



October 10, 2021

Morning Worship and Children's Programs at 10:00 AM

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Our Church Covenant

*We gather together with freedom of conscience
in a community of love and inquiry.*

All are welcome, without exception.

We practice Christianity with faith and compassion.

*We covenant with one another to embody the love of Christ,
to nurture contemplation and action,
and to offer our gifts, talents and energies as we are able.*

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

MH=Methodist Hymnal; PH=Pilgrim Hymnal

Remember, as soon as any giving wants or needs a reward in return,
we have backed away from love... A pure act of love is its own
reward and needs nothing in return. *Richard Rohr*

Joy abounds in our subtraction.
In the Spirit, less is more.
Emptied, we find satisfaction.
Poor means rich and rich means poor.
If we let go all possession,
Free to love and follow Christ,
We progress through our regression,
Gain far more than sacrificed.
from the hymn "Satisfy Us in the Morning"

Gathering Music

Annemieke McLane

Silent Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Tom Kinder

Prelude Prelude, Opus 13 No. 3 A. Scriabin

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Leader: Let us pray for peace and the things that make for peace
as we light the peace candle. *[the candle is lit]*

Leader: In him was life, and the life was the light of the world.

People: **The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness does not overcome it.**

Introit "Freu Dich des Lebens" L. van Beethoven

Call to Worship

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***Hymn** PH #1 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Children's Time and Lord's Prayer

Anthem "Christe, der Du bist Tag und Licht" 16th Century

Readings from Psalm 90; Mark 10:17-31 Danette Harris

Sermon Satisfy Us in the Morning

***Hymn** PH #341 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Sharing of Joys, Concerns, Prayer Requests and Reflections

How has church helped you live a better life, or how has it helped others you have known? How could it help you or those you love more to live a better life?

Time of Prayer

Benediction

Benediction Response PH #62 God Be With You *verses 1-3 only*

Postlude Mazurka Opus 6 No. 2 F. Chopin

** Those who are comfortably able may stand.
Please stay for refreshments and neighborliness outside,
weather permitting.*

Past sermons are available on the back table
and **video recorded services** are on our website.

See us on **Facebook** at United Church of Strafford

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at unitedchurchofstrafford@gmail.com

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Ice Cream! Please join us for refreshments and neighborliness on the front lawn after worship, weather permitting. Masks are optional outside. Thank you to those stocking the freezer with ice cream sandwiches or providing other treats!

Soup's On....the shelves! Last week, the Mission Committee learned that the Sharon Food Shelf was running low on cans of hearty soup to distribute. Thanks to the generosity of Coburn's Store, we were able to purchase 60 cans of soup at a discounted price, for which we are very grateful. The soup has been delivered and is on the shelves at the food shelf. Thank you to the big hearted Coburn family for your help with this!

Also, just a reminder that **there is a basket for food in the back of the sanctuary** where we gratefully accept non-perishable food items for the Sharon Food Shelf. Items such as diapers, shampoo, toothpaste are also welcome and appreciated. Thank you!

News from Pastor Tom Kinder

Tom will be reducing from one-half-time to one-third-time starting December 1st for personal reasons. He is working with the Church Council to make sure that all the pastoral duties will continue to be well-covered. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks. Please feel free to speak with him about it, or with a Council member.

Tom will be taking his annual August vacation and November study break from October 11th to November 17th. You can see on page four who will be leading worship while he is gone. If you have a pastoral need, please be in touch with Deacon Becky Bailey at 802-765-2647 or rbailey@sover.net.

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Upcoming Sunday Services

Oct. 17 Rachel Guaraldi
Oct. 24 Mark Kutolowski
Oct. 31 Rev. Deadra Ashton
Nov. 7 Rachel Guaraldi
Nov. 14 Rev. Deadra Ashton
Nov. 21 Pastor Tom Kinder returns, Thanksgiving Sunday
and Reign of Christ Sunday
Nov. 28 First Sunday of Advent

Next Concerts Held on Fridays (except where noted), 7:00-8:15 PM. Admission by donation, 20% goes to the church's Manheim Fund for the Arts.

October 15 "Feel into It" with Chopin and Scriabin, Annemieke McLane, piano

Save these additional concert dates: 11/5 and 12/3 (Noel!)

Sing with the Choir Weekly choir for ages 12-92. Gather at 8:50 AM-ish. Rehearsals start 9 AM. All are welcome.

Heartfulness Contemplative Training Circle gathers weekly on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM by Zoom and offers an informal meditation all other evenings at 7:30 PM. You are invited to be part of the circle anytime. Please see our website Welcome page for details and the different Zoom links for the two standing events.

Thank you Justin Wylie, Recording Engineer and Zoom Master!

Justin's Assistants Please consider volunteering to support Justin on Sunday mornings. Christina Robinson and Tom Kinder are doing this but Tom will be away much of October and November. We also hope to train back-up teams for Sundays when Justin cannot be here. **If you could help in any way, please let Tom know.**

Please Contribute to Our Fund Drive to Support Afghan Refugees in Vermont in Honor of Martha Manheim

The US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) has been approved to welcome up to 100 Afghans in Vermont. USCRI Vermont is working to meet the needs of arriving Afghans and of the community. Donations will be used to supply these refugees with basic items like furniture, household goods and food.

Our Mission Committee is supporting this in honor of Martha Manheim who urged us to undertake this effort. Our goal is to raise \$1000 to help the 100 Afghan refugees who will re-settle in Vermont. We welcome donations of any amount. You may mail a check made out to the United Church of Strafford to Danette Harris, PO Box 143, South Strafford, VT 05070 or donate online. Please indicate that your gift is for the refugees. We will continue to gather contributions until we have met our goal. Thank you! The Mission Committee: Cameron Speth; Maggie Hooker; Danette Harris, Chair

Childcare Today Please let the Pastor or one of the Deacons at the back of the sanctuary know if your child needs care during the service. We love children and are happy to provide it! We have books, toys and activities ready in the Parish Hall. Our policy is to have two childcare providers with the children at all times.

Haiku by Mel Goertz:

The big bough of the maple
just came down.
How the doves loved to roost there.

***Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!***