

***Welcome to this service of worship on the
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.***

As Jesus Christ welcomes each one of us, we hope you sense the friendly welcome of this congregation of God's people (see back of bulletin).

[*]If you are comfortable doing so, it is appropriate to stand.

Bold type signifies congregational response.

WE GATHER IN JESUS' NAME

HYMN SING Holly Billings, Shirley Dudley leaders

In the Garden (vs. 1, 3)

I Love to Tell the Story (vs. 1,4)

This Little Light of Mine

WELCOME

LIGHTING A CANDLE FOR PEACE

We light a candle in our midst to stand as a beacon of hope, calling us and all the world from darkness to light, from violence to peace.

Lord make us instruments of your peace.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice, people of God, our Lord is in our midst.

Feed us, O Lord, and fill us with hope.

Sing for joy, people of God, for God gathers the pieces of our lives that nothing may be lost.

Thanks be to God!

Let us worship the Lord together.

* HYMN #467

How Great Thou Art

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

God of our hopes and dreams, we are empty, and long to be filled; we are hungry, and long to be fed; we are lost, and long to be found. Gather us into your love, as Jesus gathered the fragments that remained after feeding the crowd. Call us anew to find our true nourishment in the service of Jesus. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal p. 579

MUSICAL SELECTION *Largo (from Sonata in C Major)*

Bach

Ruth Bergman, violin

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 6:4-13

Pew Bible NT p. 97

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

“Save Your Forks!”

Rev. Russell Feroe

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # 357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Note: Those who plan to make announcements are asked to be seated in the front of the church at the end of the hymn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer is found on the top of page 16 of the Hymnal, traditional version using “debts” and “debtors”

OFFERTORY

Ashokan Farewell

Unger

Ruth Bergman

*DOXOLOGY

Traditional

Hymnal 592

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of abundant love, in you nothing and no one is lost. Gather our offerings and our efforts, our hopes and disappointments, and use them in the building of your kingdom in this place. Bless us as we witness to your transforming love through Jesus Christ. Amen.

*HYMN #386

O For a World

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Go in Peace

**Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate New Life!
Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.**

POSTLUDE

God of Our Fathers

THE SERVICE

Flowers: The flowers are given today by the Labins family.
Liturgist: Solana Gadson
Greeters: The Spears Family
Ushers: Marian Cooke, Joan Grant, Tom McNeill, George Rawitscher.



Members, friends, and visitors are invited to join us as our guests for coffee and fellowship in Hodge Hall immediately following worship. **Juliana Mantey** is our host today.

This is a welcoming Church, embracing sisters and brothers without regard to age, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, family status, economic situation or theological viewpoint. We want our visitors to feel a part of the family. "Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA)."

There is a variety of materials near the entrance to acquaint you with the Church. We encourage you to sign the guest book in the entry and to use the yellow card in the pews to register your attendance and enable us to add you to our newsletter mailing list. Please place yellow cards in the offering plates.

Membership: All of our services and activities are open to non-members. We invite people to commit themselves to membership as a witness to their faith in Christ, and the mission of Christ as lived out in the life of this congregation. We receive members by affirmation of faith, or by reaffirmation or transfer of membership. You may speak with the pastor or one of the elders about membership.

Offering Envelopes are available in the pews for the convenience of those who may have forgotten their assigned envelope or for those who wish to use an envelope for a cash gift. If you wish your contribution to be used for a specific cause, please indicate that on the envelope.

ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM AVAILABLE

Anyone who has difficulty in hearing and understanding the service is encouraged to use the assisted listening system. This is a wireless system so users can sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Receivers are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. Many of you have used a similar system at the Bushnell or Hartford Stage.



During the service we provide **Nursery Care** in the Buchanan Room for children **up to age 4**. An usher will direct you to the location. **Shannon Hopkins** is the nursery director and **Augusta Jara** is the assistant.

The Abiding Memorials Book is open to the abiding gift given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Joseph Bores**, born December 5, 1905, died May 28, 1981, perpetuated in the Pewter Chalice and Paten, given by Jean H. Bores and David R. Bores, September 1982.

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We are a member church of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Synod of the Northeast, Presbytery of Southern New England.

