

**Meditation:**

*“And into forest I go, to lose my mind and find my soul.”  
— John Muir*

Welcome ~ Announcements and Joys  
Bringing in the Light of Christ

**PRELUDE** Brethren We Are Met to Worship Wood

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

**All: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.**

**\*HYMN** Nearer, My God, to Thee Bethany  
(See insert)

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Holy Spirit of God, who gathers the church into one body, gather us once again in your presence and strengthen the bonds of affection that hold your people together. Bless us with grace to cooperate with one another in love and service that we may be the signs of your uniting love to our fractured world. Teach us to show compassion for those in need, to face challenges with imagination, and to counter disappointment with prayerful trust. Be with us so your church can bring forth your will and your reign. Amen.**

**\* 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.***

**HEARING OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING James 3:13-18

SECOND READING Mark 9:30-37

REFLECTION Rev. Dr. Charlotte Wright

**CALL TO PRAYER**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (“debts”)

PRAYER RESPONSE

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

**\*OFFERING DEDICATION**

**O God, for the beauties of creation, for the joys of relationship, for your gracing of our lives: we give you our thanks. For service in this world, for children’s needs, for earth’s hope and renewal: in your name we bring these gifts. Direct the use of these gifts, that they may be instruments of your peace and food for your people. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 447** Lead On, O King Eternal Lancashire

POSTLUDE Toccata Krieger

**BENEDICTION**

\*Congregation Standing

## PRAYER LIST

Let us know if you would like any names added to the prayer list by seeing **Susan Stevenson** or by calling the church office: **(508) 627-4421**.

Head Deacons:

Ushers:

Karen and Jeff Meeks

Flowers:

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**Office Hours:** Tues.-Thurs. 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, Friday 9:00 AM-12:00 PM,  
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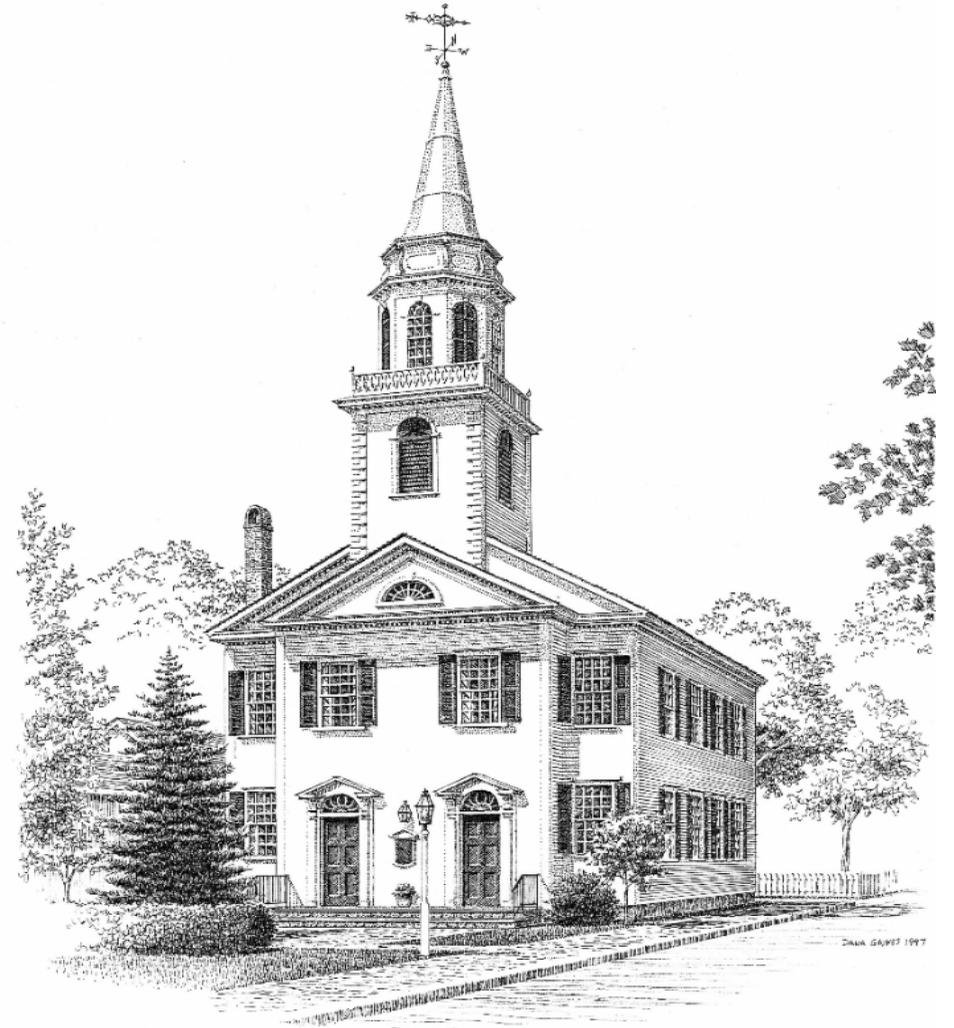
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