**Union Congregational Church**

**October 2nd, 2022 10:00 AM**

**World Communion Sunday**

As our acolyte brings the light of God into worship;

We are invited into this time of centering silence.

**Processional Hymn *(NCH – 393)***

*Blessed Be the Tie that Binds*

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: God has saved us and called us to a holy life—

**Everyone: not because of anything we have done,**

**but because of his own purpose and grace.**

Leader: This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus

before the beginning of time,but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior,

**Everyone: who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**Unison Invocation:**

**Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to the reality of your divine presence in our midst. Let our worship be pleasing in your sight, so that our gathering is an experience of deep communion with you and one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, this is our prayer. Amen.**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayers

Silent Prayers

**Congregational Response:**

**Hear our prayers O Lord;**

**Hear our prayers O Lord;**

**Incline thine ear to us and grant us Thy Peace. Amen.**

**Today’s Scripture Readings and Sermon**

Psalm 37:1-9

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Matthew 14:13-33

**Sermon**

Pastor Scott Chase

**Gifts of the People**

**Invitation**

**Doxology**

**Response:**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Creator, Savior, Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**God of all bounty and blessing, receive our lives and our gifts to be bounty and blessings to you, our church, and the world. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

**God, You call us to step out in faith,** **to place our lives in Your hands,** **and to wholeheartedly commit to following You.**

**We confess that we find this difficult to do.**

**It is not always easy to follow where You lead—**

**to turn away from our own personal wants and desires,** **to let go of our safety nets** **and trust that You will provide for us in all things.**

**Forgive us when we doubt You, God. Increase our faith.** **Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns,** **to Your broader vision for us and for our world.**

**Silent Prayers**

**Assurance of Pardon**

**Communion Hymn *(NCH – 342)***

*“Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”*

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

Minister: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to God.**

Minister: Let us Give thanks to God Most High.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and** **praise.**

**Invitation**

**Communion Prayer**

**The Lords Prayer**

**Words of Institution and Consecration**

*(Let us wait and eat and drink together after all have been served)*

**Offering The Bread**

**Offering of the Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

**We Give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen**

**Hymn of Sending  *(NCH – 82)***

***Go My Children, with My Blessing***

Benediction

***Three-fold Amen.***

**Closing:**

**“Let There Be Peace On Earth”**

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

**Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.**

**With God as our leader, united all are we.**

**Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.**

**With every step I take let this be my solemn vow.**

**To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!**

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

Leader: Pastor Scott Chase

Ministers: All the members of Union Congregational Church

***Steeple Lightings***

**Keeping Gods Light Shining**

**Please consider donating to keep our steeple light shining in memory or in honor of a loved one, or to commemorate a special event.**

**A contribution of $35 a month can help. To Light our Steeple for a month of dedication, contact us at**

**info@amesburyunion.org or call 978-388-0631**

**October 2022**

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Given by Bob Labadini in celebration of

Margo Labadini's Birthday

**September 2022**

Given by Dolly Brown in celebration of the lives of my hubby Donald, and my Mom and Dad.

**April 2022**

Given by Steve Klomps, Diane Moore, and Bob Labadini: In loving memory of the life of Margo P. Labadini.

**March 2022​**

Given by Carol Pennick: In loving memory of my husband, Joseph James Pennick.