

**First Congregational Church of Hartland, United Church of Christ  
An Open and Affirming Congregation in Hartland, Vermont**

***Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.  
Welcome! We are glad that you chose to worship with us today.***

**School Backpack Dedication Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ August 9th, 2020**

**Gathering time**

**Welcome and Announcements & Lighting our Candles**

**Call to Worship**

*From Lives, full or empty, from burdens or easy ways, from our daily walks  
**We come to find a still point, to take pause,  
to remind ourselves of our hopes and dreams.***

*From doing too much or doing too little,  
From struggling and striving, from stifling and sighing.  
**We come before God without delay.***

*From isolation and loneliness from excluding and being excluded  
**We come to engage in community and treasure our varied humanity.***

*In the Name of God the Holy One, in the name of Christ –  
God made human - we welcome one another.  
**Thanks be to God for such a place as this, such a people as this,  
such a God as this whom we now worship.***

**Prayer of Invocation**

***Gracious God, we come to you with hungry hearts waiting to be filled,  
waiting to be filled with a sense of your presence,  
waiting to be filled with the wisdom of Your Spirit;***

***Waiting to be filled with compassion and energy to do what is right.  
Come to us, we pray. Be with us, move us and go out with us.  
This we pray in the name of Christ, God incarnate. Amen***

**A Hymn**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQrNMJrgbyM>

Love Divine, all loves excelling  
Joy of heaven to earth come down  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling  
All thy faithful mercies crown  
Jesus, thou art all compassion  
Pure unbounded love thou art  
Visit us with thy salvation  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.  
Finish, then, thy new creation;  
Pure and spotless let us be.

Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## Listening for and Responding to the Word

A Scripture Reading from the Gospel of Matthew 14:22-33

A Reflection

Rev. Lucia Anne Jackson

Special Music "Day by Day"

from Godspell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekoHxB4idmg>

## The Prayers of the People

Sharing our Joys and Concerns (*please share via the "Chat" Feature on Zoom*)

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and power and glory forever and ever Amen.

## Benediction

**Pastor: The Rev. Lucia Anne Jackson Telephone: 802-436-2224 (church)**

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Organist: Virginia Dow Director of Christian Education: MaryJo Ramsey

Choir Director: Rebecca Wood Church Members: Ministers to the World

**Church Calendar** *Lucia on vacation August 10<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** Worship at other Churches

*Please Worship at another church on-line and I look forward to hearing about your experience and suggestions for our own worship service experience!*

Some suggestions:

\*Guilford Community Church, UCC – A Service of Lament and Healing – Rev. Lise Sparrow

Service available anytime <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoIP2M1Y3vM&feature=youtu.be>

\*Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Illinois – a church worshipping in the African American tradition – Rev. Otis Moss - Live stream Sundays at 7:30am, 11:00am and 6:00pm  
<https://www.trinitychicago.org/>

\*Church of Christ at Dartmouth College – Rev Mandy Lape Freeberg – service available after Saturday at 6:00pm [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFu2u2rIbAebINp0xFo\\_Lew](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFu2u2rIbAebINp0xFo_Lew)

**Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup>** – Lava Mueller's Ordination Service!! (will be filmed and shared on line)

**Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** *Candidating Sunday!!!*

9:00 to gather for 9:30 Worship with Amy Davin leading worship.

Save the date and Watch your mail for details!