

First Congregational Church of Pelham

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

"Sharing What God's Love Looks Like"

Sunday September 3, 2023

Come to the Table

Week 1

The Table of Hospitality

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Deacons: Margaret Oxner and Marie Mizerek

~ We Gather in God's Presence ~

+Please rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

Welcome

Introit "Come To The Table of Grace"

Call to Worship

We know that there is a place for us at this table.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude!

We notice that there is a place for those not like us.

We come ready to open our hearts beyond their current size.

We humbly take our seat.

We look into each face and know the presence of Jesus!

+Hymn

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

#289

Prayer of Invocation

God, Creator of all people, give us eyes to see the deepest needs of people. Give us hearts full of love for our neighbors as well as for the strangers we meet. Help us understand what it means to love others as we love ourselves. Fill us with generosity so we feed the hungry, clothe the naked and give drink to the thirsty. May we remember to listen, to smile, to offer a helping hand each time the opportunity presents itself. Give us hearts of courage that we will be brave enough to risk loving our enemy. Inspire us to go out of our way to include those in the margins. Help us to be welcoming and inclusive to all who come to our door. Let us be God's hospitality in the world. Amen

What's in the Bag?

Singing Praises to God

"Gloria Patri"

#558

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Prayer for Illumination

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story 'til we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known. Amen

Scripture Reading

Romans 12: 9-21 & Matthew 16: 24-25

Musical Reflection

Reflection

+Hymn

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

#536

Celebration of Communion

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~ We Respond to God with our Prayers and Offerings ~

Prayers of God's People

Sung Call to Prayer *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*

#354 vs 3

Silence

Sharing our Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

Offering Our Gifts to God
Invitation to the Offering
Offertory
+Doxology

#563

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, comforter; One God triune, whom we adore. Amen.***

+Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present our gifts,
symbols of the work you have given us to do; use them, use us, in the service
of your world to the glory of your name. Amen.**

~ We Go Forth to Share What God's Love Looks Like ~

+Hymn

"They'll Know We Are Christians"

#495

Benediction

Sung Benedict3ion

"Send Me Jesus"

#340, refrain

"Send me, Jesus. Send me, Jesus. Send me, Jesus. Send me, Lord."

WEEKLY

Morning Prayer - Monday & Wednesday 7:30 am Zoom ID: contact Carlos

Lazarus House Food Pantry Wednesdays 8:30 am - 12 noon

Coffeebreak - Wednesday 1pm

Scouts Meeting - Thursday 7pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, Sept 3 **Worship** 10am Come to the Table

Tuesday, Sept 5 **Bible Study** 10am

Faith Formation Meeting 7pm

Wednesday, Sept 6 **Chancel Choir** 7:30pm

Thursday, Sept 7 **Bell Rehearsal** 6:30pm

Bible Study 7pm

Sunday, Sept 10 **Worship** 10am Rev Gordon Rankin, NH Conference Minister

Confirmation 11:30am

Monday, Sept 11 **Bell Rehearsal** 6:30pm

Holy Habits 7pm

Tuesday, Sept 12 **Diaconate** 7pm

Thursday, Sept 14 **Women's Fellowship** 7pm

Saturday, Sept 16 **Old Home Day**

Sunday, Sept 17 **Worship** 10am

September 18-20 Carlos at NH Clergy Convocation

Tuesday, Sept 19 **Trustees** 7pm

Thursday, Sept 21 **Mission** 7pm

Sunday, Sept 24 **Worship** 10am

Youth Group 6pm

Monday, Sept 25 **Book Group** 7pm

Tuesday, Sept 26 **Church Council** 7pm

Saturday, Sept 30 **Men's Breakfast** 8:30am