

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**



***No matter who you are or where you are
on life's journey,
you are welcome here!***

**Guilford Community Church is a safe place
for all people to worship regardless of race, creed,
age, cultural background or sexual orientation**

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Administrative Office Hours: Closed Mon

Tues-Fri 9am-3pm

Pastor's Office Hours: By Appointment

Bulletin Notices: Please notify the office by Thursday
at noon if you would like something added to the
bulletin.

Hospital Visits: If you or a loved one are in the hospital
and would like a visit from Pastor Lise Sparrow or one of
the Deacons, please leave a message at 257-2776 with the
name and room number of the person. Hospital
confidentiality regulations prevent visits without this
information.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
March 10, 2019

Today we welcome Josh Davis, the executive director of the Groundworks Collaborative. Please join us after the service for questions and conversation. The Missions Committee will provide refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

PRELUDE

INTROIT: "When You Believe" (Katherine Breunig, dancing in honor of her mother who died 16 years ago today in 2003)

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A complete list of announcements can be found in the insert or in our weekly e-news. Please fill out the cards in the pews to be added to our mailings.

Birthday Song:

*Happy Birthday, happy birthday, we love you
Happy Birthday and may all your dreams come true
When you blow out the candles one light stays aglow
It's the love light in your eyes, where'er you go.*

SILENT MEDITATION & THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP: John 13: 4,5 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;⁴ so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. ⁵ After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:13-16 ***RPB p. 4 ***LPB p. 5

Matthew 25: 34-45 ***RPB p. 27 ***LPB p. 35

ANTHEM: "Beatitudes"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(It is our custom to join hands for the Lord's Prayer.)

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: Hymn #278

"Hear our Prayer, Oh Lord..."

THE OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE CLOSING HYMN: #500 "O For A World"

SENDING FORTH THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN: Hymn #291

**invites the congregation to stand*

***RPB=Red Pew Bible ***LPB=Large Print Bible

We wish you a warm welcome this morning and hope you will feel very much at home and among friends.

Please plan to stay and join us after the service for a time of fellowship and refreshment.

Everyone is welcome!

Today we especially thank the volunteers who make this worship service & the reception after possible.

Service Coordinator: Rob Harnish

Greeters: Elizabeth Christie + Ron and Kachina

Coffee Hour: Tom & Connie Green

OPENING HYMN: #302 "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION

LEADER: God did not say,

ALL: You shall not be tempted; you shall not be troubled; you shall not be distressed.

LEADER: God did say:

You shall not be overcome.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was led into the wilderness, where he was tempted.

ALL: Sheltering God, Guiding God as you were present with Jesus in his wilderness experience, so you are present with us, you have urged us to trust you.

LEADER: Love me and call upon me, and I will answer you, I will be with you in trouble, and will honor you.

ALL: We have felt discouraged, and at times even abandoned and betrayed by you, O God, when all manner of things have not gone well with us.

Lord, have mercy.

LEADER: O God, when you have not answered in the ways or in the time we desire,

ALL: we have been tempted to lean on our own understanding and not acknowledge you in all ways.

LEADER: We so often have sought to control our lives and order our own steps,

often ignoring you and pushing you aside.

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ALL: Help us to trust you to journey with us and to guide us.

Help us to rest in your promise to never leave us or forsake us.

Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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ANTHEM: "Come Oh Thou Traveler, Unknown" (Tony Barrand)

CHILDREN'S STORY: "Sharing a Meal"

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S HYMN:

"Whatsoever You Do to the Least of My Brothers"

Whatsoever You Do by Willard Jabusch

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The first staff is labeled 'Chorus' and contains the lyrics 'What-so - e - ver you do to the least of my'. The second staff continues the chorus with 'peop- le, that you do un - to me.' and ends with a 'finis' marking. The third staff is labeled 'Verse' and contains five numbered lines of lyrics: '1. When I was hun - gry, you gave me to eat;', '2. When I was home - less, you o - pened your door.', '3. When I was wea - ry, you helped me find rest;', '4. When in a pri - son, you came to my cell;', and '5. When I was laughed at, you stood by my side;'. The fourth staff continues the verse with 'When I was thirs - ty, you gave me to drink', 'When I was na - ked, you gave me your coat.', 'When I was an - xious, you calmed all my fears.', 'When on a sick - bed, you cared for my needs.', and 'When I was hap - py, you shared in my joy.'. The final line of the score is 'Now en - ter in - to the home of my fa - ther.'

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Chorus

What-so - e - ver you do to the least of my

5 peop- le, that you do un - to me. *finis*

9 Verse

1. When I was hun - gry, you gave me to eat;
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When on a sick - bed, you cared for my needs.
When I was hap - py, you shared in my joy.

17 Now en-ter in-to the home of my fa - ther.

CHURCH CONNECTIONS AND SUPPORT

Need a ride to church? Please call Patty Meyer at 254-0994 by Friday noon.

Want to receive our weekly e-news and quarterly newsletters? Please fill out one of the cards in the pews and place it on the offering plate.

BCTV: Many of our services have been filmed and can be found on BCTV, Channel 8 Wednesday morning at 7am and Sunday mornings at 8am or anytime online at www.brattleborotv.org.

Audio-recordings of services are available through Patty at 257-0994.

Guilford Senior Lunch is offered the first and third Fridays of the month. The next lunch will be Friday, March 15th. For more information, please call Peg Curtiss at 254-9774.

Living Strong strength and balance classes at the church meet on Monday & Wednesday from 5:30-6:30pm, Tuesday through Friday mornings from 10-11am. Talk to Lise or Lucy for more information.

AA meets on Tuesdays and Fridays. The Tuesday 6-7pm meeting is a Big Book/Step meeting and is open to alcoholics and families of alcoholics. The meeting on Friday from 5:30-6:30pm is for women only.

Second Sunday Step/ Study - An Al-Anon Family Step Work Group. This group meets the 2nd Sunday of the month, 2-4pm in the Houghton Room. The next meeting is **TODAY March 10**.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

SUGAR SUPPER



Menu: Ham, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, homemade rolls, and *Maple sugar on snow, with homemade donuts, and dill pickles*

Seatings: 4:30, 5:45, and 7:00 PM

Prices: Adults \$12; children (11 and under) \$6; preschoolers \$3

Questions: Fred Breunig, 802-254-9019 or fmbreunig@comcast.net

Reservations: call 802-254-9019 or email guilfordchurchsupper@gmail.com

Sign up to help—get to know our church community—it's a great FUN-raiser, too!

Opportunities on Thursday evening, plus Friday and Saturday—something for everyone to do.

GUILFORD FOOD PANTRY - Donations of peanut butter, tuna fish and breakfast cereal are much needed for the pantry and are always welcome. If you would like more information, or would like to help out on Thursdays, please contact Pat Haine at 257-0626 or email pth1946@yahoo.com. The Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 5- 6pm and is located at the Broad Brook Grange 3940 Guilford Center Rd.

DOVE PROJECT - Thanks for anything you can offer to those living with HIV/AIDS in our community. The little white doves on the board downstairs are suggestions of things most needed.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Groundworks Collaborative was established in 2015 as a result of the merger of the Brattleboro Area Drop-In Center and Morningside Shelter to provide ongoing support to families and individuals facing housing and food insecurities in the greater Brattleboro, Vermont area.



Available Services:

Brattleboro Food Shelf
Drop In Center
Longterm Shelter
Seasonal Shelter
Caseworkers

SEASONAL OVERFLOW SHELTER

Our next meal is scheduled for TONIGHT, March 10

Rob and Jill Harnish lead the preparation and serve meals the second Sunday of each month. Your help is needed and welcomed in all aspects of the task. Sign up downstairs or let them know if you can provide part of a meal and/or help with serving the meal any month. Rob's number is (508) 808-1373 or email: rharn92636@gmail.com

DONATIONS FOR MORNINGSIDE SHELTER

The shelter can always use sheets, towels and toiletries. Donations can be left in the basket downstairs and we will be sure to deliver them.

FOOD SHELF NEEDS:

Non-Perishable Basic Foods--

- Tuna
- Peanut Butter
- Pasta & Sauces
- Dry Milk products
- ...and more...

Personal Care and Household Items

Toilet paper
Deodorant
Shampoo
Feminine hygiene
.....and more

PRAYERS AT GUILFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH

Our faith teaches us that prayer is a unique and powerful force for healing. Within our community, we believe it is also important to respect confidentiality. We trust the people listed below have been consulted and are glad to be included.

If you would like a loved one added to these prayers, please leave a prayer request in the prayer triangle at the back of the Sanctuary, or call the Pastor's phone line (257-2776). They will be included in the list for three weeks unless other requests are made.

Officers & Crew of the John C. Stennis
Aircraft Carrier CVN74
Family & Friends of Ursula Serkin

Joan Shimer	Angela Daprato	Grace Wahlberg
Lisa Vose	Joan Seymour	Doris Spahr
Mary Grove	Elaine Petrie	Carol Jaenson
Theodore Koehler	Bob Maes	Robbie Harnish
Arlene Hogenmiller	Justin	Tony Barrand
Jay Falk	Diana MacInnes	Joy Hayes
Lois & Chaz Freeman	Alison	Elizabeth Israel
Ruth Ayers	Anne Janeway	Michael Vose
Al Franklin	Kathie Lovell	Kyle Franklin
Doug Hamilton	Herb Meyer	Mary Lila Gregg
Chip Siler	Elizabeth Christie	Joanie McBean
Matt Kent	Desmond Oliver	Laurel Jenkins
Barry Levitt	Bonnie Waker	Jim Peters
Peter Tracy	Blakely Ann Amidon	Marilyn Boucher
Julian Michael Silberman		Bob Glennon

Prayer Chain: Should a health emergency arise during the week for which you would like prayers, or if you would be willing to pray for others and would like to join the prayer chain, please call Lucy Spahr-Blazej at (380-3695). If you are leaving a message for Lucy requesting a prayer, please spell the names, or email Lucy at lucysb1@gmail.com.