



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!***

**Guilford Community Church is a safe place  
for all people to worship regardless of race, creed,  
age, cultural background or sexual orientation**

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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.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**February 16, 2020**  
**Dunham Rowley, Worship Leader**  
**Franz Robert, Pianist**  
**Stefan Amidon, Choir Director**

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  
PRAYER for the SEARCH COMMITTEE  
CALL TO WORSHIP

Perfect Light of Revelation,  
As You shone in the life of Jesus,  
Whose epiphany we celebrate,  
So shine in us and through us,  
That we may become beacons of truth and compassion,  
Enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy.  
Amen

\*OPENING HYMN: #14 "Earth and All Stars"

RESPONSIVE READING (optional)

Go into your week  
with your ears pitched  
to the sound of God's voice calling your name.  
Go into your week  
with your eyes peeled  
for the face of Jesus in unexpected places.  
Go into your week  
with your soul poised  
to receive the Spirit of God,  
the Spirit of Peace.

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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: #418 "Faith of our Fathers"

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 following volunteers  
who make this worship service possible.  
Service Coordinator for today: Fred Breunig  
Greeters: Kathie Lovell + Ron & Kachina  
Flowers: Patrice Murray  
Coffee Hour: Robin Davis

**CENTERING PRAYER**

every Wednesday----everyone welcome

OPEN MEDITATION

4:15-4:50pm in the Sanctuary

BOOK DISCUSSION:

"The Path of Centering Prayer" by David Frenette  
Chapter 9

CLOSING MEDITATION 5:20-5:30pm

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**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.

GCC Search Committee  
Family and Friends of Peter Serkin

Joy Hayes	Joan Seymour	Doris Spahr
Anne Janeway	Elaine Petrie	Carol Jaenson
Theodore Koehler	Julie Peterson	Herb Meyer
Trudy McNulty	Grace Wahlberg	Carole Crompton
Jay Falk	Diana MacInnes	Angela Daprato
Lois & Chaz Freeman	Mary Grove	Elizabeth Israel
Victoria Conroy	Peggy Bowler	Mary Ellen Koehler
Ina Schaeffer	Justin	Lori Shriner
Barry Levitt	Nan	William Murray
Prasanna & Sheetal	Jacob	Jim Buchholz and Family
	Oliver Piluski	

**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!

SILENT CONFESSION  
ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

God's Word is good, delightful, true, and reliable. It always points us in the right direction. If we stay true to God's Word, then we can be sure that we'll stay on the path of righteousness. Whether it's forgetfulness, ignorance, or disobedience, we stray from God's Word and end up sinning.

Then brothers and sisters, hear this Word of the Lord and rest in this truth: "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:11-12)

If you are in Christ, be assured that God forgives you completely. Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM:

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE  
PRAYER

HYMN: #364 "This Little Light of Mine"

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Sirach, 15: 15-20 (from the Orthodox Bible)  
1 Corinthians, 3:1-9 \*\*\*RPB p.156 \*\*\*LPB p.203

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

SERMON: "Who is Paul and who is Apollos?"

ANTHEM:

PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION It is in our confession where we realize our desire for God and our hope for God's mercy. It is in admitting the truth of our lives that we take the first step toward wholeness and healing. So let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.



#### MARCH 1: SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR KENYA

Margaret and Lily, Dwayne and Rachel, Lee and Lise and twelve other Vermonters, five from the Londonderry Church will be helping create a new nursery for these children, and tables and benches for the high school dining hall.

We welcome donations of children's clothing, tools, wooden puzzles and shoes and all kinds of hand tools for simple projects.

All donations will go to:

- 1) support the 140 children and their guardians with food, soap and cooking oil
- 2) buy building materials and tools
- 3) school uniforms
- 4) a computer for the school principal

Checks can be made out to GCC/Kenya and there is also a GoFundMe page entitled: Guilford-Kaiguchu Children's Project.

#### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Today, February 16  
Worship Leader: Dunham Rowley  
*Lise is away*

Sunday, February 23  
**EAT SUNDAY!**

4pm: "Taking Root:  
the Vision of Wangari Maathai"  
with Alan Dater and Lisa Merton

Wednesday, February 26  
Ash Wednesday, 7pm

Sunday, March 1  
First Sunday in Lent  
**SPECIAL COLLECTION**  
*Kenya Packing after church*

Sunday, March 8  
Kenya Send Off

#### **CHURCH AND COMMUNITY**

**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 and 4th Sunday of the month, 2- 4pm in the Houghton Room. The next meeting is Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</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.

**TAI CHI FOR MATURE BODIES** Mondays from 11-12. For more information contact Patty at 257-0994.