

SUNDAY WORSHIP
10:30am • Sunday • June 16, 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

*Adapted from Psalm 68
by Christine Longhurst*

One: Come, sing praises to God!

People: *Rejoice in God's presence!*

One: For this is our God: a Father to the fatherless,

People: *Defender of all who need protection;*

One: One in whom the lonely find a home,

People: *And the prisoner finds release.*

All: *Bless the Lord who sustains and strengthens us, day after day! Let us worship God together!*

— 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.

***SONG** *Garden Song (INSERT)* *Sharon Novak*

— FATHERS DAY OBSERVANCE —

PRAYER *(INSERT)*

SHARING FATHER'S DAY GIFTS

***SONG #60** *My Father's World* *Maisie Brown*

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE *Deuteronomy 6:4-7 &
1 Thessalonians 2:10-12*

MESSAGE **LOVING FATHER** *Peter Canty*

***SONG #97** *He's Got the Whole World* *Maisie Brown*

— 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.

BLESSING *Deacons*

**Please rise if you're able*

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE: *For PEOPLE:* Allan, Anjali, Annie, Arden, Alexis, Barbara, Bob, Cindi, Cheryl, Corey, Danielle, Deb, Darlene, Don, George, Irene, Jan, Jean, Joan, Joyce, Jonathan, Judy, Kathy, Laurie, Linda, 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 the 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 Jim Dunwell.

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 places affected by natural disasters and climate occurrences. 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.

FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND SUNDAY

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JACKSON COMMUNITY CHURCH, UCC
JACKSON, NH

SCRIPTURE

DEUTERONOMY 6:4-7: ⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.”

1st THESSALONIANS 2:10-12 ¹⁰You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was toward you believers. ¹¹As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹²urging and encouraging you and pleading that you lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

Meet Today's Guest Speaker **PETER CANTY**

Peter Canty was born in 1947 in Newton, MA. He grew up in the Town of Sudbury and is the oldest of three boys. Peter graduated from Boston College with a degree in geology in 1969. He worked as a petroleum geologist and manager in the oil and gas exploration and production business for 32 years principally in the Gulf Coast Basin of the United States. Peter was married to Nancy Greenleaf Canty for 45 years before her passing in 2017. He has two children and six grand children. Peter resides full time in Jackson and is engaged to be married to Karen Digregorio in August of this year.

PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

*Adapted from prayer
by Maren Tirabassi*

People: God, we're praying for fathers:

One: Fathers up at night with newborns, fathers bent under college debt, fathers who are good with one age of child and haven't a clue with another.

People: We're praying for fathers:

One: Balancing self and home and work and parenting, especially when no one seems to notice.

People: We're praying for fathers:

One: And for grandfathers and transfathers, godfathers and grieving fathers, foster fathers and adopting fathers, solo fathers and step-fathers, fathers-in-law and fathers-in-neighbor.

People: We're praying:

One: For teachers, mentors, coaches, counselors who mix a tiny bit of what they know from fathering into relationships with dozens of children ...

People: We're praying:

One: For those living with their mistakes as fathers: small thoughtlessnesses that call for self-forgiveness or deep damage needing repentance and transformation.

People: We're praying for those who want:

One: To be fathers, and those who have wanted, but it never happened.

People: We're praying for those who miss:

One: Their fathers or their children, because of death or distance, deep difference or disappearance.

People: We're praying for those who have been so hurt:

One: That the very name 'father' is a wound.

All: As we approach this civic day with its tangle of knotted emotions, we pray together, O God, O Holy Love, O Guardian, O Creator, O Healer, O Parent, O Father of us all, draw out — from your fathoms of tenderness — the care and strength necessary for our most intimate needs. Amen.

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All it takes
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And a piece
of fertile ground*

*Inch by inch,
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Someone bless these seeds
I sow
Someone warm them
from below
Till the rain comes
tumblin' down*

Verse 1

Pullin' weeds and
pickin' stones
Man is made of
dreams
and bones
Feel the need
to grow my own
'Cause the time
is close at hand

Rainful rain,
sun and rain
Find my way
in nature's chain
Tune my body
and my brain
To the music
from the land

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Verse 2

Plant your rows
straight and long
Temper them with
prayer and song
Mother Earth will
make you strong
If you give her
love and care

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