



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

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 5, 2019
Rev. Larry Crockett Worship Leader

PRELUDE

WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS
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'ere you go.*

SILENT MEDITATION and LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L. Where charity and love are, God is there.

P. Christ's love has gathered us into one.

L. Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

P. Let us be in awe, and let us love the living God.

L. And may we love each other

P. With a sincere heart. Amen.

-- trans., *Ubi Caritas et Amor*

OPENING HYMN: #5 "O Be Joyful in Our God"

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION
SILENT CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "Ubi Caritas et Amor"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Exponential Love"

PRAYER

HYMN: #79 "Love God With Your Heart" (round)

The children are invited downstairs for activities or nursery care following the message and prayer.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ellen Crockett
Luke 7:36-50 **RPB pg. 62 ***LPB pg. 80-81
John 21: 15-19 **RPB pg. 109 ***LPB pg. 142

CONTEMPORARY READING: from Richard Rohr

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #617
"Write These Words in Our Hearts ..."

SERMON: "Intimacy with God"
ANTHEM: "A Woman Came"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)
(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

COMMUNION HYMN: #323 "Lo, I Am With You"
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PASSING THE PEACE
*THE CLOSING HYMN: #510 "O Christian, Love"

SENDING FORTH OF 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 refreshment and fellowship.*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Now let us celebrate our Holy Communion.
Jesus invited everyone to share in this sacrament.
It is to be consumed in faith

that there is no sin which cannot be forgiven,
with the hope of everlasting life
and with the love of God,
and of each other.
It is to be taken with gratitude for all
who have gone before us in the Holy Communion
of life on earth,
with gratitude for those who have given us our lives
and with gratitude for this moment here together.
Come now, let us share in the Lord's supper.

We hear in Matthew 26: ²⁶ While they were eating,
Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he
broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and
eat; this is my body."

People: His bread is Life to us.

²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given
thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all
of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is
poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

People: His cup is strength and hope to us.

Pastor: Let Us Pray
Loving God,
who in Jesus Christ gives us our salvation,
Consecrate by your Holy Spirit,
these elements of Holy Communion.
Bless us as we receive them this day
that we may be your faithful people.
In our Risen Savior's name we pray.

Amen.

All come forward to receive the bread and wine.
When the server shall say: "The body of Christ"
or "the blood of Christ", please respond, "Amen".

***Gluten free bread is in the center, and the cup is
grape juice.***

When all have been served we shall say together:

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**We thank you God for this most amazing gift
that you have brought us together at this table
in your loving presence and with each other.
We thank you for your abiding love and for the
promise of your sacrifice to us. We ask that you
strengthen our faith and increase our love
toward one another.**

**Let us show forth your praise
as we worship joyfully together and
as we serve you gladly in our lives.
In the name of Christ Jesus we pray.**

Amen.

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.

**Centering Prayer every Wednesday
4:20-5:30 pm—everyone welcome**

**OPEN MEDITATION
4:20 - 4:50 pm**

**DISCUSSION
4:50-5:30 pm**

*Today we especially thank the following volunteers
who make this worship service
and the reception after possible:
Service Coordinator: Mary Piluski
Greeters: Nancy Ragle & Ben Coplan
Coffee Hour: Social Outreach Committee*

UPCOMING CALENDAR

**May 5 Today, Rev. Larrimore Crockett
Worship Leader**

May 12 MOTHER'S DAY WORSHIP

**After church: Tilden Remer Leitch
on her work in Ecuador with Fundación Raiz,**
promoting nature conservation, inclusive education and
providing support to vulnerable human groups. She and
they envision a world where humanity can exist in harmony
with the environment, where solidarity is characterized by
positive, respectful exchanges and fostering resilient
societies.

May 19 After church: Elizabeth Christie Advance Planning...

ARE YOU PLANNING AHEAD?

Mark Sunday, May 19th on your calendar and stay after
church for a planned giving workshop with Ana Saavedra of
Edward Jones. Learn about tax benefits, different options
for making gifts, and even hear about advanced medical
directives from Jenn McCalley!

May 25 Pie Sale

May 26 UNION SERVICE in West Brattleboro

June 2 NEW MEMBER WELCOME Last Sunday of Sunday School

ARE YOU CONSIDERING BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?

Packets are available at the back of the church
for your consideration.
Also fill out one of the bookmarks in the pews and give it to
a deacon or place it in the offering plate.
If you have questions please speak to Lise, email her at
GCCUCC@sover.net or call 257-2776.



BRATTLEBORO AREA INTERFAITH YOUTH BOTTLE COLLECTION Our bottle redemptions go to help provide summer camp for children on the Cheyenne River Reservation in South Dakota and will directly support our teens to make the trip this summer.
Redeemable bottles and cans can be left in the bin on the back porch. Please place recyclables in a bag or container.

SENIOR LUNCH is the first and third Friday of each month. For more information, please call Peg Curtiss at 254-9774. The next meal is Friday, May 17.

AA MEETINGS take place on Tuesdays and Fridays in the Houghton Room. Tuesdays at 6:00 pm is an OPEN AA MEETING for men and women. Friday's meeting is at 5:30 pm and is a closed AA meeting, 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 Sunday, May 12th.

LIVING STRONG Classes for strength and balance meet at the church Mon/Wed at 5:30–6:30pm, Tuesday -Friday 10-11am. Speak to Lise (257-2776) or Lucy (380-3695) for more information or check out the Facebook page: Guilford Living Strong.

TAI CHI FOR MATURE BODIES – Mondays from 10-11 Intermediate & Mondays 11-12 for Beginners. For more information contact Patty at 257-0994.

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.

Family & Friends of Haroldine Howell

Joan Shimer	Angela Daprato	Grace Wahlberg
Lisa Vose	Joan Seymour	Doris Spahr
Mary Grove	Elaine Petrie	Carol Jaenson
Theodore Koehler	Alison	Elisabeth Dearborn
Peter Tracy	Justin	Tony Barrand
Jay Falk	Diana MacInnes	Joy Hayes
Lois & Chaz Freeman	Herb Meyer	Elizabeth Israel
Ruth Ayers	Anne Janeway	Michael Vose
Jim Peters	Jerome Holland	Kyle Franklin
Phil & Millie Starr and their Family	GCC Search Committee	
Officers and Crew of the		
John C. Stennis Aircraft Carrier CVN74		

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 name(s) or email Lucy at lucysb1@gmail.com.

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY continues to provide beautiful hand knit or crocheted shawls for those in need of the comfort the shawls offer. We have a good supply of yarn and patterns for those who wish to fashion a shawl. If you would like a shawl blessed to give to someone please speak to Lise, Pat Haine or Ellen Crockett. If you would like yarn to make one please contact Pat. And, if you donate a shawl please put your name on it so we will know who made this gift.