

“GOD IS STILL SPEAKING”

***NEVER PLACE A PERIOD
WHERE GOD HAS PLACED A COMMA***

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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

United Church of Christ - ONA

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Turn on the T-coil in your hearing aid and sit in one of these sections
for better hearing**

January 9, 2022

The best and only safe road to honor, glory, and true dignity is justice.

-George Washington.

Be honorable yourself if you wish to associate with honorable people. -Proverb.

PRELUDE Two settings of *We Three Kings* R. G. te Velde, G.M. Martin

INTROIT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

HYMN *We Three Kings of Orient Are* red #143 vv 1 & 5

*We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star*

Refrain *O, star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light*

*Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice
Alleluia, alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies.*

Refrain

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYERS

Prayer of Confession (unison)

**You know us, Creator. We are full of anxiety and disbelief.
We are full of suffering and darkness. Shine a light on us. Shine it
so we can see it so we can be that light. Thank you for forgiving us.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastoral Prayer

Silence

Lord's Prayer (debts)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Go Tell It

M. Archer

We invite you to remain quietly and celebrate the conclusion of worship in the postlude.

We hope that you find your worship experience meaningful.

If you are new to the community, we invite you to make this your church home.

In our Service Today

Preacher:	Rev. Lori J. Souder
Scripture Reader:	David Morrell
Organist/Music Director:	Larry Schipull
Pianist:	Cynthia J. Morrell
Hymn Singer:	Randy Purinton
Deacon:	Julie Burke

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Continual:

Emily Bangs-Orsini Mission Care Holyoke
Luke Bradley (lifelong battle with cancer)
Loxley Coffin, granddaughter of
Karol and Art
Joan Duffy
Muriel Graham
Tom Hazen
Audrey Heinrichs
Grace Hooton
Eunice Howes, for stabilization of vision
Phyllis Lacoste
Anna Sibley
Art Stanley
Those struggling with addiction



*We keep our Member-in-Discernment,
Emily Carle, in our prayers, in her seminary
studies at Louisville Seminary*

**If you have submitted one of these
when it is time to remove someone's**

Situational:

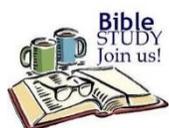
Dianne Clinton's granddaughter Bethany
Forest McGinnis with Covid
Audrey Heaphy's brother-in-law,
Bob Brandt
Hilton, brother of Greer Clarke,
son of Yvette
Jim K, with stomach cancer
Jean Lacoste
Emily Levine, granddaughter of Anita &
Randy, having surgery
Fay Paquette
Alina Sokop, undergoing chemo

*We keep all those affected by the Coronavirus,
in our prayers*

*We keep those serving in the military in our
prayers, including JB Pontes.*

**requests for prayer, please let us know
name from the list.**

Center Church Announcements



Join us for a **Bible Study** beginning January 13 from 10-11 am in the Conference Room at Loomis Village.

All are welcome but must wear a mask.

Bible Study on Jonah: Story of God's Boundless Compassion

January 13 - Chapter 1 January 20 - Chapters 2-3 January 27 - Chapter 4

Vigils for Racial Justice: All who support racial justice are invited to stand with us along College Street by the Town Common on the first Saturday morning of the month from 10-10:30. The bell will ring! Please bring your own sign, flag, etc., masks optional, and be prepared to stand at least six feet from anyone not in your family circle. For more information, contact Center Church at 532-2262.

Food for Friends Volunteers Wanted

"A feel-good job" is how our volunteers describe the work they do. And, with a requirement of just a few hours one Saturday a month, it's an easy commitment to keep (and if you can't make it on a given month, it's OK!). We are adding to our current rotation of volunteers, with these jobs available:

- Kitchen prep (8:30 - 11:30)
- Packing Coordinator (8:30 - 11:30, plus planning work)
- Packing Assistants (8:30 - 11:30)
- Driver Coordinator (10:30 - 1pm, plus planning work - computer skills)
- Delivery Driver (11 am - 1 pm)
- Kitchen clean-up (10:00 am - 12 pm)
- Substitute chef (2 or 3 times a year)
- Program manager (Oversees all functions, could combine with Packing or Driver Coordinator role - computer skills required)

If you are interested in volunteering, or want more information, please contact program manager Charlotte Buijnarowski at 413-374-6022.

Food for Friends is a group of volunteers from Center Church, Our Savior Lutheran, United Methodist, LifePoint and Morning Star Baptist, and the South Hadley Democratic Town Committee. We prepare and deliver an average of 100 meals one weekend a month to home-bound elderly clients in

the South Hadley and Granby communities. Our clients are generally also clients of the Meals on Wheels program, which delivers meals only on weekdays - creating a significant gap on the weekends. While we share our client list with three other churches who cover the remaining weekends of the month, Food for Friends is solely responsible for all other aspects of our program including organizing our volunteers and generating funding through donations and grants to purchase the food and packaging materials.



2022 Summer Camp at Silver Lake Camp & Retreat Center

The Southern New England Conference's Silver Lake Camp & Retreat Center summer camp program schedule is now available!

<https://www.silverlakeect.org/files/content/silver+lake/silver+lake+files/slrcr+-+2022+summer+brochure-web.pdf>

Silver Lake offers one-week overnight camp experiences for 4th grade - high schoolers. Programs range from sports to science to the performing and visual arts.

Summer camp at Silver Lake offers Center Church young people experiences of inclusive and nurturing Christian community, opportunities to grow and participate as Christ's disciples, and a model of sustainable environmental stewardship of God's world. It's a fun week in the outdoors, making friends in God's back yard!

Registration for summer camp begins on January 15, at www.silverlakeect.org
Save \$50 off all summer registrations made in the month of January using code EARLY22.



THE MINISTRY AT CENTER CHURCH

Ministers:	All Church Members
Senior Minister:	Rev. Lori J. Souder
Member in Discernment:	Emily Carle

Christian Education Program

Children:	Martha Guild, Maddie Drake and Chelsea Korzeniowski
Youth:	Emily Carle and Kayla Scott-McDowell

Music

Organist:	Larry Schipull
Associate in Music:	Cynthia Morrell
Office Administrator:	Cynthia Jubinville
Sexton:	Robert Farman