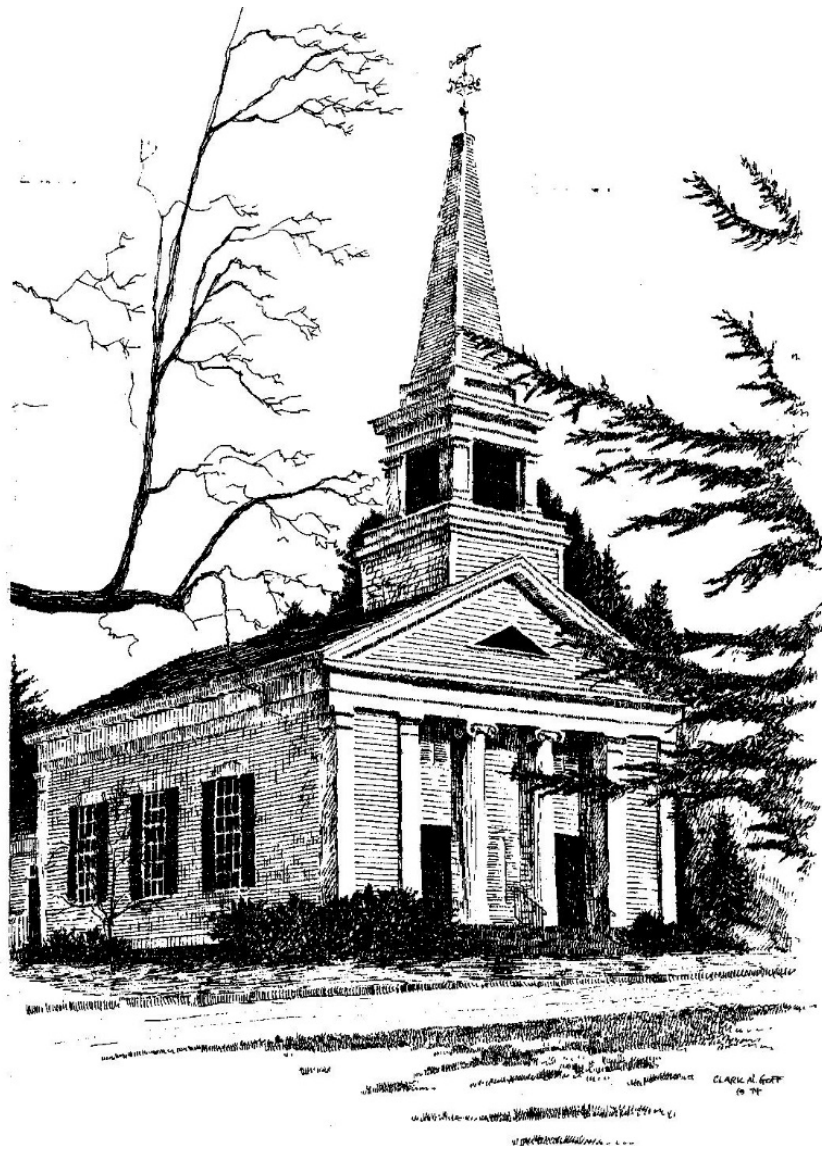


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*An Open and Welcoming Church*



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<b>PRELUDE</b>		Ian Watson
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Rev. Jenny Rankin
<b>OPENING WORDS</b>	BY REV. WILLIAM G. SINKFORD	Sarah Klockowski
<b>OPENING HYMN</b>	“GATHER THE SPIRIT”	Ian Watson
<b>INVOCATION</b>		Sarah Klockowski
<b>OUR COVENANT</b>	In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus We unite for the worship of God and the service of all.	
<b>TIME FOR ALL AGES</b>		Margit Griffith
<b>FIRST READING</b>	“ROOTS” BY LUCILLE CLIFTON	Sarah Klockowski
<b>INVITATION TO PRAYER</b>		Tom Risser
<b>PRAYER HYMN</b>	“DAY OF GOD, DRAW NIGH”	Ian Watson
<b>SILENT PRAYER, MEDITATION, AND REFLECTION</b>	“ <i>Silence is the soul’s break for freedom.</i> ”	
<b>COMMUNITY PRAYERS</b>		Sarah Klockowski
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>		Tom Risser
<b>UNISON PRAYER</b>	BY HOWARD THURMAN Open unto me, light for my darkness Open unto me, courage for my fear Open unto me, hope for my despair Open unto me, peace for my turmoil Open unto me, joy for my sorrow Open unto me, strength for my weakness Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins	Sarah Klockowski

Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness  
Open unto me, love for my hates  
Open unto me, Thy Self for myself  
Lord, Lord, open unto me!

<b>MORNING OFFERING</b>		Tom Risser
<b>INTERLUDE</b>		Ian Watson
<b>SECOND READING</b>		Rev. Jenny Rankin
<b>SERMON</b>	“HOPE IS INVENTED EVERY DAY”	Rev. Jenny Rankin
<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	“WE’LL BUILD A LAND”	Ian Watson
<b>OUR CALL TO MINISTRY</b>		Tom Risser
	We go forth from the worship of God To be faithful to the vision of Jesus To affirm each person’s dignity And to cherish the living earth.	
<b>BENEDICTION</b>		Rev. Jenny Rankin
<b>BENEDICTION RESPONSE</b>		Choir
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		Ian Watson
<b>VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR</b>		



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