



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

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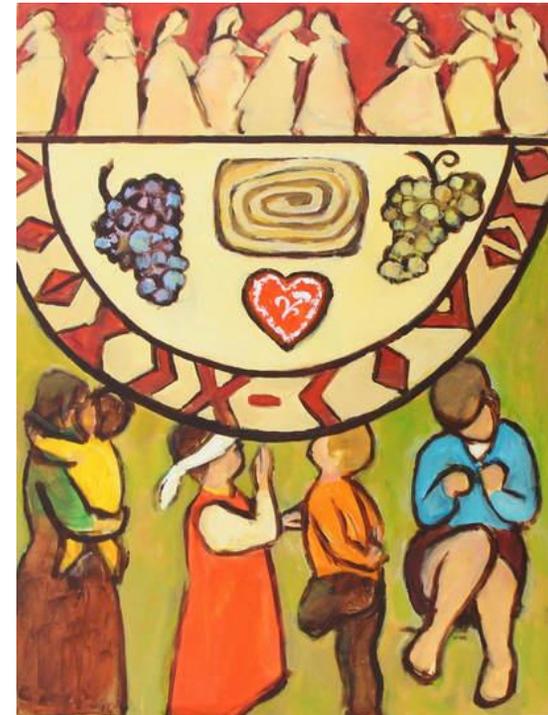
**Bulletin Notices:** Please notify the office by Thursday at noon if you would like something added to the bulletin.

**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 (802) 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).

## **GUILFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**September 1, 2019**



*“when you give a banquet, invite the poor,  
the crippled, the lame, and the blind.  
and you will be blessed...”*  
(Luke 14:13)

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

## September 1, 2019

*Special blessings go out today to those working at the Guilford Fair to feed the fair-goers and raise funds for the church.*

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

\*OPENING HYMN: #6 "Bring Many Names"

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION (*Psalm 23/Order of the brothers of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mt. Carmel*)

Yahweh is my shepherd,  
I lack nothing.  
In grassy meadows He lets me lie.  
By tranquil streams He leads me  
to restore my spirit.  
He guides me in paths of saving justice  
as befits His name.

Even were I to walk  
in a ravine as dark as death  
I should fear no danger,  
for You are at my side.  
Your staff and Your crook  
are there to soothe me.

SILENT CONFESSION

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*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.)***

*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: #464 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

BENEDICTION

\*THREEFOLD AMEN: Hymn #291

*\*invites the congregation to stand*

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

Service Coordinator: Mary Piluski  
Greeters: Barry Levitt + MaryEllen Koehler  
Coffee Hour: Christian Education  
Flowers: Margaret Dale Barrand

*We wish you a warm welcome this morning  
and hope you will feel very much  
at home and among friends. Please join us after the  
service for a time of refreshment and fellowship.*

4

ASSURANCE OF PARDON - Unison

You prepare a table for me  
under the eyes of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup brims over.

Kindness and faithful love  
pursue me every day of my life.  
I make my home in the house of Yahweh  
for all time to come.

ANTHEM: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Prayers For The Beginning Of School

HYMN: #375 "Weave , Weave, Weave Us Together"

CONTEMPORARY READING (Earl Stevick, educator )

In what we say between the lines of what we say,  
even and inescapably in what we never say at all,  
we SEND a message to our students—  
even when no WORD is spoken, a message.  
And here between the lines, between the sentences,  
here in our moving, in our looking, in our silences, here,  
it seems TO ME is hidden the most weighty, most  
compelling message they can ever take away with them.--

SCRIPTURE READINGS: (Rev. Larrimore Crockett)

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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn:#617

"Write These Words in Our Hearts ..."

SERMON

ANTHEM: "Thanksgiving Eve"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## 2

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

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  
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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  
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In our Risen Savior's name we pray. Amen.

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**GUILFORD FAIR**  
Guilford, Vermont

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PLEASE SAVE TIME TO HELP AT THE FAIR  
**GOOD TIME... GOOD FOOD**

***Sunday and Monday***

6:30 am to 11am      Breakfast  
11-5pm.              Lunch  
4:30 to 7:30 pm      ***Clean up*** and Transport

Call Elly (579-2720) or Dunham (579-4572) if you can help.

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**AUTUMN OFFERINGS...**

**For children at Guilford School:**  
fruit, granola bars, crackers, applesauce

**For our Homeless brothers and sisters:**  
Socks, boots, gloves, jackets, hats...

**Thank You!**  
**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**GUILFORD FAIR**

August 31, September 1& 2  
*So much work, so much fun!*

**Saturday, September 7**  
**9-10am**



**Gardeners and Weeders!**

Bring your tools and rakes!  
Let's whip the church gardens into shape!

**Sunday, September 8**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS**  
South Dakota Presentation  
12 noon

**Sunday, September 15**  
Worship Leader: Rev. Lise  
UCC Synod Report  
Dr. Cheri Ann Brodhurst

**UPCOMING: PIE SALE**  
**Saturday, October 12**  
Save the date!

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**CENTERING PRAYER** every Wednesday  
---everyone welcome

**4:15-4:50 pm OPEN MEDITATION** *in the Sanctuary*

**4:50-5:30 pm DISCUSSION** in the Houghton Room  
"Universal Christ" by R. Rohr , Appendix 2 this week  
**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, September 8<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, September 6<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

**NO CLASS ON LABOR DAY, September 2**

**TAI CHI FOR MATURE BODIES** – Mondays from 11-12 downstairs in Zeller Hall. For more information contact Patty at 257-0994. There is a beginners class at 10 and intermediate to follow at 11.

## **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 for three weeks unless other requests are made.

### Family and Friends of Joan Shimer

Mary Fooks	Al Franklin	Justin
Lisa Vose	Joan Seymour	Doris Spahr
Anne Janeway	Elaine Petrie	Carol Jaenson
Theodore Koehler	Angela Daprato	Kyle Franklin
Tony Barrand	Jay Falk	Diana MacInnes
Barbara Le Van	Lois & Chaz Freeman	Mary Grove
Elizabeth Israel	Ruth Ayers	Alison
Michael Vose	Jeanie Griffin	Herb Meyer
Elisabeth Dearborn	Laura Christie	Grace Wahlberg
Mary Ellen Koehler		Peggy Bowler

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.