

**CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Founded in 1816



*The mission of Centre Congregational Church is to worship and serve God,
following the example and teachings of Jesus Christ.*

-Church Bylaws, 21 May 2006

**An Open & Affirming Congregation
and a Just Peace Church**

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost / Windham Union Service

Worship 10:00am

**Last in a five-week sermon series entitled
*Many Perspectives: The Other Gospels***

WELCOME FRIENDS & GUESTS!!!
Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

MEDITATIVE QUOTATION BEFORE WORSHIP

"All of you should chant this day and night, because it brings back clear seeing, and each of you will return to your own original nature, your ultimately true being-ness, Free from all falsehood and illusion. And you will see these teachings are inexhaustible. Anyone, even if they only have a little love, can walk the Bright Path [...]. This is the way that leads to Peace and Happiness [...] even from the darkest of darks. If you really follow the Sutras, imagine how easy this could be!" -The Jesus Sutras

GREETING, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Couper

GATHERING MUSIC

"Minuet 1 and 2" from Sonata for Flute in C Major, J.S. Bach
Alison Hale, flautist

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Shawn Bracebridge

Priest: Oh radiant Jade-faced One, exulted as the sun and moon. Your virtues are greater than those of all the Holy Ones and Dharma Lords -

Congregation: The laws of Compassion save us all! Echoing through the world like a tolling golden bell...

Priest: Great Holy Law Giver, You bring us back to our original nature. And the souls that are saved are countless: Divine compassion lifts them up from the dust, redeeming them from the saddened realms of ghosts.

Congregation: The hundred Ways bring us clarity and kindhearted mercy...

Priest: Now I draw close to our Holy Compassionate Father, the One who creates salvation - See the angelic spirits crossing the Ocean of Dharma! We know to practice peace in our hearts through You. This whole gathering unites in singing to you, Honored One:

Congregation: The Great Law is now the Heavenly Wheel of returning - to You.

Priest: Come, let us worship our God!

-adapted from "The First Liturgical Sutra: Taking Refuge in the Trinity", 720 C.E.

OPENING PRAYER

Lise Sparrow

*OPENING HYMN #391 NCH (vs 1, 3, 5 only)

In the Midst of New Dimensions

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-11

Jeremy Kirk

*SCRIPTURE RESPONSE ("In the Lord..." sung twice)

Congregation

ANTHEM

One Sweetly Solemn Thought, R.S. Ambrose
Morgan Bothwell, soloist

MESSAGE "Ye Su's True Way in China, South Africa, and El Salvador"

Scott Couper, Judy Tate (Inanda Seminary), and Tori Svec (*Christo Redentor*, sister parish)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Janis Dey and Congregation

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*CLOSING HYMN #495 NCH

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

*BENEDICTION

Audrey Walker

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE ("Sanctuary" sung twice)

Congregation

SENDING MUSIC

"Allegro" from Sonata for Flute in C Major, J.S. Bach
Alison Hale, flautist