



SUNDAY, October 18th WORSHIP, on Zoom

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We are meeting today on lands that were originally occupied by the Abenaki people.

We are grateful to have Dan Krymkowski, playing the organ with us this morning! Janet Fuhrmeister is our worship leader this morning.

Prelude – Nimrod from the Enigma Variations by Sir Edward Elgar

Call to worship – from the Church of Scotland

Leader: Loving Lord God, we come into Your presence to worship and praise You.

People: We come from different places, different families, and different circumstances.

Leader: We have come here today –

whether the last week has been good or bad,

whether we have known joy or sorrow,

let us leave our cares and concerns aside

and come united in our faith and hopes for the future.

People: We bring our skills and our talents which You have given us,

and we promise to use them to help others

and to reach out in love, showing others what it means to be a child of God.

Leader: May we hear your voice, and follow.

People: Help us not just to talk, but to put our words in to action,

so that all we do is done in Your name. Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn – Great Are You, Lord (614 in the purple [Glory to God](#) hymnal)
(sung through twice)

Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just; by your power we trust in your love.

Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true; by your mercy you prove you are

love. Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy

of praise. Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: great

are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!

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Prayer or Confession & Assurance (*Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude*)

My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going.
I do not see the road ahead of me.
I cannot know for certain where it will end.
nor do I really know myself,
and the fact that I think I am following your will
does not mean that I am actually doing so.
But I believe that the desire to please you
does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.
And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,
though I may know nothing about it.
Therefore will I trust you always though
I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.
I will not fear, for you are ever with me,
and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

Sung response – Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands (*John Bell, Common Ground, 103*)

Put peace into each other's hands,
And like a treasure hold it.
Protect it like a candle flame,
With gentleness enfold it.

Scripture Lessons – Psalm 96: 1-9; Matthew 22: 15-22

Prompting, Pastor Carl

Hymn –God Whose Giving Knows No Ending– (716 in the purple Glory to God hymnal)

1. God, whose giving know no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.
2. Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone. Born with talents, make us servant fit to answer at your throne.
3. Treasure too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

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Prayers

Reflection Music – Goin’ Home by William Arms Fisher and Antonin Dvořák

Announcements & Offerings

Hymn – God Be With You Till We Meet Again - (541 in the purple Glory to God, 540 in the blue Presbyterian Hymnal)

1. God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.
2. God be with you till we meet again; unseen wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again.
3. God be with you till we meet again; when life’s perils thick confound you, put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again.
4. God be with you till we meet again; keep love’s banner floating o’er you; smile death’s threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

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Closing words

Postlude – A Mighty Fortress is Our God by Max Reger

Prayers - This week we invite you to keep John (Jay) & Kimberly Paterson and family in your prayers. Gracious Lord, we give thanks for them and their presence in this congregation. Hold them in the palm of your hand and let them feel your love. Give them the wisdom and strength to do your will and the faith and courage to face whatever challenges may arise. As part of being the connectional Presbyterian church, we keep a church or other ministry within the Presbytery of Northern New England in our thoughts and prayers. This week, we pray for the Synod of the Northeast Assembly, October 23-24. Synod staff and leadership.

As the body of Christ, we pray for other joys and concerns related to the lives of those in our community and world. Specifically, we pray:

For racial tensions in our land and the creation of a more just world.

For the widespread tragedy and impact of COVID, worldwide and in this country.

OUR CHURCH All of our congregation serves as minister of God

Rev. Carl Hilton VanOsdall – Pastor

Treasurer – Kathy Adams

Pianist/Accompanist – Allison Cerutti and Dan Krymkowski

Administrative Assistant – Cindy Hooker

Choir Director – Peg Lawson

Elder of the Month – Dottie Ricks

Deacon of the Month – Pam Cyr/Lucy Hallock