



*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!**

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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](mailto:lucysb1@gmail.com).

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**JULY 7, 2019**

Worship Leaders: Beverly Langeveld  
Communion Celebrant: Elizabeth Fisher

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.*

SILENT MEDITATION and THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)

ONE: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth:

**ALL: Worship the Lord with gladness;**

ONE: Come into His presence with singing.

**ALL: Know that the Lord is God.**

ONE: It is He that made us, and we are His;

**ALL: We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

ONE: Enter His gates with thanksgiving,

**ALL: And His courts with praise.**

ONE: Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

**ALL: For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

\*OPENING HYMN: #27 "Now Thank We All Our God"

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: "The Blue Green Hills of Earth"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER

**1**

*When the server shall say: "The body of Christ"  
or "the blood of Christ", please respond, "Amen".*

*When all have been served we shall say:*

*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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*THE CLOSING HYMN: #78 "There is Love All Around You"

BENEDICTION

\*THREEFOLD AMEN: Hymn #291

*\*invites the congregation to stand*

*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: Nancy Ragle, Ron & Kachina Autenrieth

Coffee Hour: Patrice Murray/Worship Committee

**4**

HYMN: #229 "Spirit, Come, Dispel Our Sadness"

CONTEMPORARY READING (e.e. cummings)

I thank You God for most this amazing  
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees

and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything  
which is natural which is infinite which is yes

(I who have died am alive again today,  
and this is the sun's birthday; this is the birth  
day of life and love and wings and of the gay  
great happening illimitably earth)

How should tasting touching hearing seeing  
breathing any-lifted from the no  
of all nothing-human merely being  
doubt unimaginable You?

(Now the ears of my ears awake and  
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Elizabeth Fisher  
II Corinthians 9:6-8, 11  
\*\*\*RPB p. 173 \*\*\*LPB p.224  
Mark 12:41-44 \*\*\*RPB p. 47 \*\*\*LPB p.60

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

SERMON "Gratitude and Generosity"

ANTHEM: "Blessed"

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..."

## 2

THE OFFERTORY  
CALL TO OFFERING  
\*DOXOLOGY  
PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: #311 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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.

Pastor: Jesus took bread and blessed it and break it  
and gave it to His disciples.

**People: His bread is life to us.**

Pastor: Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and  
gave it to his followers.

**People: His cup is strength and hope to us.**

*Prayer of Consecration (Pastor)*

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.*

***(Please note the bread in the center is gluten free  
and the cup is grape juice.)***

## 3

### 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](http://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 Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**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. NOTE: Tues/Thurs class off for August

**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 8–15. New session to begin July 22. There will be a beginners class at 10 and intermediate to follow at 11.

**FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Going on vacation?**



*Don't forget to leave your pledge with us!  
God's work is never-ending.*

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

**Today, July 7**

**Worship Leader: Bev Langeveld**

**Communion: Elizabeth Fisher**

**Sunday, July 14**

**Worship Leader: Sue Owings**

**Sunday, July 21**

**Lise returns to the pulpit**

**New Member Welcome**

**Sunday, July 28**

**UNION SERVICE**

**At Dummerston Church**

**Sunday August 4**

**Pastor Search Report**

**right after church**

**CHURCH PICNIC and POTLUCK**



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 for three weeks unless other requests are made.

Family & Friends of Jim Peters

Joan Shimer	Angela Daprato	Grace Wahlberg
Lisa Vose	Joan Seymour	Doris Spahr
Mary Grove	Elaine Petrie	Carol Jaenson
Theodore Koehler	BAIYG travellers	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
Willow Broaddus	Don Marsh	Kyle Franklin
Jill Rader	Al Franklin	Laura Christie
GCC Search Committee	Alison	Barbara Le Van & Family
	Yong Hee Spiller & husband,	Doug

**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.

**CENTERING PRAYER every Wednesday**  
 ---everyone welcome  
**4:15-4:50 pm OPEN MEDITATION in the Sanctuary**

**5 to 5:20 pm DISCUSSION in the Houghton Room**  
 "Universal Christ: Chapter 12" by R.Rohr this week

**5:20-5:30 Centering Prayer in the Houghton Room**

**PASTORAL CARE WHILE LISE IS AWAY...**Lise will be away through July 15 with our youth group in South Dakota. During that time Rev. Susie Webster Toleno will provide emergency pastoral care. To reach her 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. Layleaders will checking Lise's messages at 257-2776.

**PRAYERS AT GUILFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH**

Our faith teaches us that prayer is a unique and powerful