

First Congregational Church of Pelham  
United Church of Christ  
**An Open and Affirming Church**  
*"Sharing What God's Love Looks Like"*

**The Encounter**  
**June 9, 2024**

Sometimes the greatest adventure is  
simply a conversation. - Amadeus Wolfe

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Church Administrator: Stephanie Noel      Sexton: Lupe Nova

Deacons: David Hennessey and Dan Murphy

Guest Musician: Gary Tepolt

*~ We Gather in God's Presence ~*  
*+Please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Welcome

Bell Introit

"O Master Let Me Walk With Thee"

Call to Worship

Sojourning God, your Spirit exists everywhere, on every path, inviting us to move with curiosity and compassion toward each other.

**Give us courage to leave the familiar, to venture out beyond our walls, taking leave so that we will see with wider vision, know with deeper appreciation, exist with expanded perception. Nudge and guide us, we pray.**

+Hymn

"Praise to the Lord"

#7

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we are on a journey. We do not always know where we should go or how, but we know that we are called onward. We are sometimes estranged from one another. We seek the meaning of our lives, as persons and as the church. We seek our mission. Guide us as we seek to turn around toward greater love. Lead us to travel in your ways. Amen.**

Assurance

What's in the Bag? - Celebrating Church School

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***

Psalter - read responsively Psalm 146 #729

Scripture John 4: 7-40

Bell Anthem The Lord Is My Shepherd arr. C. Moglebust  
Gary Tepolt

Reflection "Encountering the Sacred"

Hymn "The Summons" #317

***~ We Respond to God's Word with our Prayers and Offerings ~***

Prayers of God's People

Sung Call to Prayer "Where The Spirit of The Lord Is" #236

*Silence*

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries

***Sweeter as the years go by, Sweeter as the years go by,  
Richer, fuller, deeper, Jesus' love is sweeter, Sweeter as the years go by.***

Sharing our Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*) #412

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to the Offering

Bell Offertory "You Are My All in All" by D. Jernigan/arr. B. Ingram  
Gary Tepolt

+Doxology Tune: Old Hundredth

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

+Prayer of Dedication

by Gill Le Fevre

**Almighty God, who made us who we are, we offer all of ourselves to you. Take our talents, our energy and our joy, and use us to share your love. Take our mistakes, our regrets and our pain, and use us to bring your healing. Magnify the gifts we offer before you today, to spread your peace in the world. Amen.**

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

+Hymn

"Fill My Cup Lord"

#563

Benediction

Sung Benediction

"Send Me, Jesus "

#340

***Send me Jesus, Send me Jesus, Send me Jesus, Send me Lord.***

Postlude

### WEEKLY

**Morning Prayer** - Monday & Wednesday 7:30 am Zoom ID: contact church office

**Bell Choir Rehearsal** - 6:30 pm

**Knitters** - Tuesday 1pm

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

**Coffeebreak** - Wednesday 1pm

**Choir Rehearsal** - Wednesday 7:30 pm

### LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, June 11	<b>Diaconate</b> 7pm
Friday, June 14	<b>Free Community Dinner</b> 5:30pm
Sunday, June 16	<b>Worship</b> 10am
Monday, June 17	<b>Pub Theology</b> 6:30pm - Martha's Exchange, Nashua
Thursday, June 20	<b>Lazarus House Breakfast</b> 7:30am <b>Mission Meeting</b> 7pm
Saturday, June 22	<b>Men's Breakfast</b> 8:30am
Sunday, June 23	<b>Worship</b> - 10am