Danckert Family, and the Aitken Family

## **Postlude**

New Hampshire communities participating in our closing bell carillon are: Horton Center, Star Island, Congregational Church of Hollis, UCC, Deerfield Community Church, UCC, Brookline Community Church, and Jackson Community Church. Rev. Gail Doktor, of the Jackson Community Church, provided the editing for this video.

## **The People's Prayers for Healing and Hope**

Introduction of Lament from a Spiritual Care Chaplain Concord VNA.

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## **South Church, Concord, Choir**

Sue Berlenbach, Janice Dutton, Warren Emley, Richard Nelson, and Mary Lynne Rahlson. Accompanied by Abigail Charbeneau, organ & piano.





## PRAYER LIST (10/24/21)

If you know those on this list, call on them & tell them we are praying for them. If you know others who should be added to this list please give their names to the minister or a deacon.

- Friends & family of June Hoff and Dave Larkin.
- Luca, Amy's nephew, who's working with a new pediatrician who's helping him and his family
- For everyone to stay as healthy as they can in the days to come
- For the friends & families of those who have died alone
- For our church, that we remain patient with the process of re-opening
- For Rev Catherine's smooth recovery as she recovers from surgery
- For the medical personnel who are working through another overwhelming wave of care needed for those stricken with Covid
- Continued prayers for Nancy McGinnis, a friend of Susan And Russell's daughter Stacey was diagnosed with liver cancer. She is a 45 year mother of a 4th grade boy and an 8th grade boy
- For John Nicholson's father, whose chemo and surgery seem to be working
- For Barbara's neighbor, Les Reid, who is going through Chemotherapy and having to deal with all the issues that go with this treatment
- For Sue Laub's sister who has stage 4 kidney cancer which has spread. No treatment options left
- For those suffering from addiction
- For all the major life transitions whose impact we feel over time.
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families



### **Complementary Household Prayer: Morning**

Gracious God, you give life and, in your Word, it is beautiful. Thank you for this new day. In each coming hour, help me to see beneath the ever-present difficulties and superficial joys into the mysteries that you have set out for your people. Guide me toward those I meet today in a way that welcomes them and, in turn, grants me a welcome, in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Complementary Household Prayer: Evening**

This day is nearly over, Merciful God, and I am tired. I have been unable to do all that I had hoped; I have done some things I would take back if I could. Forgive me for my failures. Bring me into the warmth and security of your embrace now, and fill me with new vision so that I may rest and rise to meet tomorrow with vigor, in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

### **Question for Reflection**

Give yourself some moments each day in the coming week to sit quietly with your eyes closed. Visualize Jesus kneeling down, opening his arms, and bringing you close to his heart. Let yourself be a little child who is welcomed. What do you notice?

## Announcements

The church's financial obligations continue. If you are able, please mail your offering to: Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline, NH 03033.

BCC YTD Financial Summary	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs Expenses + /-
September	\$76,184	\$63,563	\$12,620

Please shop [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose Brookline Community Church as your charity to support the church. Thanks!

The church's financial obligations continue. There are Several ways to send your offering.

1. Text GIVE to **603 506 4455** for your first time click **"SIGN IN"** then **"REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT"**
2. Scan the QR code Below



3. Mail to: Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline, NH 03033.

**Rev. Catherine** Following her surgery Rev Catherine is on medical leave. If you need anything and aren't sure where to go, please contact Candy Tiner, the church secretary ([secretary@bccnh.org](mailto:secretary@bccnh.org), 603-801-5918) or Jill Aitken, chair of the Deacons ([jgoods4@gmail.com](mailto:jgoods4@gmail.com), 973-713-7832) and they will get you to the right person.

### Reaching Out with Outreach

Outreach has been busy so far this year. We collected items to benefit Marguerite's Place, Bridges & Harbor Cares for their veterans transitional facility in Nashua.

**We were able to donate in total 7,955 items consisting of diapers, wipes, paper goods, cleaning supplies, bedding & gift cards to these organizations!!**

We could not have done this without the generosity of our congregation, Brookline and Hollis communities and the advertising efforts of Megan & Candy.

As non-profit organizations are starting to open up again so are opportunities for volunteer and paid positions. If you are interested or have some time please consider

checking out one of the organizations Outreach supports or contact an organization that interests you.

Please feel free to contact Amy Razzaboni at **arazz3914@gmail.com** or speak with any member of the Outreach Board with any questions or to get more information about our Outreach Organizations and other local non-profits.

### **Making Music with the Band!**

The band is always welcoming singers and instrumentalists of any level to join in making a joyful noise before the Lord. Speak to Sanjay (scherian@charter.net) if you're interested.

### **Brookline Food Pantry**

Although we cannot be together physically at this time, Outreach is continuing to work with Rebecca Purdin through the Brookline Welfare office & CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) to address our community's needs.

The Brookline food pantry is now open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-2:00 for drop-offs only. There is a list on the **Brookline Food Pantry's Facebook page** that is being updated as items are needed. In addition to Market Basket gift cards, this week, they're looking for:

- Detergent
- Juice
- Cleaning supplies
- Graham crackers
- Paper towels
- Facial tissues
- Coffee

If you know of anyone who could use some help from the Food Pantry, please let Rebecca or Amy know. We sense there's more need in the community than is currently picking up food.

Non-perishables can be dropped off at Brookline Town Hall (downstairs near the Town Clerk's Office), at the Brookline Post Office, or at the Cozy Tae Cart any time those places are open.

As always, perishable items such as bread, cheese, butter, eggs, meats, and milk can be donated during open pantry hours: Tues and Thurs, 10am - 2pm.

### **Habitat for Humanity Build in Nashua**

Although they are not accepting volunteer builders at the moment, we have provided a financial donation to Habitat for Humanity in Nashua. They are currently working on a duplex for two female veterans and their kids. Habitat would welcome financial contributions at this time as well.

### **Covid-19 Scams Targeting Seniors**

The **NH Attorney General's office put out a press release** describing several scams that are targeting seniors. The claims range from needing personal information to get

their Social Security payments, to being family members in need of cash to treat Covid-19 symptoms, to offers of fake medical products to prevent Covid-19, to needing personal information to get their stimulus checks, to fake charities. (Honestly, what are people like?!?). Please pass the word.

### **Covid-19 Information**

If people want to know the latest status of Covid-19 in NH and the Emergency orders to date, go to <https://www.nh.gov/covid19/>

### **Help Lines**

This time of isolation can be very difficult. You may know someone who needs some support beyond what you can provide. We're in this together.

- Suicide prevention: 1-800-273-8255
- Sexual assault: 1-800-656-4673
- Domestic violence: 1-800-799-7233

# SHARE CHRISTMAS



**Please consider giving in the following ways:**

Purchase a gift card for a child in any increment to Amazon,  
Target, Walmart or any local store

Purchase a gift card for a single adult in \$25.00 increments to an  
area grocery store, Walmart or Target.

Make a monetary donation for Share to buy Gift Cards.

**Place in Box in front hall at the church  
Or  
Mail to church at PO Box 507 Attn Outreach  
By November 10th**

**Thank You  
Outreach Board**

## ***MANDATORY 10 digit local dialing is required for all customers in the New Hampshire 603 Area Code - Effective October 24, 2021***

**Will everyone in the 603 area code have to dial 10 digits for local calls?**

Yes- Every customer with a number from the 603 area code will change to mandatory 10-digit dialing for local calls. Dialing 7 digits for local calls will be prohibited for all customers in the entire area code.

**What will be the new dialing procedure?**

To complete local calls, the new dialing procedure requires callers to dial the area code + telephone number. This means that all local calls in the entire 603 area code that are currently dialed with 7 digits will need to be dialed using the area code + telephone number.

**Why is the local dialing plan changing?**

On July 16, 2020, the FCC adopted an Order (FCC 20-100) approving 988 as the 3- digit abbreviated dialing code to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, starting July 16, 2022.

For 988 to work in the New Hampshire 603 area code, 10-digit local dialing must first be implemented. Implementation of this Order requires all covered providers to make 10-digit dialing mandatory for all local calls in the entire New Hampshire 603 area code.

**Why is 10-digit dialing going to be required in this area code?**

The FCC ordered that any area code that has the 988 prefix and has 7-digit local dialing be transitioned to 10-digit local dialing to ensure everyone is able to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline using the 3-digit 988 code.