SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday • *April 28, 2024*

Mission Statement: As a community of faith, we welcome all who seek understanding. • As a community of hope, we offer friendship and comfort to those in need. • As a community of love, we provide caring support and shared fellowship to all.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY CHURCH. OUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS AND MEMBERS COME FROM MANY PLACES AND MULTIPLE FAITH TRADITIONS. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO FIND A SPIRITUAL SANCTUARY HERE.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

- WELCOME -

CENTERING MUSIC

Sharon Novak

CALL to WORSHIP

by Shari Miller Wagner

- One: Who is this who enters the doors of our temple, who overturns the tables, strews silver and gold on the floor, frees the sacrificial doves from gilded cages? Listen, as they rise, the beating of their wings is a song of loud hosanna.
- People: It is Jesus of Galilee, the Son of God, who comes to cleanse the great temple, to restore its subverted chambers to a house of hallowed prayer.
- One: Then let us open the doors of our hearts even wider, so he can cast out the thieves who would take what is sacred and tender and turn it hard as gold in a fist.
- People: May the temple within us be a refuge where doves of peace roost in the rafters. May it be a garden that bears the fruits of a generous spirit.
- One: Oh Lord, take what is corrupt and withered and let it break forth in beauty.
- ALL: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*SONG

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary Pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.

- PRAYING -

PRAYERS of PEOPLE & SILENCE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power, and glory forever. *Amen*.

	— REFLECTING —	
SCRIPTURE	Mark 11: 15-19	
MESSAGE	Get Mad	Guest Preacher Rev. Walt Hampton
*SONG 304	Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult	Sharon Novak
	— OFFERING —	
*SONG #44	Doxology	Sharon Novak
PRAYER of DEDICATION		
	— CLOSING —	

BENEDICTION

Sharon Novak

May the love of God live in us today, may the love of God live in us today. May the warmth we feel within us show in all we do and say. May the love of God live in us today. May the peace of God be with us today, May the peace of God be with us today. May it guide us and protect us, as we go our separate ways,

May the peace of God be with us, May the love of God live in us, May the love of God shine through us today.

SCRIPTURE

MARK 11:15-19: Jesus Cleanses the Temple

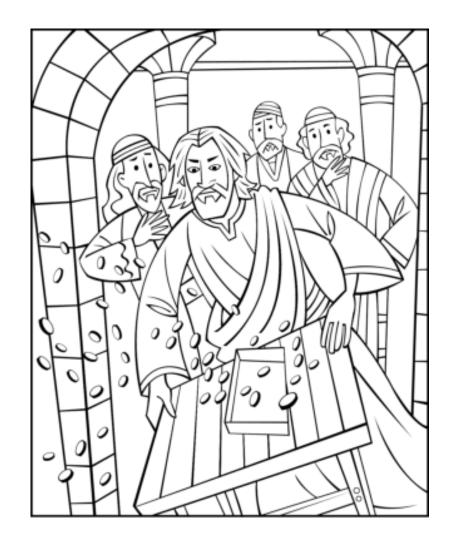
¹⁵ Then they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves, ¹⁶ and he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. ¹⁷ He was teaching and saying, "*Is it not written*,

'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a den of robbers."

¹⁸ And when the chief priests and the scribes heard it, they kept looking for a way to kill him, for they were afraid of him because the whole crowd was spellbound by his teaching. ¹⁹ And when evening came, Jesus and his disciples^[a] went out of the city.

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JACKSON COMMUNITY CHURCH, UCC JACKSON, NH

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: For PEOPLE

Allan, Anjali, Annie, Arden, Alexis, Barbara, Bob, Cindi, Cheryl, Corey, Deb, Dean, Don, George, Joan, Jean, Judy, Kathy, Ken (KC), Irene, Laurie, Lee, Marcia, Matteo, Mary, Maureen, Parker, Phaedra, Sarah, Scamp, Spencer Elizabeth, Tom, Robert, Val, Vivianne Elizabeth, Lori's niece & nephew, Dawson's sister, Tish's mother & family and Stam family.

For those in need of the essentials of life: dignity, work, education, food, water, shelter, freedom of thought and expression and belief and self-direction, sense of belonging and purpose, a place to call home.

For people with new diagnosis, undergoing treatment, seeking healing and recovery in body, mind or spirit. For those with cognitive, mental, and emotional challenges and changes. For those holding vigil until the end of life, and for those who are grieving, including the family of Jacob.

For those serving in the military and for their families. For those in caring roles and professions. For emergency responders: firefighters, police, EMTs and ambulance, medical health, social health, and mental health, disaster relief, crisis intervention, and others. For those in leadership positions making choices that affect other people.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: For PLACES

For climate-related occurrences around the world. For places affected by natural disasters: earthquakes, floods, fires, droughts, famine, eruptions, storms and other phenomena. For places struggling with conflict, systemic oppression, or violence such as Israel, Gaza, Palestine, and the Ukraine. For places with which we have partnership, including Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras.