



**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.



Andrei Rublev

– Br. Curtis Almquist

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 16, 2019

Worship Leaders Peter & Mary Alice Amidon

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'er you go.*

Introit – “Done Found My Lost Sheep” *Perrin Scott*

SILENT MEDITATION and THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES
CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN: #420 “Give Me Jesus”

RESPONSIVE READING by Julian of Norwich (1342-1415)

Leader: I know well that heaven and earth and all
creatures are great,

All: Generous and beautiful and good

Leader: God's goodness fills all his creatures

**All: and all God's blessed works full
and endlessly overflows in them**

Leader: God is everything which is good...

All: and the goodness which everything has is God.

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION by Mary Oliver

It doesn't have to be the blue iris
It could be the weeds in a vacant lot, or a few mall stones;
Just pay attention, then patch
A few words together and don't try
To make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but the
doorway
To thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak

SILENT CONFESSION

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THE OFFERTORY

CALL TO OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE CLOSING HYMN: (insert) “We'll Understand it Better”

We'll Understand It Better By & By *chorus* by Charles Tindley

By and by when the morn - ing comes,
When the saints of God are gath - ered home, We will
tell the sto - ry how we'veo - ver - come; For we'll
un - der - stand it bet - ter by and by.

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 refreshment and fellowship.*

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

Service Coordinator: Lucy Spahr-Blazej

Greeters: Ben Coplan & Kathie Lovell

Coffee Hour: Tom Green

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON (by Kathy Kallick)

It's hard not to be scared, **I sing, I sing.**

It's hard not to be sad, **I cry**

It's hard not to find faith, **I love**
 It's hard to believe in beauty, **I look up to the sky**
It helps me everytime.

ANTHEM: "Trinitarian Creed" tune by Mary Alice Amidon

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Lion's Three Whiskers"

PRAYER

HYMN: "Deep Calls to Deep" by Mary Alice Amidon *(insert)*

Deep Calls to Deep words and music by Mary Alice Amidon

1. Deep calls to deep in the thun - der of the
 2. Heart calls to heart in the breath and in the
 3. Soul calls to soul in the night and in the
 4. Sound calls to sound in the cry and in the
 5. Deep calls to deep through our touch and in our

ca - ta-racts, Deep calls to deep in the
 still - ness. Heart calls to heart
 mor - ning. Soul calls to soul
 qui - et. Sound calls to sound
 yearn - ing. Deep calls to deep in the

waves u - pon the shore. Deep calls to
 beat - ing e - ver strong. Heart calls to
 call - ing through the ages. Soul calls to
 when there are no words. Sound calls to
 palms of our hands. Deep calls to

deep, when the heart is o - pen; - Deep
 heart, to souls we still re - mem - ber.
 soul ho - ri - zon to ho - ri - zon.
 sound in/the voice and in the e - choing.
 deep winds blow - ing love.

calls to me, calls to you, calls us all. you, calls us all.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 ***RPB p.557 ***LPB p.725

Psalms 8 ***RPB p.466 ***LPB p.605

Romans 5:1-5 ***RPB p.145 ***LPB p.188

John 16:12-15 ***RPB p.104 ***LPB p.135

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn:#617

"Write These Words in Our Hearts ..."

SERMON: "The Wisdom of Song" The Amidons

When I Get Home CHORUS words & music by Roscoe Reed

Yes I'll reach home, O praise the Lord, some sweet
 day; When I walk up that
 great mil-ky way. Good-bye old
 world, good mor-ning there be-fore the throne.
 What a sing - ing there will
 be when I get home.

ANTHEM: "Amazing Grace" Paul Simon

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..."

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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, July 14th.

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. Tai Chi will be on vacation from July 7– July 14. New session to begin July 22. There will be a beginners class at 10 and intermediate to follow at 11.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, Today, 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.

CENTERING PRAYER

every Wednesday---everyone welcome

4:00-5 pm OPEN MEDITATION *in the Sanctuary*
5 to 5:30pm DISCUSSION in the Houghton Room
Currently discussing the "Universal Christ" by R.Rohr
5:30-6:00pm Centering Prayer 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.

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	Don Marsh	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.