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9:30 AM

"We are a community in Christ, called to act with love toward our neighbors."

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

EXPRESSING OUR LOVE

(As we prepare for worship, we invite quiet contemplation of the Living God.)

**For those who are able, please stand.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT #55 (UCC-Red) "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 29: 3-9)

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
The Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!"

***HYMN #327 (NCH-Black)** "Jesus Loves Me"

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,
we have offended against your holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
spare those who confess their faults,
restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared unto humankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful God, for his sake,
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

***SONG OF PRAISE #338** (UCC-red) (Gloria Patri)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

GOD MOMENT

GROWING IN OUR FAITH

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 43: 1-7
Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

THE CHILD IN US ALL

(Teachers and classes leave for Church School)

SERMON

"Well loved and well pleased"

HYMN #289 (UCC-Red)

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

PRACTICING OUR SPIRITUALITY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR GIFTS (Please send pledges & donations to the church via mail or use online giving.)

MUSICAL OFFERING

***SONG OF PRAISE HYMN #780** Doxology (NCH – Black)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, O heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (from Hebrews 13: 15-16)

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise,
that is, the fruit of our lips that acknowledge God's name. But to do good and to distribute,
forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Amen.

*HYMN #547 (NCH-Black)

"Amazing Grace"

BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #812 (NCH-Black) "Threefold Amen"

Amen, Amen, Amen

POSTLUDE

WE EXTEND THE HAND of Christian fellowship to all who have come to worship in this Welcoming, Open and Affirming congregation. May our prayers and the hearing of God's Word make our burdens lighter, our hearts encouraged, and our souls refreshed.

If you are visiting for the first time, we welcome you.

To join our online live worship service for each Sunday at 9:30 A.M., go to the church website, www.fccuccspfdvt.org. Click on Worship on the black bar under the picture of the church. Click on the Facebook link. Click on the arrow of the live video.

Following the worship service, all are invited to join us downstairs in the vestry for coffee and conversation!

Nursery care (up to 3 years old) and church school are offered during the worship hour. If you are not sure where to find this service, please speak to an usher.

OUR THANKS to Kyle Washburn and all who participated in our service this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE NEEDED! Please call Cynthia King, 885-5831, if you would like to sign up for flowers.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING more about the bible? Join us for Wilderness Bible Study at 10 AM on Thursday. It's a Zoom meeting; all are welcome! AND – a Tuesday evening edition, focusing on the Gospel of Mark, meets at 7 PM on Zoom.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE:

Those words can mean most anything. Would you or someone you know benefit from prayers, home visits, help with shopping, rides to appointments, prepared meals, food to help you over a hard time? If you have such a need, or know someone who does, please contact one of the Congregational Care co-chairs. Claire Trask at 886-7377.

PRAYER LIST

Family of Roberta Smith	Ruth and Dan Kelin
Ginny Blais	Jane Morin
Marion Lerandean	Claire Hatch
Family of Nancy Sinclair	All others in need
Family of Kim Rhodes	Family of Barbara Levanovich

COMING UP ON THE CALENDAR!

Jan. 9	Worship – Michael Mario	9:30 AM
Jan. 9	Strategic planning meeting follows worship	
Jan. 11	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	7:00 PM
Jan. 13	Wilderness Bible Study via Zoom	11:00 AM
Jan. 16	Worship –Michael Mario	9:30 AM
Jan. 16	Annual Meeting follows worship	

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
PASTOR'S HOURS

Tues. & Wed. 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M
Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

STAFF

Pastor: Michael Mario
Administrative Assistant: Judy Lasell
Sexton: Todd Murray