

Sunday, May 19, 2024



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Gathering Time

As we arrive for worship, let us greet and make new friends, and be alert for guests as we celebrate the fellowship of our faith community.

Time for Prayer and Meditation

The ringing of the church bell and lighting of the candles calls us to sit down and allow ourselves to forget the hurry and worry of the world. Center your heart, mind and soul on God's love for you and all creation.

Ring the Bell and Bring the Light

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Sawmill Creek"

by Bruce Pearson

Piano Duet by "The Pen Pal Players", Reed Tichich and AJ Coppola

*Call to Worship

How good it is to be alive!

We feel the beat of our own hearts, the pulsing of life in our veins, the rhythm of our breathing.

We come into this service with gratitude for this day.

We come with our needs.

And we come because we have gifts to share.

**In our coming and in our going may we be strengthened
in our bonds of love and peace.**

*Hymn of Praise

"Resurrection All Around Us"

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Prayer of Invitation followed by the Lord's Prayer (debts)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done; on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Choral Response (Old Hundredth)

**Rejoice in love we know and share,
in love and beauty everywhere;
rejoice in truth that makes us free,
and in the good that yet shall be.**

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Clark Blackwelder

Anthem

"Come, Praise the Lord"

by Drennan

Performed by the Chancel Choir with Leslie McEvoy, Trumpet

Children's Time

Special Music

Clarinet Duet by Will Gunn & AJ Coppola

Morning Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation**

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"

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Sermon

"I Warned You"

***Hymn of Commitment**

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"

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***Benediction**

***Choral Amen**

❖ Coffee Hour this week is hosted by the Outreach Committee.

The Gilford Community Church is an inclusive, open community. We embrace believers and doubters, seekers and skeptics, young and old. We welcome new companions on a journey of faith that often includes laughter, live music and joy. We celebrate both our differences and our shared commitments: to spiritual journey, to supporting each other, and to building community in Gilford, the Lakes Region and beyond.

If you wear hearing aids, please remember to have the TELECOIL option activated for optimal benefit.

Exciting news, we are embracing some new technology and now offer a QR Code for a fast, easy, secure way to make your pledge or donation! Open your camera and hold your device over the QR Code below, so that it is clearly visible within your smartphone's screen. The phone will either automatically scan the code and take you directly to our online platform or on some devices, you may have to touch the link when it appears. Of course, offering plates are in the foyer as well.



Resurrection All Around Us

(Tune: 'Ode to joy', 87 87D)

Resurrection all around us,
hearts arise and leap for joy
Hope eternal grows within us,
voices silenced now employ
Live in joy of new beginnings,
live in harmony and love
Finding strength to meet each trial,
conquering sorrow, being love.

Being human, honouring Jesus,
in a covenant of grace
Living the divine commandment,
one with all the human race
Leading strong for peace and justice,
doing away with hate and fear
Finding ways to work together,
keeping voice and vision clear.

Celebrate the light within us,
love divine and human spark
Reaching out to be inclusive,
everyone a work of art.
Light the flame of love around us,
echoing through the stars above
Holding hands, in peace surround us,
being human, being love.

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

F Gm/Bb C7 F Last time, end

us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

F Dm7 Gm C C7/E

1 Knelt at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their
 2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, show - ing our faith by our
 5 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

F Dm Dm7/C Gm/Bb C7 F to Refrain

feet, Je - su, you act - ed as ser - vant to them.
 race, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 deeds, serv - ing the neigh-bors we have from you.
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

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1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser- vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour-ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav-en we shall find such har - mo - ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser- vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor-row till we've seen this jour-ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

