

SUNDAY WORSHIP
with **MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE**
10:30am • Sunday • May 26, 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 —

— PASSING the PEACE & WELCOME —

CENTERING MUSIC *Sharon Novak*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this day, we ask the comfort of the Spirit

People: **For all those who have lost a loved one to the ravages of war.**

One: We seek the peace of Christ

People: **Which passes all human understanding and works to knit together this war-torn world.**

All: **And we call upon the Creator through whom all things are possible, including a world of healing, reconciliation, and justice.**

READING *If There Is To Be Peace by Lao Tzu (pg 2)*

MOMENT of REMEMBRANCE

Litany of Remembrance (pg 1 & pp 6-8)

MOMENT of GRATITUDE

Memorial Day Prayer

MOMENT of SILENCE *(pg 2)*

*SONG #515 *This Is My Song* *Sharon Novak*

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF 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 —

READING *May I Become by Shantideva (pg 3)*
Be by Rumi (pg 3)

SCRIPTURE *John 15:1-13*

REFLECTION **NO GREATER LOVE** *Rev Gail Doktor*

READING **Make Me an Instrument** *by St Francis (pg 3)*

*SONG # *Amazing Grace* *Sharon Novak*

— OFFERING —

*SONG #44 *Doxology* *Sharon Novak*

— 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.

JOHN 15:1-5, 12-13

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.”

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

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JACKSON COMMUNITY CHURCH, UCC
JACKSON, NH

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: *For* PEOPLE

Annie, Allan, Anjali, Annie, Arden, Alexis, Barbara, Bob, Cindi, Cheryl, Corey, Deb, Darlene, Dean, Don, George, Jan, Jean, Joan, Joyce, Jonathan, Judy, Kathy, Ken (KC), Irene, Laurie, Marcia, Matteo, Mary, Maureen, Meg, Parker, Phaedra, Sarah, Scamp, Spencer Elizabeth, Tom, Robert, Val, 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 families of Gino and Robert.

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.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

LITANY of REMEMBRANCE

Leader: In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

People: We remember them.

*Leader: In the blowing of the wind and
in the chill of winter,*

People: We remember them.

*Leader: In the opening of buds and
in the rebirth of spring,*

People: We remember them.

*Leader: In the blueness of the sky and
in the warmth of summer,*

People: We remember them.

*Leader: In the rustling of leaves and
in the beauty of autumn,*

People: We remember them.

Leader: In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

People: We remember them.

Leader: When we are weary and in need of strength,

People: We remember them.

Leader: When we are lost and sick at heart,

People: We remember them.

Leader: When we have decisions that are difficult to make;

People: We remember them.

Leader: When we have joy we crave to share;

People: We remember them.

Leader: When we have achievements that are based on theirs;

People: We remember them.

*Leader: For as long as we live, they too will live,
for they are now a part of us,*

People: As we remember them.

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER — *Austin Fleming*

In the quiet sanctuaries of our own hearts, let each of us name and call on the One whose power over us is great and gentle, firm and forgiving, holy and healing. You who created us, who sustain us, who call us to live in peace, hear our prayer this day. Hear our prayer for all who have died, whose hearts and hopes are known to you alone. Hear our prayer for those who put the welfare of others ahead of their own; give us hearts as generous as theirs. Hear our prayer for those who gave their lives in the service of others, and accept the gift of their sacrifice. Help us to shape and make a world where we will lay down the arms of war and turn our swords into ploughshares for a harvest of justice and peace. Comfort those who grieve the loss of their loved ones and let your healing be the hope in our hearts. Hear our prayer this day and in your mercy, answer us in the name of all that is holy. The peace of God be with you.

— PEACE PRAYERS —

If There Is To Be Peace — *Lao Tzu*

If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations, There must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors,

There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart.

— PEACE PRAYERS —

Be — *Rumi*

Be a lamp, or a lifeboat, or a ladder. Help someone's soul heal.
Walk out of your house like a shepherd.

May I Become

— *Adapted from Buddhist prayer by Shantideva*

May I become at all times, both now and forever,
A protector for those without protection,
A guide for those who have lost their way,
A ship for those with oceans to cross,
A bridge for those with rivers to cross,
A sanctuary for those in danger,
A lamp for those without light,
A place of refuge for those who lack shelter,
And a servant to all in need.

Make Me an Instrument — *St. Francis of Assisi*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant

that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

SCRIPTURES about PEACE

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face
shine
upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up his
countenance upon you; And give you peace.
— *Numbers 6:24-26*

Wisdom's ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are
peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her;
those who hold her fast are called blessed.
— *Proverbs 3:17-18*

And the effect of righteousness will be peace,
and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.
— *Isaiah 32:17*

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
— *Matthew 5:9*

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I give to you.
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
— *John 14: 27*

Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father
has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this,
he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'
— *John 20:19-21*

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation.
But take heart; I have overcome the world.
— *John 16:33*

SCRIPTURES about PEACE

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Aim for restoration,
comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace;
and the God of love and peace will be with you.
— *2 Corinthians 13:11*

And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
— *Philippians 4:7*

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
to which indeed you were called in one body.
And be thankful.
— *Colossians 3:15*

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you
peace at all times in every way.
The Lord be with you all.
— *2 Thessalonians 3:16*

May mercy, peace, and
love be yours in abundance.
— *Jude 1:2*

We reiterate here that our armed forces strive first for peace.

*The records that follow are collated from multiple sources and attempt to show the number of dead and missing who served among all US armed forces in historic conflicts, actions, and wars. They may not reflect all the losses that occur during or in the aftermath of war. We recognize that in many such events, the numbers shown do not include all deaths: noncombatants and civilians, people who fought on opposing sides, including Native Americans, or those who served and later died due to causes such as mental health, suicide, or injuries, or longterm illnesses from exposure to dangerous elements. For a moment, before we proceed with the recognition of US casualties directly attributed to war and armed conflict, among those who served officially in our armed services, we acknowledge the loss of all people who died during times of war. Some were warriors and soldiers, others were civilians. Let us remember. Remembering, seek peace and justice. **This is the prayer we hold for all people: peace.***

- American Revolutionary War: 1775–83 — 50,000
- Northwest Indian War: 1785–96 — 1,881
- Quasi-War: 1798–1800 — 556
- First Barbary War: 1801–05 — 138
- Other actions against pirates: 1800–1900 — 294
- Chesapeake–Leopard Affair: 1807 — 21
- War of 1812: 1812–1815 — 20,000
- Nuka Hiva Campaign: 1813–14 — 16
- Creek War: 1813–1814 — 575
- Second Barbary War: 1815 — 148
- First Seminole War: 1817–1818 — 83
- First Sumatran Expedition: 1832 — 13
- Black Hawk War: 1832 — 390
- Second Seminole War: 1835–42 — 1,535
- Mexican–American War: 1846–48 — 17,435
- Cayuse War: 1847–56 — 115
- Rogue River Wars: 1851–56 — 489
- Yakima War: 1855–56 — 126
- Third Seminole War: 1855–58 — 53
- Second Opium War: 1856–60 — 51

- Coeur d'Alene War: 1858 — 96
- Nez Perce War: 1877 — 291
- Bannock War: 1878 — 34
- Ute War: 1879 — 67
- Sheepeater Indian War: 1879 — 11
- Samoan crisis: 1887–89 — 62
- Ghost Dance War: 1890–91 — 99
- Sugar Point Pillager Band of Chippewa: 1898 — 23
- Spanish–American War: 1898 — 4,068
- Philippine–American War: 1898–1913 — 7,126
- Civil War: 1861–65 — 1,031,881 (Union) & 483,026 (Confederate)
- Dakota War of 1862 (Little Crow's War): 1862 — 263
- Shimonoseki Straits: 1863 — 10
- Snake Indian War: 1864–68 — 158
- Indian Wars: 1865–98 — 1,944
- Red Cloud's War: 1866–68 — 226
- Korea (Shinmiyangyo): 1871 — 12
- Modoc War: 1872–73 — 144
- Great Sioux War: 1875–77 — 525
- Boxer Rebellion: 1900–01 — 335
- Santo Domingo Affair: 1904 — 2
- United States occupation of Nicaragua: 1910, 1912–25, 1927–33 — 449
- Mexican Revolution: 1914–19 — 500
- Occupation of Haiti: 1915–34 — 184
- World War I: 1917–18 — 320,518
- North Russia Campaign: 1918–20 — 424
- American Expeditionary Force to Siberia: 1918–20 — 380
- China: 1918, 1921, 1926–27, 1930, 1937 — 83
- World War II: 1941–45 — 1,076,245 (casualties) & 30,314 (missing)
- Greek Civil War: 1944–49 — 6
- Chinese Civil War: 1945–50 — 215
- Berlin Blockade: 1948–49 — 31

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- Korean War: 1950–53 — 128,650 (*casualties*) & 4,759 (*missing*)
 - U.S.S.R. Cold War: 1947-91 — 44
 - China Cold War: 1950-72 — 16
 - Vietnam War: 1955–1975 — 211,454 (*casualties*) & 1,603 (*missing*)
 - Lebanon crisis: 1958 — 7
 - Bay of Pigs Invasion: 1961 — 4
 - Cuban Missile Crisis: 1962 — 20
 - Dominican Republic: 1965–66 — 330
 - USS Liberty incident: 1967 — 205
 - Iran: 1980 — 12
 - El Salvador Civil War: 1980–92 — 72
 - Beirut deployment: 1982–84 — 435
 - Persian Gulf escorts: 1987–88 — 100
 - Invasion of Grenada: 1983 — 138
 - 1986 Bombing of Libya: 1986 — 2
 - Invasion of Panama: 1989 — 364
 - Gulf War: 1990–91 — 1,143
 - Operation Provide Comfort 1991–96 — 23
 - Somalia: 1992–93 — 196
 - Haiti: 1994–95 — 7
 - Colombia: 1994–present — 8
 - Bosnia-Herzegovina: 1995–2004 — 12
 - Kosovo War: 1998–99 — 18
 - War in Afghanistan: 2001–21 — 22,266
 - Intervention in Yemen: 2002-present — *not published*
 - Iraq War: 2003–11 — 36,710
 - Intervention in Northwest Pakistan: 2004-18 — *not published*
 - Intervention in Somali Civil War: 2007-Present — *not published*
 - Operation Ocean Shield: 2009-16 — *not published*
 - Intervention in Libya: 2011 — *not published*
 - Operation Observant Compass: 2011–17 — *not published*
 - Operation Inherent Resolve
(Intervention in Iraq and Syria): 2014-Present — 157
 - American intervention in Libya: 2015–19 — *not published*
 - Raid on Yemen: 2017— 4