

**\*Closing Hymn:** "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

CH #422

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response "Go Now in Peace"**

*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 "Trumpet Tune" Purcell**

Announcements:

The beautiful flowers adorning the Sanctuary today were donated by Betty Thomson in loving memory of her beloved husband, Herbert Thomson.

**Join in the fun on Trivia Night! October 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm-8:30pm**

This event is for members and their friends who are adults 20 to 40 years of age. There will FREE pizza and soft drinks. Share an evening of good-natured competition and test your brain power.

**Annual Organizational Meeting** is being held on Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> after worship. The full Report was emailed to members on September 26<sup>th</sup> there are copies of the report on the tables near the front and side doors of the church.

**Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study** begins at 5:30pm every Wednesday. If you are not receiving our Zoom invitations, please contact the office. Rev. Lee is currently working with the Gospel of John and we're on Chapter 3, comparing the language in the King James Version with Eugene Peterson's modern translation in The Message. Both versions are available on-line if you wish to join us. She will also be able to 'screen share' the passages as we work on them together.

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# The Groton Congregational Church

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World Communion Sunday

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

Sue Blaisdell

**Call to Worship**

One: We gather to worship together,

**All: Different people, different lives, different histories,**

One: Yet all children of the same Parent,

**All: Created lovingly by the Source of all life!**

One: We gather to reconnect with one another,

**All: Different people, different lives, different histories,**

One: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

**All: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.**

One: We gather with different joys and sorrows,  
different hopes and fears....

**All: Different people, different lives, different histories,**

One: Yet one people with one God, one faith, one  
baptism.

**All: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at  
work in us, among us, and through us.**

**\*Opening Hymn: "Lift Every Voice and Sing"**

**CH #631**

**Call to Confession**

God of compassion and mercy, we are your children. We bring our wounded selves, our divided society, and our broken world, seeking your healing and transforming grace. We know it is so easy for us to point the finger at others, yet we know that we all need your forgiveness. We pray today for the victims of conflicts as well as those we have called enemies. Help us to break down the walls of hatred, distrust and bitterness. Open a way for us to reach one another in truth and love and help us build a society where all can belong. May we share our gifts in mutual respect and work together for the new future. We humbly offer this prayer grateful for all that Jesus invites us to see. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

Rev. Lee A. Ireland

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present

in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another. Let us now move into that sense of new life and offer our words of praise.

**\*Gloria Patri (on cards in pews)**

**Offertory Invitation**

**Offertory Anthem "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place" Lanny Wolfe**

**\*Doxology (on cards in pews)**

**\*Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

**Gracious God, we ask that you bless our offering that it may reach and touch those who hunger, who hurt and who seek new hope. We pray with our brothers and sisters that our collected gifts may be used to bring love across the globe so we can work together to bring greater peace to our world. We offer this as we follow as Jesus' disciples, Amen.**

**Children's Message**

**Rev. Lee**

**Joys and Concerns of the People**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer (debts)**

**Musical Interlude**

**Scripture:** Job 1:1, 2: 1-10; Ps 26; Heb 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12

**Sermon:** "In Integrity He Walked"

**\*Communion Hymn: "One Bread, One Body"**

**CH #393**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)**

**Invitation**

**Words of Institution**

**Blessing of the Elements**

**Sharing of the Bread**

**Sharing of the Cup**

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live into the visions God has laid on our hearts. We are now commissioned to: feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.**