

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Jan 11, 2026 ~ 10:30am

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

Excerpted from Isaiah 42:1-9

One: Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

People: *I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.*

One: He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street;

People: *A bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.*

One: He will not grow faint until he has established justice in the earth; the coastlands wait for his teaching.

People: *Thus says God, the LORD, who gives breath to the people and spirit to those who walk ...*

One: I have called you in righteousness;

People: *I have taken you by the hand and kept you;*

One: I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

People: *To open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners ... who sit in darkness.*

ALL: See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

*SONG 60

This Is My Father's World Sharon Novak

— PRAYING —

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

LORD's PRAYER *(New Zealand version)*

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.*

— REFLECTING —

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:13-18

REFLECTION

BAPTIZER & BAPTIZED Rev. Gail Doktor

*SONG 220

*Breathe on Me,
Breath of God* Sharon Novak

— OFFERING —

*SONG 44

Doxology Sharon Novak

— CLOSING —

BENEDICTION

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.

**Please rise if you're able*

PRAYERS:

For PEOPLE: Focus this week: Allison, Bill M., Bob C., Bob G., Deb L., Hannah, Jenn, Jess, Kailee, Karen, Larry, Lee P., Mary, Mike, Nancy, Nat & June, Phaedra, Rob, Ruth, Steve, Tom.

Continuing: Alexis, Alice, Annie, Arden, Barbara, Betsy, Bob G., Bruce, Cal, Cameron, Carl, Cindi, Corey, Dave & Beth, Dawson, Don, Ed, Emmie, George, Karen, Kevin, Jan, Jean, Jim H., Joe, Joan, John, John H., John M., Jonathan, Judy, Karen, Kim, Kathy, Ian, Linda, Laurie, Marcia, Matteo, Maureen C., Mary, Meg, Michelle, Parker, Petros, Phaedra, Pojen, Robert G., Sally, Sam, Sarah, Spencer Elizabeth, Sue T.R., Tom, Tony, Rob, Robert, Val, Wayne, Lori's niece & nephew. For those grieving, including the families of Ann H., Michael, David S., and Tim.

For PLACES — For Chikanga Church in Mutare, Zimbabwe and communities in Honduras. For hurting places in the world, wounded by natural disasters or human-made causes and conflicts.

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Antique Ethiopian image of Jesus' Baptism by John the Baptist

JACKSON COMMUNITY CHURCH, UCC
JACKSON, NH

MATTHEW 3:13-17

Christ revealed as God's servant

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness."

Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

ANNUAL MEETING for JCC

Wed, Jan 21

6pm – Congregational Potluck

7pm – Annual Meeting (in-person & zoom)



- **6pm:** Come for community potluck.
 - Bring a favorite entrée, salad, side dish or dessert.



- **7pm:** Business meeting begins via zoom and in-person.
 - We review, discuss, and vote on church officers, 2026 budget, and other business items.
 - Annual Report available. Limited print copies or PDF online @ jxncc.org.