

First Congregational Church of Pelham  
United Church of Christ  
**An Open and Affirming Church**  
*"Sharing What God's Love Looks Like"*



**November 17, 2024**

**No Strings Attached**

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Deacons: Dave Hennessy and David Wilkerson

*~ We Gather in God's Presence ~*  
*+Please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Welcome

Introit      "May Jesus Christ Be Praised"      Douglas E. Wagner  
Chancel Choir and Bell Choir

Lighting of the Christ Candle

## Call to Worship

God of grace, **Show us how to strengthen our faith.**

Jesus of mercy, **Help us to care for others.**

Spirit of hope, **Show us how to be generous with our gifts - with no strings attached.**

+Hymn

"Come Share The Lord"

#532

Prayer

**Loving God, we worship you with grateful hearts for you have given us your Son and through the power of your Holy Spirit have given us the gift of community. It brings us such happiness when we gather and work together in love as one body in Christ. Show us how to share this joy with our neighbors so that those who do not know you may see your love through how we live. May we be a blessing to those around us, holding nothing back, asking for nothing in return, just as you have blessed us. Grant us this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

What's in the Bag?

Singing Praises to God

"Gloria Patri"

#558

***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***

Scripture

Acts 2:43-47

Bell Anthem

"How Great Thou Art"

arr. S. Hine

Handbell settings by C. Dobrinski

Reflection

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All In Stewardship Moment

Dave Hennessy

Hymn

"Prayer of St Francis"

#406

***~ We Respond to God's Word with our Prayers and Offerings ~***

Prayers of God's People

Sung Call To Prayer

"Where The Spirit Of The Lord Is"

#236

*Silence*

Sharing our Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer *(sung)*

#412

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to the Offering

Bell Offertory "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

+Doxology Tune: Old Hundredth

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise Christ all creatures here below;***

***Praise Holy Spirit, comforter;***

***One God triune, whom we adore. Amen.***

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+Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, as you sent Christ that the world, through him, might be saved, receive these offerings that they may be used to bring blessing to our community and to the great human family. May our generosity be a gift that helps to build your kin(g)dom on earth as it is in heaven. Hear our prayer in the name of the One who gave his life that we all might have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.**

*~ We Go Forth to Share What God's Love Looks Like ~*

+Hymn "We Walk By Faith" #489

SUNG BENEDICTION "They'll Know We Are Christians" #495 refrain

***And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love"***

POSTLUDE

<b>WEEKLY</b>	
<b>Morning Prayer</b> - Monday and Wednesday 7:30 am Zoom ID: contact church office	
<b>Bell Choir Rehearsal</b> - 6:30 pm	
<b>Knitters</b> - Tuesday 1pm	
<b>Lazarus House Food Pantry</b> 8:30 am - 12 noon	
<b>Coffeekbreak</b> - Wednesday 1pm	
<b>Choir Rehearsal</b> - Wednesday 7:30 pm	
Sunday, November 17	1 Samuel 2:1-10 & Acts 2:43-47 Church School
Monday, November 18	<b>Pub Theology</b> 6:30pm - Martha's Exchange, Nashua
Tuesday, November 19	<b>Diaconate Ministry Meeting</b> 6pm <b>Church Council</b> 7pm
Thursday, November 21	<b>Lazarus House Breakfast</b> 8am <b>Mission Ministry Meeting</b> 7pm
Sunday, November 24 Christ the King Sunday	All In Stewardship Campaign Commitment Sunday Church School Intergenerational Advent Event following worship (Fellowship Hall)
Monday, November 25	<b>Book Group</b> 7pm
Tuesday, November 26	<b>Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service</b> 7pm Hosted at St Patrick's