

Worship of God with our Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Music "Where'er You Walk"  
\*Doxology (#815) and Offertory Prayer

*Handel*

*First Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ  
Littleton, New Hampshire  
July 2, 2017*

Scripture Matthew 10:34-42 *Brenda Fairweather*

Sermon "to God's Peace in dark and violent times"

\*Hymn #639 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Prayer: **You have given yourself to us, loving God, in the simple food and drink we have shared. Jesus has been here. Even now, his presence is strengthening us to be his Body. God, give us courage; make us whole and give us peace. Fill us with Holy Spirit and send us out to touch the world with your healing Presence; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Friend. Amen.**

\*Hymn #602 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

\*Benediction

\*Response #231 "Let the Peace of Christ Rule in Your Heart"

\* Postlude "Church Sonata #1" *Mozart*

Lectionary readings for coming week: Genesis 24; Psalm 45;  
Romans 7:15-25; Matthew 11:16-30

*We welcome Marjorie Tassej, who is bringing our special music this morning.*



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Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

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*Our Mission Statement:*

*As followers of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we are called to provide a loving invitation and welcome to all, to inspire and uplift through the worship of God, to reach out to heal and enrich lives through the Holy Spirit, and to nurture people at various stages of their spiritual growth.*

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**July 2, 2017**

Those who are able may stand where marked (\*).

Gathering #138                    “Holy Ground”

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer                    *Ross Fairweather*

Prelude                    “Studies in English Folk Songs”                    *Williams*

Responsive Reading                    *Psalm 46*

One: You are our refuge and strength, O God,  
a very present help in times of trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
and the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

One: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**All: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help when the morning dawns.**

One: The nations rage; the kingdoms totter;  
You utter your voice; the earth melts.

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

One: Come and behold the mighty works of God;  
see what desolations God has brought upon the earth.

**All: You make war to cease to the ends of the earth;  
you break the bow; you shatter the spear;  
you burn the shields with fire.**

One: “Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations;  
I am exalted in the earth.”

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

\*Hymn #686    “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**\* Living God, from the beginning you have taught us what  
goodness is and how we can live together with integrity and  
justice, each of us offering shelter and refuge to others.  
Forgive our hard-heartedness, our failed imagination, our  
refusal to recognize the value of each person and bring out  
the best in everyone we meet. God forgive us: we have made  
such a chaos of your world. Forgive our Babel noise, our lust  
for power and religious strife, the many ways we find to sap  
life of its joy for everyone. Teach us humility, keep our hope  
alive, sustain our love for all humanity, until conflict is ended  
and we stand together in your silence which is filled with  
eternal praise: with Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri #813

\*Statement of Faith (*inside front cover of hymnal*)

Children’s Time

Special Music    “Clarinet Concerto #1: Adagio”                    *Weber*

Moments of Concern and Celebration (please fill out a blue card)  
Pastoral Prayer with Our Savior’s Prayer (“trespasses”)

## Summer Special Music Schedule

July 9<sup>th</sup> Fran Day  
July 16<sup>th</sup> Lori Jo Gardner  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> Dick Alberini  
July 30<sup>th</sup> Dale Childs

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After a long struggle with illness, our fellow member and friend, Pat Tuck, passed away on Tuesday afternoon. Her children were with her through the last days, giving her support and care.

We'll be gathering at the church to celebrate Pat's life on Wednesday, July 5, at 11:00 a.m.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday, September 9, 2017**  
**9 - 11am**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Annual RiverWalk for MS**

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### DEACON'S FUND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

There will be a special collection next Sunday to benefit the Deacon's Fund. This fund helps people who come to our door in need of emergency assistance. Envelopes for this specific purpose will be included in the bulletin. Thank you!

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**Don't forget to sign up for the Church Picnic!**  
**Sign-up is at the back of the sanctuary**

## Notices for the week of July 2, 2017 – July 8, 2017

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TODAY... 10:00 am ....Worship Service & Communion  
Mon..... Pastor's Sabbath  
Office Closed  
Tues..... Office Closed  
6:00 pm ....AlAnon – Ladies Parlor  
Wed..... 5:00 pm ....AA – Ladies Parlor  
7:00 pm ....Weds. Night AA – Fellowship Hall  
Sat..... 8:00 am ....Men's Breakfast – Muh Residence  
3:00 pm ....Church Picnic – LaFleur Residence  
7:00 pm ....AA – Fellowship Hall

AA meetings: Monday – Friday 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

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**Usher/Greeter:**

**Flowers:** to the Glory of God  
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The office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the holiday.

Patricia Tuck's service will be Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

Thank you to Judy Oleary for covering in the office on Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>!

Pam will return to the office on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>



# July Prayer Request Concerns & Celebrations

## CONTINUING & NEW

Keeping those in need of our prayers: The President, World Leaders, the Youth of our Community, the future of our World, and Rev. David and Wilma Weddington as they participate and lead us into the future.

### Cancer

Paul McMillan (Tina Peabody)  
Peter Low (Tina Peabody)  
Rita Biagioni (Bob Oleary)  
Mike McKillop (Brenda Fairweather)  
Cynthia Farquharson (Linda Warden)  
David Sime (Linda Smith)  
Tracy Lange (Mark Blodgett)

Curtis Sears (Emily LaFlam)  
Joni Prell (Linda Warden)  
Travis Gay (Judy Warden)  
Joyce Willoughby (Glenda Iles)  
Peter Campbell (Glenda Iles)  
Judy Dean (Alice Muh)  
Steve Cobb (Dottie Morton)

### Loss/Grieving

Family of Natalie Beane (Dorothy Usher)  
Family of Bud Miller (Elaine Stroop)  
Family of Patricia Tuck

### Illness/Recovery

James Stewart (Tim Gould)      Rae Edenfield (Marti Faulkner)  
Diane Brown (Judy Oleary)      Anne Taylor (Su Schott)

## Military

The names of people in the military are on the name board by office.

*To add a name to our prayer list, please fill out a blue card located in the pew racks and place them in the offering plate or hand them to a Deacon. The name will remain in the bulletin for approximately 4 weeks. We understand that some situations are very serious and a longer period of time would be helpful. You may call the office with any names that need to be added or to update the status.*

*If you or someone you care about would like a visit or call, please contact Pastor David at 603-991-0535 or Pam Nute at 603-444-3376.*

*If you have an emergency during the week and Pastor David is away, please call the church office at 444-3376 and Pam Nute will contact someone for you.*

*\*\*Names listed without original contact person will be removed from the list if we are not notified. In order to keep this list up-to-date, it is important that we be notified when someone should come off the list. Thank you.*

