United Church of Christ, Congregational Boxborough

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No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you BELONG here.

September 13, 2026 9:30 am

Prelude *Music Medley* Esther Kim

Welcome & Announcements Pastor Fran Graveson

Reading

Reflection

* Hymn #478 (NCH Black hymnal) *I Got Peace Like a River* African American Spiritual

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. I've got river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. I've got fountain in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul. I've got ocean in my soul.

I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor,
I've got faith like an anchor, in my soul. I got anchor in my soul.

* Passing of the Peace

One: We take this time in community to share God's peace from one heart to another. The peace of God be with you.

All: And also, with you.

* Song of Celebration *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Children's Story

Community Prayer

Benediction

* Hymn #524 (NCH Black hymnal) *This Little Light of Mine* African American Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna light it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna light it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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***Denotes times in the service when the congregation will stand in body or spirit.**

The flowers on the altar this morning are presented by Nancy Warren and her siblings in loving memory of our Grandparents who showed us the wonders around us, gave us hugs, lots of love, and inspired us. Happy Grandparents Day!

Welcome Sunday!

Would you like to be engaged in the community?

"Ask Me About…" Ambassadors here today!

Boxborough Council of Aging Luncheon – UCC Boxborough is sponsoring the COA Luncheon on October 14th. If you would like to volunteer to help, Ask Peter.
RISE Against Hunger – Putting together meals on October 18th at 10 am. Ask Catherine and Kellie.
Immigrant Family Support Fundraiser with Congregation Beth Elohim – Fun and educational event @ 7pm on October 18th. Ask Susan, Anne, or Anne.
Cuba Fundraising Concert with Sol Y Canto – Fun afternoon concert to raise money for basic needs in Cuba on Sunday, October 24th at 4pm. Ask Maricel or Todd for more information.
Community Supper Volunteering – We will be volunteering as a group at the Community Supper on October 28th. Want to help? Ask Glynis
Merrie Christmas Fair – Our biggest community event is November 21st! Do you want to help? Ask Laurel.
Little Free Pantry – Our pantry is available 24x7. Do you want to help to keep it filled? Ask Kellie or Lee.
Northern Central Mass Habitat for Humanity Partnership – We are covenant partners with Northern Central Mass Habitat for Humanity. This means that we have multiple opportunities during the year to support HfH including working on a new home. Ask Peter for more information.
Concord Prison Outreach – During the holiday season we participate in the Concord Prison Outreach program. Want to know more? Ask Glynis.
Bee-Long Boxborough – This is a working group who come together to focus on immigrant rights with opportunities to organize, educate, and act. If you would like to engage with the group, ask Brenda or Anne.
Mission Movers – This is a network of people prepared to help people when they need to move. If you would like to be added to the network, ask Kellie.
Sounds of Peace – This is an a cappella choir who visits people in the community and performs at different events. If you want more information, Ask Gloria.
Undue Medical Debt – On November 15th our church will do a special collection to donate to the Undue Medical Debt program. This gives us the opportunity to erase medical debt! Have questions? Ask Kellie.

Community Garden – Next Spring we hope to again plant a garden in support of Free Bee Market. Would you like to volunteer at the garden? Ask Deb, Paul, Anne.
Pridefest – Each year we participate in the Acton/Westford Pridefest. Want to come along? Ask Pastor Fran.
Fifer's Day – Each year we participate in THE Boxborough Fifer's Day. Want to volunteer? Ask Mary Anne.
Juneteenth – In 2027, UCC Boxborough would like to plan a Juneteenth celebration. Would you like to help? Ask Brenda or Ellen.

UCC Boxborough has a number of community music programs during the year:
Folk Coffeehouse – Ask Peter or Steve
Music Sunday – Ask Gloria
Porchfest – Ask Peter or Steve

Weekly Announcements

Weekly Bible Study Returning!! – Come join us on Zoom at 9:45am for fellowship and Bible study at 10am. The Zoom link is in our weekly newsletter.
Sunday School is Returning on October 20th – We are looking for two teachers for each of our first two weeks of Sunday School. Reach out Pastor Fran if you can help out those Sundays.
The Choir is Back!!! – Rehearsals are every Tuesday at 7pm in the church sanctuary. All are welcome! Contact Cindy Blanchard if you have any questions, capetoyork@hotmail.com.
Aging Together Luncheon on September 24th @ noon – Join us for fellowship and a conversation with Jeremy from *Always There Homecare* of Acton. Bring a brown bag lunch. All are welcome!!
Church Community Song – Do we have a song that reflects who we are; what we do; and where we are in the community? A link is provided in our weekly newsletter to add to the list. What a blessing it is to be creative together!
Rev. Dr. Raphael Warnock is coming to Worcester – The SNEUCC conference is hosting Senator Warnock, the minister of the Ebenezer Church in Atlanta, on Saturday September 26th at 4pm at the DCU Center. Tickets are available at sneucc.org/warnock-tickets.
Tuesday Night Painters! Opening Reception, Sept 14th, 6-8pm - Everyone is invited to the Local Artist Art Show at the Boxborough Library. Eight artists (including our own Laurel Dickson-Bull) from the Tuesday night painting class will be exhibiting oil and acrylic paintings for the community to enjoy.