



October 3, 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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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, World Communion Sunday

MH=Methodist Hymnal; PH=Pilgrim Hymnal

Gathering Music

Annemieke McLane

Silent Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Tom Kinder

Prelude Impromptus in Ab, Opus 90 No. 4 F. Schubert

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 Father, We Are Thirsty J. S. Whitaker

Call to Worship

***Hymn** Somos pueblo que camina *hymn folder*

Children's Time and Lord's Prayer

New Zealand Book of Prayer The Lord's Prayer: Maori & Polynesia

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Anthem Living Water/Send Your Spirit B. Bridge

Readings Psalm 8; Mark 9:38-41; John 10:14-16 Joey Hawkins

Sermon What Us Means

***Hymn** When We Can See As God Can See *hymn folder*

Sharing of Joys, Concerns, Prayer Requests and Reflections

What does communion mean to you? Do you have memories,
insights or experiences that give it extra meaning?

What gets in the way of oneness? What does it look like when
someone truly lives as one with God and the world?

Time of Prayer

Benediction

Benediction Response MH #548 In Christ There Is No East or West

Postlude Aria da capo, Goldberg Variations J. S. Bach

** 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

Look for updates on our **website**: unitedchurchofstrafford.com

Sign up for **weekly emails** about upcoming worship and other news
at unitedchurchofstrafford@gmail.com

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!

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.

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 in the Parish Hall. You are invited to be part of the circle anytime in person or by Zoom. See our website.

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.**

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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 Thank you to Emma Moore and Simone Prescott for providing childcare during the service!

Pastor Tom Kinder is available to talk with you. Please email him at rev.thomas.cary.kinder@gmail.com or call him at 765-2710.

Haiku by Herbert Goertz:

Yellow maple leaves
dance on the wings of the wind
yet they are falling

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

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