

WORSHIP AT THE COLCHESTER FEDERATED CHURCH  
9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
July 23, 2017  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
The Sacrament of Baptism

PRELUDE

*Joan Frantzen*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>

One: We worship the God who inhabits our world and indwells our lives.

**All: We need not look up to find God, we need only look around:**

One: within ourselves, beyond ourselves, into the eyes of another.

**All: We need not listen for a distant thunder to find God,**

One: we need only listen to the music of life, the words of children,

**All: the questions of the curious, the rhythm of a heartbeat. We worship the God who inhabits our world and who indwells our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” #551

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Merciful God, you plant each of us like seeds in the same field and together we are nourished and nurtured by the sun. We sway in the wind and are refreshed by the rain. We are blessed by the knowledge that you want us to grow towards what you call us to be. Help us to give others these same opportunities. Help us to acknowledge that we ourselves are a mixture of weeds and wheat, and to not be afraid to look into the fields of our own**

**lives to see what is growing there. And help us to reach out to the uprooted and rejected, the lonely and the outcast, and to grow the good in ourselves, in others, and in the world. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

#579

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ***Jack Thomas Henderson  
Son of Gina and Jason Henderson  
Godparents: Shelley Green and Todd Kulka***

INVITATION AND QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

**We give you thanks, Holy One, for your child Jack, and for the grace present here today in water and the Holy Spirit. As you enfold him in your arms of love, you make him our brother in Christ. Help Jack grow strong and secure in the fellowship of your faithful disciples. Give to this newly baptized child, strength for life’s journey, courage in times of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life: through Jesus Christ who makes us one. Amen.**

PRAYER OF BAPTISM AND ACT OF BAPTISM

UNISON WELCOME

**We receive and welcome Jack as a new person in Christ. We rejoice in his presence among us, and we support you, his parents, in the covenant which you make this day on his behalf. We enfold Jack in our love, praying that he will always accept the grace that he receives today in baptism, and that together, with him, we shall grow in faith and love.**

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 *Ted Sanford*

SERMON “Weeds and Wheat” *Rev. Lauren Lorincz*



## PASTOR LAUREN'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Lauren is in the office Monday from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuesday's hours vary; Wednesday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. with community office hours at Starbucks from 3-5 p.m.; and Thursdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Her day off is Friday. Pastor Lauren's e-mail is lauren.lorincz@gmail.com. Her cell phone is 330-524-0786.

## IN APPRECIATION



**Greeting today are John and Nancy Dooley.** Nancy grew up in Colchester and has attended CFC since she was a young girl. John serves as a deacon and sings in the choir. They have four children and four grandchildren. John works for the U.S. Postal Service as a mail carrier and Nancy is retired. John enjoys listening to many kinds of music and Nancy enjoys gardening. As a family, they enjoy

camping, visiting National Park sites, hiking and spending time with family and their dog Sadie.

**Thank you to this morning's ushers, Paul Goodwin and Rich Hosford.**

**Happy Birthday today to Erin Schaeffer. Happy Birthday to Steven Kardys Jr. and Hattie Turner (7/26), Frank and Martin Ball, Evan St. Louis, and Jade Totten (7/27), and Pastor Jerrie Matney and John Schaeffer (7/28).**

## VBS Volunteers/Safe Church Meeting

All VBS volunteers are asked to attend a meeting on either Sunday, 7/30 at 10 a.m. or Thursday, 8/3, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss procedures regarding being a volunteer. Both meetings will be held in the Jerusalem Room.

Please note that there are still many items wanted for VBS week. Please take a tag from the donation board to purchase a needed item.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23

### **SUNDAY, JULY 23**

**9:00**      **Worship Service and Holy Baptism (S)**  
with Joan Frantzen as our guest pianist

### **MONDAY, JULY 24**

12:00      AA Meeting (Library)  
7:30      AA Meeting (Library)

### **TUESDAY, JULY 25**

**10:30**      **Bible Study (Office)**  
12:00      AA Meeting (Library)

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**

12:00      AA Meeting (Library)  
7:00      Paint Night Fundraiser (SR)  
7:30      AA Meeting (Library)

### **THURSDAY, JULY 27**

10:00      AA Meeting (Library)  
8:00      Basketball (G)

### **FRIDAY, JULY 28**

12:00      AA Meeting (Library)

### **SATURDAY, JULY 29**

9:15      AA/Al-Anon/Al-Anon Babysitting (SR/JR/Lib.)  
6:00      Rental (SR)

### **SUNDAY, JULY 30 – KIM LEWIS' VACATION DAY**

**9:00**      **Worship Service (S)**  
with Joan Frantzen as our guest pianist  
**10:00**      **VBS Volunteers/Safe Church Meeting (JR)**  
**10:00**      **Pot-luck and social gathering (SR)**

## Church-Wide Cookbook

**September 30<sup>th</sup>** is the new deadline for our church-wide cookbook! There is still time to submit your recipes. Forms are available in the Church Office or they can be emailed to you. Please contact Lynda Stevens, [stevensl02@aol.com](mailto:stevensl02@aol.com), or Christine Miskell, [cmdvm@yahoo.com](mailto:cmdvm@yahoo.com), with any questions.

## Plywood and Recyclables Needed

VBS children will be making robots using recycled materials. We need cereal boxes (or any box similar in size), plastic bottle caps, egg cartons, cans (no sharp edges/labels off), toilet paper rolls, Pringles cans, coffee cans, or anything you think would be great to make a robot! Please make sure items are clean and ready to use!! **Also, does anyone have any plywood lying around they don't need or want? We could use it for our creations!** Thank you, Nicole Hosford.

## New London Association Outreach Initiative

Co-Pastors Sara Ofner-Seals and Cathy Zall of First Congregational Church, New London are putting together an outreach program in New London. They would like to invite members from our church and other area churches to participate in a pilot version of the program on Saturday, October 21, from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. They are looking for about a dozen volunteers to participate in this service day which will include education about the issues of hunger and homelessness, volunteer work at various sites in downtown New London, and time for theological reflection afterwards. Pastor Sara notes that "We are primarily looking for adult volunteers for this first time around; however, if there are mature youth in your congregation that are passionate about service or social justice, they are welcome to participate as long as there is also an adult accompanying them." First Congregational Church, 66 Union Street, New London, 860-443-8409

## Our Korean Partnership, Sacred Journey

You many have heard some info about teens from our Korean Partner Church participating in their 'Sacred Journey' to Colchester in July and August!! In October 2014, Reverend Choi from Han-Mok Province entered into a partnership with CFC. Every two years, youth from both the U.S. and Korea have the opportunity to participate in a Sacred Journey which is a week of camp and a week with host families alternating in CT or South Korea. In 2014, Julie Clarke traveled to South Korea for this life-enriching experience. If you would like to be involved in any way, please let us know. You can help prepare for their arrival by making welcome signs, bringing in some homemade or inexpensive local gifts, and/or attending one of more of the really fun planned events. The activities are open to all. Please see details of opportunities below: Guests arrive on Thursday, 7/27, attend brief orientation in Granby and go to host families that night. (The Clarkes are hosting the four from our partner church.)

- Friday, 7/28—All 12 Korean Guests go to Brownstone Park for water activities/zip lines, team building earlier in the day; Yard Goats baseball game followed by fireworks in the evening
- Saturday, 7/29—Our four guests go kayaking, swimming, and cook-out in Marlborough with the Clarkes
- Sunday, 7/30—Our four guests attend our worship service with a pot luck and social gathering following the service, then they go to Silver Lake at 1 p.m.
- Silver Lake Camp Week, 7/30-8/5—(Our High School teens are encouraged to sign up. Full scholarships are available.) Activities include hiking sections of Appalachian Trail and sharing the human experience along with our journey with God
- Saturday, 8/5—Our guests leave Silver Lake and stay with the Clarkes in Marlborough, hang out at Lake Terramuggas and play yard and video games
- Sunday, 8/6—Our four guests attend our worship service, go to the Colchester Farmer's Market for a social gathering, lunch locally, and meet our church family and youth
- Monday, 8/7—Our four guests go to Six Flags
- Tuesday, 8/8—All 12 Korean Guests are going to visit Mystic, concluding with picnic at the Stuarts' home
- Wednesday, 8/9—Departure

Please reply to this email or Call or Text Jen Clarke @ [\(860\) 917-4001](tel:8609174001) by Sunday, July 23, and indicate any dates or events you would like more information about or would like to participate in.

Thanks, *Jen Clarke*



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ teach an area      \_\_\_ lead a group

\_\_\_ donate a snack item      \_\_\_ donate a craft item

\_\_\_ help set up rooms on 8/13 (Sunday after church)

\_\_\_ help with clean up on 8/18 (Friday at noon time)

Return this form to the Church office, place  
in the offering plate or give to

Nicole Hosford

Monetary donations welcome!