



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

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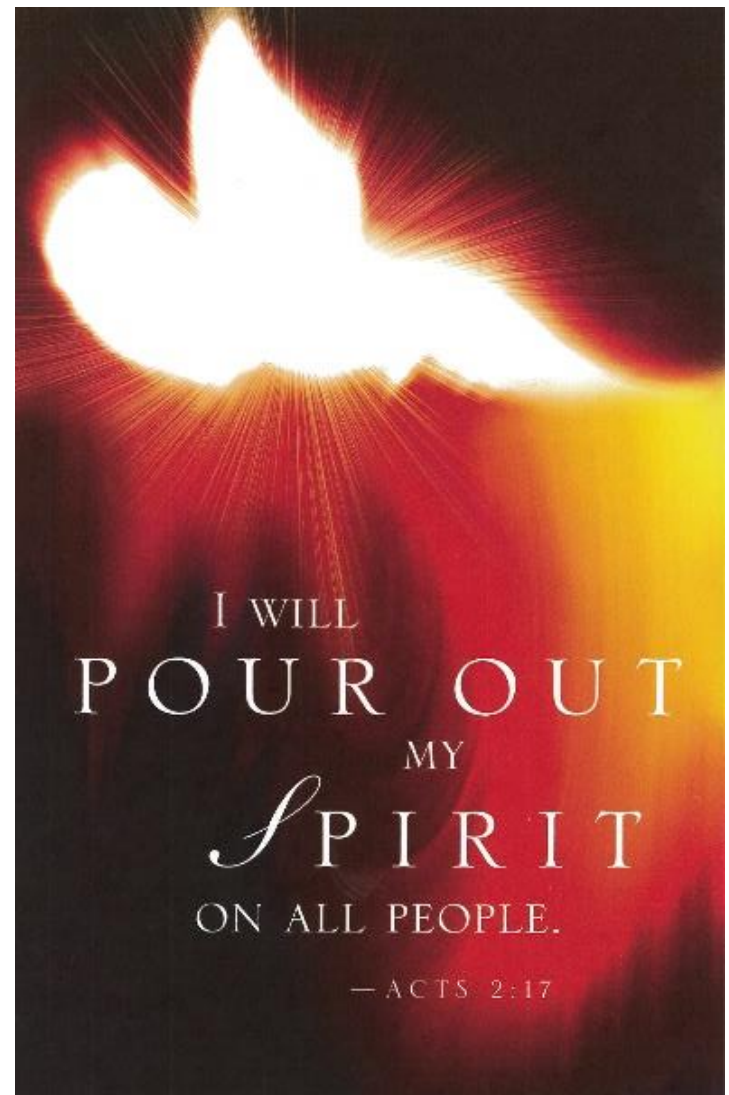


Administrative Office Hours: Closed Mon
Tues-Fri 9am-3pm
Pastor's Office Hours: By Appointment

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.

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.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PENTECOST SUNDAY
JUNE 9, 2019**

PRELUDE
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

Leader: The work of God, the Creator, is all around us.

All: Let us give thanks and protect it.

Leader: The vision of God in Jesus points to love and justice.

All: Let us work to make the dream a reality in all places.

Leader: The energy of God, the Spirit, enlivens us.

All: Let us with boldness be agents of God's love.

Leader: On this Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks for the Holy Spirit that transcends every language and nation and is heard in every tongue spoken.

All: Come Holy Spirit and break down the walls that divide that we my embrace all people everywhere as children of the same family, sisters and brothers all.

OPENING HYMN: #230

"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"

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PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Leader: Let us stop for a moment and pay attention to our lives, in all of its aspects, knowing that we have gone beyond where we were and, at the same time, are not yet at where we know we can be.

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION

Most loving God, we confess that we have tried to run away and hide from you. We have deceived ourselves into thinking that we can live without you. We have made idols of our own achievements, our beliefs, our passions. We have forgotten to love ourselves, even as we, knowingly and unknowingly, have treated other people as less than children of Your family. Cover us with your Holy Spirit in a gracious, healing way. Make us agents of reconciliation as we live within your presence and follow Jesus, our Companion and Liberator. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader to the People: God forgives and accepts you. Forgive and accept yourself. Forgive and accept others and be free.

People to the Leader: God forgives and accepts you. Forgive and accept yourself. Forgive and accept others and be free.

ANTHEM: "He Never Failed Me Yet" *Robert Ray*

CHILDREN'S STORY:

CHILDREN'S HYMN: #222 "O Holy Spirit, Root of Life"

READINGS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY: *Connie Green*

Contemporary Lesson: Excerpt from "**God Has a Dream**" by the Most Rev. Desmond Tutu

SCRIPTURE:

Acts 2: 1-12 ***RPB p. 111 ***LPB p. 144

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN: #617

“Write These Words in our Hearts”

SERMON: The Miracle of Pentecost

ANTHEM: “Welcome Holy Spirit” *Marc Condon*

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: #615

“There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit...”

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 as we welcome our new members
for a time of fellowship and refreshment.**

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

Service Coordinator: Lucy Spahr-Blazej

Greeters: Barry Levitt & Mary Ellen Koehler

Coffee Hour: Chris & Patty Meyer

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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.

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 today, Sunday, June 9th.

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, June 21st.

LIVING STRONG Classes for strength and balance meet at the church Mon/Wed at 5:15–6:15pm, 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 11-12 downstairs in Zeller Hall. For more information contact Patty at 257-0994.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, June 16

**Worship Leaders:
Peter and Mary Alice Amidon**

Sunday, June 23

Worship Leader: Connie Green

save the date: June 28, 5pm

Stonewall 50th Anniversary

Centre Congregational Church, UCC

Sunday, June 30

South Dakota Travelers

UNION Service at GCC

Friday, July 5

Welcome Center Fundraiser

Baked Goods Needed!

Sunday, July 7

Worship Leader: Bev Langeveld

Sunday, July 16

Worship Leader: Sue Owings

NOTE: Lise will be away June 6 to 19 due to the birth of a new granddaughter, Canaan, whose parents and brother live in Maine. During that time Jeremy Kirk will provide emergency pastoral care. To reach him or for other pastoral concerns please call our head deacon, Lucy Spahr-Blazej at 380-3695. For other church business please call Patty Meyer at 257-0994 during office hours or our head lay-leader Fred Breunig at 257-0994 for urgent matters.

Narcan Training

As part of our safety plan for the church, we hope a few members will learn how to administer Narcan, used to treat overdoses from narcotics. Anyone interested is invited to stay after church TODAY **Sunday, June 9** in the Houghton Room.

Groundworks

As homeless clients begin to camp for the summer, we've been seeing an increased need for personal care items such as:

- Tents
- Sleeping bags
- Tarps
- Coffee Mugs
- Laundry Soap
- Toiletries (all varieties)
- Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Aleve
- Tums
- Toilet paper
- Cooking supplies
- Utensils
- Baby wipes

SHELTER NEEDS are: one large outdoor toy chest (either plastic or sealed wood) and high quality yard toys. Sprinkler toys, playground balls, sidewalk chalk, and a complete badminton set would be especially appreciated. Many thanks for helping us spread the word!

You are welcome to drop things in the baskets downstairs or at the Shelter or Drop In Center.

CENTERING PRAYER

every Wednesday---everyone welcome

4:00-5 pm OPEN MEDITATION *in the sanctuary*

5 to 5:30pm DISCUSSION *in the Houghton Room*

We are currently discussing the Universal Christ by R.Rohr
5:30-6:00pm Centering Prayer in the Houghton Room

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 Ursula Snow

Joan Shimer	Angela Daprato	Grace Wahlberg
Lisa Vose	Joan Seymour	Doris Spahr
Mary Grove	Elaine Petrie	Carol Jaenson
Theodore Koehler	Alison	Elisabeth Dearborn
Bonnie Waker	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
Jill Rader	Willow Broadus	Laura Christie

GCC Search Committee

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.