



Inside Out:

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Serving Our Church
Members & Friends
In Jackson, NH
And beyond!



Friends & Neighbors –

All this month, as we move toward Lent, which begins Feb 22nd, Ash Wednesday, we're studying the core prayer of our faith: the Lord's Prayer. It's also sometimes called the 'Our Father' or Pater Noster.

This prayer was taught by Jesus Christ in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. In this newsletter, we reflect on some of the ideas around the Lord's Prayer that we will also discuss in worship and in our weekly bible study. Below I want to share some variations on the traditional translation of the Lord's Prayer.

First of all, let us acknowledge that for many of people, the versions of the prayer that we learned and prayed in our different expressions of Christianity are already comfortable. Even beloved. We share this prayer in common, even if the language varies slightly based on our roots.

The basic variations are minimal. For instance, we may use words such as trespasses, debts, or sins. The Catholic version does not include the doxology 'for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever' within the body of the prayer, but addresses it later in the liturgy. By contrast, Protestants tend to combine the prayer and doxology as a single element of worship.

Please be reassured that Jesus taught us one model for how to pray. He did not instruct that we had to pray in the same exact words. Rather we are taught that every conversation offered to Godself is valid and authentic; pray as you are moved and inspired to do. Use familiar words. Use new words. Use silence or song. Pray with eyes closed and hands clasped, on your knees and head bowed, or pray with eyes wide open while walking in the woods. There are many ways to pray. Yet we're focusing on this prayer for as we enter Lent, and invite you to do so, too.

To revisit a known text such as the Lord's Prayer — which is often spoken from memory, by rote, each week — is to rediscover this prayer anew. For several weeks, in worship, study and weekly reflections, we're visiting this familiar prayer line by line.

Alternately, we may also learn by exploring the same prayer via new imagery and language. Different metaphors and concepts may open up a prayer to become more inclusive for people who have felt excluded from some of its conventional forms. Or it may clarify the meaning of the prayer in new, contemporary language. Take your time with the versions below to find out if you learn something new about a familiar prayer, by reading it in a new way.

Below is the same prayer in many variations. The first version appears in the New Zealand prayer book:

*Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: the hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!*

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

Another version was provided by minister and theologian Parker Palmer:

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name.

We pray for your reign of peace to come, We pray that your good will be done,

Let heaven and earth become one.

Give us this day the bread we need, Give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, from each one to each one.

Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days .

Come swiftly Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:

Forever your name is All in One. Amen.

The version remains unattributed, but its simplicity may make it understandable:

Loving God, in whom is heaven, may Your name be honored everywhere. May Your kin-dom come.

May the desire of Your heart for the world be done, in us, by us and through us.

Give us the bread we need for each day. Forgive us. Enable us to forgive others.

*Keep us from all anxiety and fear. For You reign in the power that comes from love
which is Your glory forever and ever. Amen.*

This translation comes from the Nazarene tradition, based on they report as 'original Aramaic'. It has been interpreted through a contemporary lens and may speak deeply to some people who are straddling multiple traditions or ways of being in the world:

*O cosmic Birther, from whom the breath of life comes, who fills all realms of sound, light and
vibration.*

May Your light be experienced in my utmost holiest. Your Heavenly Domain approaches.

*Let Your will come true in the universe (all that vibrates) just as on earth (that is material and
dense).*

Give us wisdom (understanding, assistance) for our daily need,

detach the fetters of faults that bind us, (karma) like we let go the guilt of others.

*Let us not be lost in superficial things (materialism, common temptations),
but let us be freed from that what keeps us off from our true purpose.*

*From You comes the all-working will, the lively strength to act, the song that beautifies all and
renews itself from age to age. Sealed in trust, faith and truth. (I confirm with my entire being)*

May you find something beloved, either in the original version of the prayer that you have always said, or in one of these variations, that helps you connect with Holy Love.

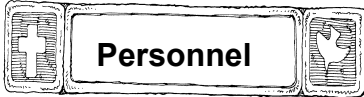
Blessings!



— Rev Gail



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Church Council

The Church Council meets once a month on the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00pm. All Church members are welcome to attend. The council is made up of the Moderator, Pastor and all committee representatives. The next council meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, February 8th at 7pm.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting news and articles for the March newsletter will be Thursday February 23rd. Items can be mailed to PO Box 381, Jackson, NH 03846 or emailed to: jchurch@jacksoncommunitychurch.org

Church Life Activities



Game Day!

Sunday February 19 3-5pm
Fellowship Hall

The first Game Day in January was such a hit and a fun time was had by all—we are doing it again!!

Join us—all are welcome.
This month hosted by Wendy McVey



SHROVE TUESDAY

Tuesday, February 21st 5:30pm
Fellowship Hall

Join us for live music and crepes with sweet and savory fillings. Wear your Mardi Gras masks and bling - come and have fun! We will have a photo area set up with lots of props for that great photo! As always this is free to the public with donations welcome.

If you would like to volunteer to prepare the fillings and crepes prior to the event please let Rev. Gail know. The preparation session will be held in the church kitchen on Monday morning, February 20th.

Church Family News and Prayers



Feb. 5: Donovan Spaulding
Feb. 9: Talia Hutchings
Feb 10: Chris Doktor
Feb. 11: Caleb White

If you would like a special anniversary or birthday mentioned in the newsletter please let us know by sending an email to the office. In order to protect your privacy, we do NOT use the church records for these announcements and will only include them if you send it in!



Dear Gail and The Jackson Community Church,

Each year that the church family brings Christmas Carols to our home, it brings joy, hope and warm fuzzy feelings to our hearts. Thank you so much.

We appreciate, not only the music, but the interaction of every person who brings us their smile, love and friendship!

Hugs to All! Lynda and Jim



Thank you to the Flower Team for providing beautiful arrangements in our Sanctuary.

This months flowers are provided by Joyce Allan

If you have a special occasion and would like to supply flowers please let Joyce know.

Rev. Gail continues to help members of the church and community with pastoral visits, phone calls or by remote video. If you're aware of someone who might benefit from a bowl of homemade soup and a visit, please let her know.



Free Fitness Classes on Tuesdays and Fridays

Laurie McAleer offers a free weekly exercise classes at the church. Classes are held on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:30am.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ... locally and internationally



Mission Group

Are you passionate about a cause that is either international or local? Bring your ideas and positive energy to the Mission Team. The Mission Group is always excited when new members and friends are interested in seeing what they are accomplishing.

Current members are Linda Hastings, Jeanette Heidmann, Kit Griffin, Meg Phillips, Jean Melczarek, Claire Mallatte and Gloria Hutchings.



Volunteers from Honduras Hope were thrilled to return to Yoro and the people of Plan Grande and San Jose in November. Your donations to Honduras Hope and purchase of baskets made by the women of Plan Grande have made a huge difference in their lives. Please read the attached newsletter to learn about this charity that has done much to improve their living conditions and help them to achieve self determination.



To learn more about the wonderful impact that Honduras Hope is bringing to the community click on the Fall/Winter newsletter [Here](#).

In a letter of thanks...

Honduras Hope said

“ Rosabell leads the group of women who make pine needle baskets. At Basket Day, Honduras Hope buys baskets from each woman at a fair market value to sell in the US and donates \$1,00 for each basket to the group fund. They also sell the baskets in a local store.”

They learned how to make the baskets from 2 women and although it hurt their fingers they learned the skill and have been passing it on to other women. It has helped them to support their families.

Thanks to Meg Phillips the baskets have been sold through our church annually.

The Mission Team is pleased to pass on that the JCC has received sincere thank you notes from :

The Bartlett-Jackson Food Pantry: Providing food and other staples to those in need. The pantry is currently open twice per month.

Angels and Elves: Angels and Elves has been a project of the Kiwanis Club of Mount Washington Valley since 2003. Angels and Elves provide gifts during the holiday season to more than 700 underserved children in Mount Washington Valley who might not otherwise receive presents.

Starting Point: Starting Point offers vital services for victims of domestic and sexual violence in Carroll County.

White Mountain Community Health Center: White Mountain Community Health Center provides the community with affordable access to high-quality, compassionate, individualized healthcare and support services needed to achieve wellness.

The Way Station: The Way Station provides safe, welcoming, non-judgmental space and supportive services for homeless & housing insecure residents of Mt Washington Valley.

White Horse Recovery: White Horse Recovery appreciates our donation which helps them to continue to impact the lives of those seeking a path to a better future through counseling.



Rev. Gail and the Jackson Community Church recently received flyers to post and distribute within our community regarding the work of the WAY STATION.

Since receiving and distributing the flyers, The Way Station reached out to us, specifically because of the extreme cold weather conditions that our area is experiencing.

WAY STATION provides food, clothing, shelter in some cases, extreme weather camping supplies, a hot shower, gas/phone/laundry cards and many other things to help the homeless and housing insecure of the Mt Washington Valley Region. The extreme weather is putting additional pressure on this community.

Please consider a donation by clicking the "donation link" : [Donate Here](#) or by mailing a donation to:

Way Station is a 501(c)(3) charity incorporated in the State of New Hampshire. EIN: 85-1330063.
WAY STATION
P.O. Box 1888
15 Grove Street
North Conway, NH 03860

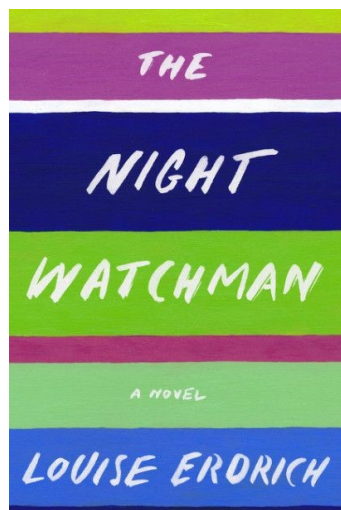
Jeanette Heidmann, Way Station Treasurer
on behalf of the entire Way Station Board of Directors:
Nathan Hall, Gail Doktor, Sue Davidson, Jeanette Heidmann, Julie Bosak,

Non-perishable food and other items can be dropped off in the basket in the church vestibule.

Friends of Bartlett Public Library Present

THE NIGHT WATCHMAN

on February 14th at 7:00



Valentine's Day = A Romantic Way to spend an evening together!

Based on the extraordinary life of National Book Award-winning author Louise Erdrich's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington, D.C., this powerful novel explores themes of love and death with lightness and gravity and unfolds with the elegant prose, sly humor, and depth of feeling of a master craftsman.

Julia King has agreed to facilitate this extraordinary book and will bring some of the "love" revealed throughout on our 2023 Valentine's Day. Many of us have listened and learned when Julia facilitates.



Working on houses and talkin about Jesus

The journey of Mike and Joyce Scott with Samaritans Purse

Mike and Joyce Scott continue helping those rebuild after suffering devastating losses from natural disasters. They are currently in Florida helping with home projects resulting from Hurricane Ian. Joyce welcomes all to follow their journey via Facebook: Joyce Elaine Scott

The latest newsletter from Mike and Joyce can be found by clicking [here](#).

Church Council

The Church Council will meet on the second Wednesday of the month.
The upcoming schedule is as follows:

Wednesday	February 8th
Wednesday	March 8th
Wednesday	April 12th

A reminder that all church members, as well as champions are encouraged to attend the Council Meetings. Council Meetings are held via Zoom and an email reminder is sent out prior to the meeting. If you are interested in attending notify the church office for the zoom link.

**PROTESTANT CHAPEL ASSOCIATION
Jackson, NH**

PCA Annual Meeting Notice

TO: MEMBERS OF THE PROTESTANT CHAPEL ASSOCIATION

You are hereby notified to meet for the PCA Annual Meeting:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

4:00PM

VIA ZOOM

To act upon the following agenda:

- Reading and approval of the February 28, 2022 Annual Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Officers & Directors
- President's Report
- New Business
- Old Business
- Any other business to come before this Assembly

Joyce Allan
President

Steeple Light



The Jackson Community Church Steeple is lit in the month of February for Mary Claire Ballou from Jim and Linda Hastings.

If you would like the steeple lit in memory or in honor of a loved one, family member, friend or organization, please mail your request along with a donation to:

Jackson Community Church
Attn: Steeple Lighting
PO Box 381
Jackson NH 03846



Did you know....



The **Charitable IRA Rollover**, also known as a **Qualified Charitable Disbursement (QED)** allows Americans age 70 ½ and older to make gifts to one or more nonprofit organizations (such as Jackson Community Church) without federal tax penalty, by simply requesting a transfer of IRA assets from the plan administrator directly to your charities.

Gifts can be made up to \$100,000 annually and count towards the owner's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for individuals age 72 and older. QCDs from pre-tax IRAs are still a tax-savvy giving strategy in 2021 if you are between age 70 ½ and 72, even though RMDs are not required until age 72.

Consult your tax advisor for the best advice. This is a very painless and tax-advantaged way to support JCC and other favorite charities!



Have you considered naming Jackson Community Church in your estate plans?

Everyone has the capacity to leave a legacy – large or small – to the organizations that they care about most. There are many simple ways you can make a lasting gift to the church. JCC can be named as a beneficiary in your will, IRA, or charitable trust. Charitable Gift Annuities are available through the United Church of Christ that will provide you with income for life, a tax deduction, and a substantial gift to the church in the future.

Jackson Community Church is fortunate to have several trust funds that were given by generous church members in the past. We rely on the income from these funds to help balance our budget each year. But we could do much more if we had the resources.

Won't you consider leaving a legacy to JCC for future generations? Please let us know if you would like confidential information about these options.

"Giving liberates the soul of the giver" – Maya Angelou

Inside Out Address Changes, News Updates, Thoughts and Prayers



We strive to keep our church family, near and far, connected through this newsletter. We would love to hear from you!! Please send us information about yourself or other members of our church community, thoughts and prayers, and notices of pertinent community events. Please also let us know if your address has changed, or if you wish to be removed from the mailing list. Send any correspondence or changes to Jackson Community Church, Attn. Newsletter Editor, PO Box 381, 127

Name: _____

Street address: _____

Mailing address: _____

Email: _____ telephone: _____

Thoughts/Prayers: _____
