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**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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**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

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 2020

*Today we welcome the travelers bound for Kenya  
as representatives of our church.*

PRELUDE

INTROIT: "Deep Calls to Deep" (3 times)

## Deep Calls to Deep

words and music by Mary Alice Amidon

1. Deep calls to deep in the thun - der of the  
ca - ta-racts, Deep calls to deep in the  
waves u - pon the shore. Deep calls to  
deep, when the heart is o - pen;  
Deep calls to me, calls to you, calls us all.

Chords: D, D/C#, B m7, B m/A, G, A, D, D/C#, B m7, B m/A, G, A sus, A, B m, D/A, G, D, A, B m7, E m, A, A

WELCOME

BLESSING OF A PRAYER SHAWL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 fellowship and refreshment.

Everyone is welcome!

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

Service Coordinator: Lucy Spahr-Blazej

Greeters: Rob Harnish + Lucy Spahr-Blazej

Flowers: Margaret Dale Brrand

## CHURCH CALENDAR

**Sunday, March 1, 10am**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**

*Kenya Packing after church*

**Tuesday, March 3**

“Climate Church, Climate World”

7PM: *Rev. Jim Antal*

**Sunday, March 22**

4PM: “Amistad” Film

*with Curtiss Reed Jr*

**Sunday, April 5 10am**

**PALM SUNDAY**

4pm: ‘Mni Wiconi,

Honoring the Water Protectors”

*with John Willis*

**Thursday, April 9**

**Seder Supper 5:30pm**

**TENEBRAE 7pm**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Hymn: "Hakuna Mungu Kama Yeye"

Leader: We remember that on the night of His betrayal,  
Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it,  
and gave it to the disciples.

He said to them, "Take and eat,  
for this is my body, broken for you."

**All: His bread is Life to us.**

Again after supper he took the cup,  
blessed it and shared it with the disciples,  
likewise saying, "Take and drink,  
this is my blood, which is shed for you  
for the forgiveness of sins.

As often as you drink this, remember me."

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

Bless now, redeeming God, these gifts  
of your abundant earth. As we share these gifts  
among Your children here gathered,  
may this bread and the fruit of this vine nourish us  
- body and soul - to be a part of the "great company"  
of Your reconciliation. In Christ we pray.

**All: Amen.**

*All come forward to receive the bread and wine.*

*Feel free to tear a piece of the host—the gluten free bread is in  
the center and the cup is juice.*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*THE CLOSING HYMN: #515 "This Is My Song"

SENDING FORTH THE LIGHT

BENEDICTION

\*THREEFOLD AMEN: Hymn #291

*\*invites the congregation to stand*

*\*\*\*RPB=Red Pew Bible      \*\*\*LPB=Large Print Bible*

*A complete list of announcements can be found in the insert or in  
our weekly e-news. Please fill out the cards in the pews to be added  
to our mailings.*

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 & THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING HYMN: "Amazing Grace/Kikuyu"

UNISON PREPARATION FOR CONFESSION (Desmond Tutu)

O Lord, Thou knowest the balm to heal my wounds, the help to  
strengthen my weakness, the path to prosper my progress. Thou  
knowest all that is expedient to fulfil my life, as the potter knows  
how to contrive his own vessel's perfection. For the work is  
wrought according to the design and wisdom of its maker.

O Lord, renew Thy vessel with the power of the Holy Spirit.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Desmond Tutu)

All shall be Amen and Alleluia.

We shall rest and we shall see,

We shall see and we shall know,

We shall know and we shall love,

We shall love and we shall praise.

Behold our end which is no end.

ANTHEM: "Noah" (Peter Amidon)

CHILDREN'S STORY

## COMMISSIONING OF TRAVELERS

The 2020 KENYA travelers include:

*Dwayne and Rachel Johnson, Margaret Holland, Lily Quintero and Rev. Lise Sparrow, Kyra, Miles, Leander and Maea Chapin from Guilford Community Church; Amber and Déa Burrow from the Second Congregational Church of Londonderry, Lee Jacobson-Mohr and Rebecca Mears, Doug Fontein and Laura, Alice and Lily Molinelli.*

***Please include them in your prayers.***

**Kenya Trip Group Members: We are ready to embark on a Service Trip experience. We have gathered as a group and begun preparations together. Next week we will be sent out in the service of others.**

**Leader:** Friends, you are entrusted by these congregations and the broader community to embody God's love with each other and those you meet during this trip.

**Group Members: We look forward to enjoying each other and to serving the community of Kaiguchu with open hearts and by bringing our skills to bear with care and concern.**

**Leader:** Friends, you are commissioned by this congregation to share your skills and passions and to learn from the people you will meet.

**CONGREGATION: We covenant with you and before God to journey with you in prayer and to be open to new ideas for action when the group returns. We joyfully expect to participate in God's labors with you through the experience of this trip.**

## PRAYER

CHILDREN'S HYMN: #386 "We Are One in The Spirit"

READING:-Rozwi, South Africa

Great Spirit!

Piler-up of the rocks into towering mountains!

When you stamp on the stones

the dust rises and fills the land.

Hardness of the cliff,

waters of the pool that turn

into misty rain when stirred.

Gourd overflowing with oil!

Creator . . . who sews the heavens together like cloth,  
knit together everything here on the earth below.

You are the one who calls the branching trees into life;

you make new seeds grow out of the ground

so that they stand straight and strong.

You have filled the land with people.

Wonderful one, you live

among the sheltering rocks.

You give rain to us people.

We pray to you,

hear us, O Strong One!

When we beg you, show your mercy.

You are in the highest places

with the spirits of the great ones.

You raise the grass-covered hills

above the earth,

and you make the rivers.

Gracious one!

## SERMON

ANTHEM: "Now Is the Cool of the Day" (J. Ritchie)

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

## **SUGAR SUPPER SATURDAY, MARCH 21**



**Menu:** Ham, baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, homemade rolls, and Maple sugar on snow, with homemade donuts, and dill pickles

**Seatings:** 4:30, 5:45, and 7:00 PM

**Prices:** Adults \$12; children (11 and under) \$6; preschoolers \$3

**Questions:** Fred Breunig, 802-254-9019  
or [fmbreunig@comcast.net](mailto:fmbreunig@comcast.net)

**Reservations:** call 802-254-9019 or email [guilfordchurchsupper@gmail.com](mailto:guilfordchurchsupper@gmail.com)

**We start taking reservations this week!**

And do plan on helping—get to know our church community—it's a great FUN-raiser, too! Opportunities on Thursday evening, plus Friday and Saturday—something for everyone to do.

**Centering Prayer every Wednesday  
4:20-5:30pm—everyone welcome**

**OPEN MEDITATION  
4:20 - 4:50 pm  
DISCUSSION  
4:50-5:30pm**

**Next week we will begin reading the foreword and  
introduction of INTIMACY WITH GOD  
by Thomas Keating**

## **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 in the list for three weeks unless other requests are made.

### **GCC Search Committee**

Joy Hayes	Joan Seymour	Doris Spahr
Anne Janeway	Elaine Petrie	Carol Jaenson
Theodore Koehler	Oliver Piluski	Herb Meyer
Trudy McNulty	Grace Wahlberg	Carole Crompton
Jay Falk	Diana MacInnes	Angela Daprato
Lois & Chaz Freeman	Mary Grove	Elizabeth Israel
Karen Van Zandt	Peggy Bowler	Mary Ellen Koehler
Ina Schaeffer	Justin	Lori Shriner
Barry Levitt	Nan	William Murray
Prasanna & Sheetal	Jacob	Jim Buchholz and Family
Millie Starr & Family	Kathy Linskey	Ben Coplan
Amy Homan	Family connections for Emelio McCalla	
Karen Van Zante		

**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 names, or email Lucy at [lucysb1@gmail.com](mailto:lucysb1@gmail.com).

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**



**SEASONAL OVERFLOW SHELTER**  
**Our next meal is scheduled for TODAY.**

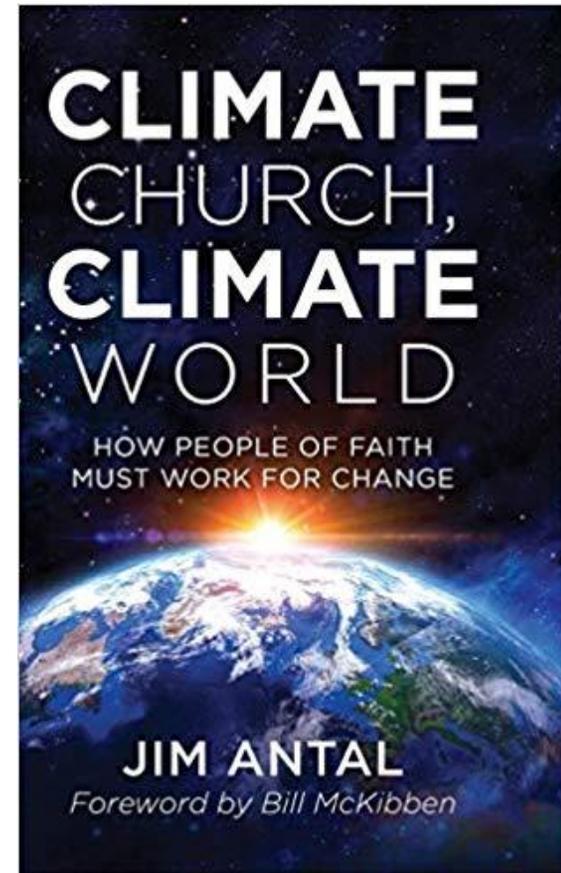
Rob and Jill Harnish lead the preparation and serve meals the first Sunday of each month. Your help is needed and welcomed in all aspects of the task. Sign up downstairs or let them know if you can provide part of a meal and/or help with serving the meal any month. Rob's number is (508) 808-1373 or email: rharn92636@gmail.com

**DONATIONS FOR MORNINGSIDE SHELTER**

The shelter can always use sheets, towels and toiletries. Donations can be left in the basket downstairs and we will be sure to deliver them.

**GUILFORD FOOD PANTRY** - Donations of peanut butter, tuna fish and breakfast cereal are much needed for the pantry and are always welcome. If you would like more information, or would like to help out on Thursdays, please contact Pat Haine at 257-0626 or email pth1946@yahoo.com. The Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 5- 6pm and is located at the Guilford Central School, 374 School Rd.

**DOVE PROJECT** - Thanks for anything you can offer to those living with HIV/AIDS in our community. The little white doves on the board downstairs are suggestions of things most needed.



**March 3, 2020: 7PM with Jim Antal**  
**Guilford Community Church,**  
*from Bill Mc Kibben*

Jim Antal has been at the forefront of the climate movement. I have stood with him at a hundred demonstrations, languished with him in jail, sweated next to him in paddy wagons. I have listened to him preach the powerful good news—and bad news—about the energy and climate crises from pulpit after pulpit. And I've watched as his cheerful, insistent, relentlessly loving approach has allowed so many Americans to join in this fight. He is on the short list of heroes who have given their all.

## **KENYA!!**



There are 140 children in Kaiguchu who have lost their parents to HIV/AIDS and we have been supporting them for 11 years. Some have recently graduated from secondary school and are making their way into a brighter future while younger children are still making their way with support of grandparents, neighbors and our church.

Your donations next week or on the Go Fund Me page for Kaiguchu-Guilford Children's Project will help carry on the work of providing food, clothing and an education for the poorest of the poor in Kenya.

If you'd like to donate items we are collecting children's shoes and clothing, soccer balls and school supplies.

**ASANTE—THANK YOU!!**

## **Amazing Grace**

words by John Newton, 1779  
tune NEW BRITAIN (trad)

1. A - ma - zing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a  
2. T'was grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my  
3. U - tu - gi wa ma - geh - gon - ya Nee - wa ho -  
4. Nee - u - tu - gi wan - yo - nee - reeay Gweh - tee - geh -

7  
wretch like me; I once was lost but  
fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
no kir - yeh; Rir - ya dar - yeh mu -  
ra n - gai; U - kay - nee - na; gyo -

12  
now am found, was blind but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.  
tu - mu - mu Gi - hee ga ka mai - doh.  
ya ge - ro Ree - rya de - te - kir - yeh.