



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 (802) 380-3695.
Please spell the name(s) or email Lucy at
lucysb1@gmail.com.

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

October 20, 2019



ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 20, 2019

Worship leader: Andy Davis

PRELUDE
WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER AND CANDLE-LIGHTING FOR THE SEARCH
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:

We come before God as equal in God's sight.

God knows us thoroughly and loves us completely.

None of us is perfect and without blemish.

**Yet God has called us children, and asked us to be
compassionate and responsible in our caring
and witness.**

We are called to joyful obedience in God's realm.

**Thanks be to God, who trusts us and pours
abundant love on us. AMEN**

*OPENING HYMN: #356 "Lord Speak to me that I May Speak"

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 121

I lift my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?

**My help comes from the LORD, who made Heaven
and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will
not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will not slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your
right hand.

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The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon

by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life.

**The LORD will keep you going out and your coming in
From this time on – and forevermore.**

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION
SILENT CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions and
knows our attitudes. In the midst of our troubles, God
reaches out to heal and forgive us. Receive forgiveness
which God has offered to you. Help us to live in God's
love. AMEN**

ANTHEM: "I Want to Thank You Lord" (*Moses Hogan*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Robinhood Makes a Friend"

CHILDREN'S HYMN: #64 "Wherever I May Wander"

SCRIPTURE: (Lucy Spahr-Blazej)

Genesis 32:22-31 ***RPB p.29 ***LPB p.37

Luke 18:1-8 ***RPB p.76 ***LPB p.99

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymn:#617

"Write These Words in Our Hearts ..."

SERMON: "Rocky Roads and Narrow Bridges"

ANTHEM: "*Rasslin' Jacob*"

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

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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.

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, November 10th.

LIVING STRONG Classes for strength and balance meet at the church Mon/Wed at 5:30–6:30pm, 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 10-11am Intermediate & Mondays 11-12 for Beginners. For more information contact Patty at 257-0994.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

*RECESSIONAL HYMN: “Stand By Me” (Charles Tindley)
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: John Cole

Greeters: Betty Putnam + Ron & Kachina Autenreith

Coffee Hour: Stennie Nelson, Ken Kornfield & Connie Woodberry

Flowers: Patrice Murray

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.

Thanks to everyone who helped, and especially Nancy Leitch and Tom Green, together we raised \$3,000!

AUTUMN OFFERINGS...

For children in Zambia: BOOKS!!

For our homeless brothers and sisters at the Groundworks Drop In Center:

BOOTS, GLOVES, HATS FOR ADULTS...



COFFEE, COFFEE MUGS, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, TOWELS AND TOILETRIES



BOTTLE COLLECTION Our **bottle redemptions** go to help Pure Water for the World which serves rural and underserved communities, where there are high incidences of waterborne diseases and a scarcity of aid. **Redeemable bottles and cans can be left in the bin on the back porch.** Please place recyclables in a bag or container.

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY Sunday, October 20

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Worship Leader: Andy Davis

Return your Pledges!

Saturday, October 26

FALL CLEAN-UP

Sunday, October 27

Worship Leader: Rev. Lise Sparrow

Saturday, November 2

CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT

9:00am – 1pm

Sign up with Patty in the office

If you'd like to attend.

No experience necessary, all are welcome!

Sunday, November 3

ALL SAINTS DAY

Lighting candles for loved ones

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.

GCC Search Committee

Lisa Vose

Anne Janeway

Theodore Koehler

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Jay Falk

Lois & Chaz Freeman

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Don Marsh

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THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY meets Mondays at 3pm.

Everyone is welcome. The knitters provide beautiful hand knit or crocheted shawls for those in need of the comfort the shawls offer. There is 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 (257-0626). And, if you donate a shawl, please put your name on it so we will know who made this gift!

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.