



**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 (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.

**GUILFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

September 22, 2019



JUST PEACE SUNDAY

"I prayed for twenty years
but received no answer
until I prayed with my legs."

Frederick Douglass, 19th century

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 22, 2019
JUST PEACE SUNDAY

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

Leader: God of Peace and Justice, you call upon us
to look for your healing balm in Gilead...

All: Is there no balm in Gilead?

Leader: For all of the hurting people of the world...

All: Is there no balm in Gilead?

Leader: To reveal that God's grace
is always greater than our sin...

All: Is there no balm in Gilead?

Leader: To heal our wound and to make us whole again...

All: Is there no balm in Gilead?

Leader: To lift us up when we have fallen...

All: Is there no balm in Gilead?

Leader: Yes, Jesus is a balm in Gilead.

All: Come, let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN: #400 "There Is A Balm in Gilead"

UNISON PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION

Holy One, in our daily lives, we encounter conflicts every day.
We pray for a balm in Gilead, some ease to this suffering,
but we pray without realizing that Just Peace begins
with our own decisions in our own conflicts
that we experience every day.

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SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 2:1-7 ***RPB p.194 ***LPB p.254

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

SERMON: "Perfection"

ANTHEM: "How Could Anyone Ever Tell You"

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: "I Will Sing of Your Love, Love, Love"
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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: Rachel & Dwayne Johnson
Coffee Hour: Cathy Hess
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.*

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SEPTEMBER OFFERINGS...

For children at Guilford School:

fruit, granola bars, crackers, applesauce

NO NUTS

For our Homeless brothers and sisters:

Socks, boots, gloves, jackets, hats...



CHURCH CONNECTIONS AND SUPPORT

Need a ride to church? Please call Patty Meyer at 257-0994 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.

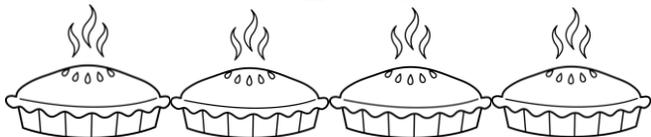
BCTV: Many of our services have been filmed and can be found on BCTV, Channel 8 Wednesday morning at 7am and Sunday mornings at 8am or anytime online at www.brattleborotv.org.

Audio-recordings of services are available through Patty in the office.

UPCOMING: PIE SALE

Saturday, October 12

Save the date!



All: God of grace and peace, we confess

that we have prayed for peace while using violent language; that we have hoped for justice while acting on prejudices; and that we have stood aside waiting for others to take brave actions. Forgive us and strengthen us for the journey ahead, in which we must all take part. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE:

Loving God, we are grateful that you come to us through Jesus Christ, as your healing balm in Gilead. We are thankful for your abiding love that lifts us up in our times of despair. And we are thankful for your faithfulness that heals our wounded spirit and makes us whole again.

In our time of celebration and experience in worship, may we welcome you to restore and heal our souls.

Amen.

ANTHEM: "Somebody Prayed for Me"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Where Is St. Croix?"

CHILDREN'S HYMN:

#375 "Weave, Weave, Weave Us Together"

CONTEMPORARY READING (Barry Levitt)

"What Love Tells Us About God Love, which might be called the attraction of all things toward all things, is a universal language and underlying energy that keeps showing itself despite our best efforts to resist it. It is so simple that it is hard to teach in words, yet we all know it when we see it. After all, there is not a Native, Hindu, Buddhist, Jewish, Islamic, or Christian way of loving. There is not a Methodist, Lutheran, or Orthodox way of running a soup kitchen. There is not a gay or straight way of being faithful, nor a Black or Caucasian way of hoping. We all know positive flow when we see it, and we all know resistance and coldness when we feel it. All the rest are mere labels."

-Richard Rohr, The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For and Believe

I Will Sing Of Your Love, Love, Love

words and music by Christophe Grundy

E F#m7 E/G#

1. I will sing of your love, love,
 2. I will sing of your love so
 3. I will sing "Let the child - ren
 4. I will sing of the trees so

4 F#m7 B(sus4)

love, of your stead - fast love for as
 wide that it wel - comes/the neighbor and
 come. Do not hin - der them, for you
 tall, of the o - ceans/so deep and your

7 E B(sus4) E

long as I live and I will
 will not di - vide
 love ev - 'ry one,"
 love for them all

10 F#m7 E/G#

sing of your love, love, love,

13 F#m7 B(sus4) E

for as long as I live.

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everyone welcome

4:20-4:50 pm OPEN MEDITATION in the Sanctuary

4:50-5:30 pm DISCUSSION 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 for three weeks unless other requests are made.

Victims Of Recent Shootings In Texas Victims of Hurricane Dorian

Shirley Gilbert	Al Franklin	Jay Falk
Lisa Vose	Joan Seymour	Doris Spahr
Anne Janeway	Elaine Petrie	Carol Jaenson
Theodore Koehler	Angela Daprato	Sarah Rankin
Tony Barrand	Mary Lila Gregg	Diana MacInnes
Barbara Le Van	Lois & Chaz Freeman	Mary Grove
Elizabeth Israel	Ruth Ayers	Alison
Mary Ellen Koehler	Nancy Ragle	Herb Meyer
Elisabeth Dearborn	Laura Christie	Grace Wahlberg
Michael Vose	Margaret Breunig Smith	Justin
Carole Crompton	Rob Harnish	Don Marsh
Marilyn Struzziary		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.