

This Week's Participants:

Worship Leader: Reverend Lee Ireland
Liturgist: Ingrid Measimer
Children's Message: Rachel Measimer
Organist: Sue Stottlemyer
Pianist: Janice Kimball
Soloist: Burt Turner
Videographer: Richard Stottlemyer
Video Editor: Lisa Gorman
The Groton Congregational Choir



This year, Rev. Lee is offering an adult educational opportunity to discuss the Gospel of John. Bible Study began on February 24th and meets at 6:30pm following the regular Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting at 5:30pm.

Announcements:

Defogging of the Church will commence on March 22nd through March 28th.

The church will open for business at 9AM, Monday, March 29th.

During the Defogging Shut Down, **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE CHURCH.**

Our Annual Pledge Drive is still in gear. You may submit your pledge cards at any time. If you have not received your letter from the Stewardship Committee with pledge card or if you have sent us your pledge but have not heard from us yet, please contact the office.

Zoom Meetings

- 1- Don't forget about our Zoom Coffee Hour at 11:30am on February 28th.
 - 2- Our weekly Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 5:30pm and Bible Study at 6:30pm.
- If you are not receiving our weekly Zoom invitations, please email the office.

The Groton Congregational Church

United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Church
Founded in 1702



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First Congregational Church of Groton, United Church of Christ

The Order of Worship

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Prelude “What Wondrous Love Is This” **Flute, Organ Duet, Janice Kimball**

Welcome **Ingrid Measimer**

Call to Worship

Pastor: God has done mighty things in history because people have responded to his call.

People: **We remember Abraham and the promise God made to him with the call to go to a new land.**

Pastor: God still calls people to participate in his salvation by following his guidance.

People: **We believe God is calling us. We pray he will help us to hear and follow.**

HYMN “The God of Abraham Praise” **CH #24, all verses**

Prayer of Invocation

Gracious God, we thank you for the moments when we glimpse your glory, and the whispered words of your promise, which help us to continue from day to day. Bless us this day as we press onward in the journey of faith, trusting your grace for today and tomorrow, accepting the cost and joy of discipleship to Jesus Christ our faithful guide. We offer our prayer as we seek to listen better within and follow in Jesus’ ways. **Amen.**

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

This is the time where we make our love visible through the giving of our tithes and offerings. Let’s give with cheerful hearts.

Offertory Anthem “Were You There” **American Spiritual; Burt Turner, Solo**

Prayer of Dedication (unison) (by Carol Penner)

Generous God: Over and over your grace sustains us, over and over your love provides for us, over and over your arm steadies us. We give you these gifts with gratitude and joy, thankful that you are God over all. Amen.

Children’s Message **Rachel Measimer**

Joys & Concerns of the Church in Prayer
Prayer Time in Silence & Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

HYMN “If You Will Trust in God to Guide You” **CH #565, all verses**

Old Testament Readings: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

New Testament Readings: Mark 8: 31-38 Romans 4: 13-25

Sermon “In Covenant as the Remnant” **Rev. Lee Ireland**

HYMN “Great is Thy Faithfulness” **CH 86, all verses**

Benediction

Benediction Response “Go Now in Peace” **Choir**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Postlude “Beautiful Savior,” **arr. David Paxton**