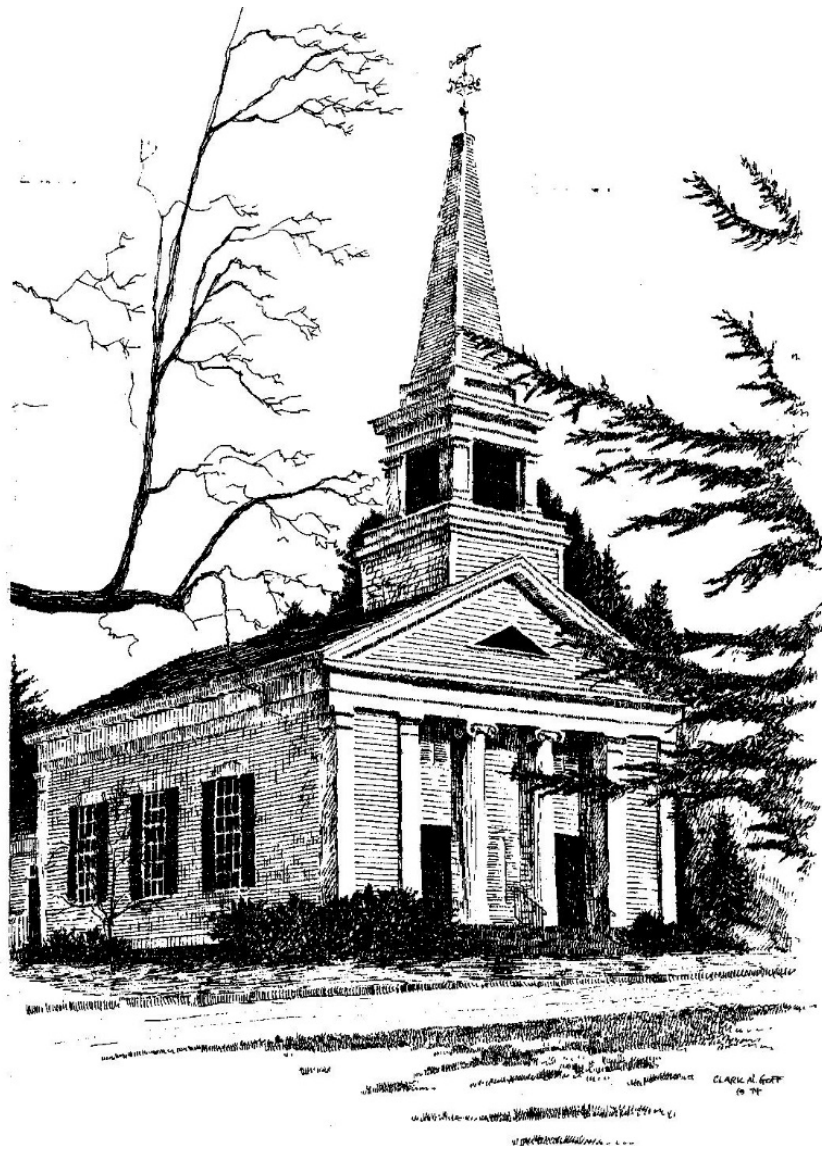


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*An Open and Welcoming Church*



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<b>PRELUDE</b>		Ian Watson
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Rev. Jenny Rankin
<b>OPENING WORDS</b>	BY KAY MONTGOMERY	Rev. Jenny Rankin
<b>OPENING HYMN</b>	“O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”	Ian Watson
<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>	“LATE FEBRUARY” BY BARBARA CROOKER	Gus Browne
<b>INVITATION TO PRAYER</b>		Gus Browne
<b>PRAYER HYMN</b>	“COME MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE”	Ian Watson
<b>SILENT PRAYER, MEDITATION, AND REFLECTION</b>	<i>“Silence is the soul’s break for freedom.”</i>	
<b>COMMUNITY PRAYERS</b>		Rev. Jenny Rankin
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>		Sarah Cannon Holden
<b>UNISON PRAYER</b>	JOHN LEWIS, FROM <i>ACROSS THAT BRIDGE:</i> <i>A VISION FOR CHANGE AND THE FUTURE OF AMERICA</i>	Sarah Cannon Holden

You are a light. You are the light. Never let anyone—any person or any force—dampen, dim or diminish your light. Study the path of others to make your way easier and more abundant. Lean toward the whispers of your own heart, discover the universal truth, and follow its dictates. [...] Release the need to hate, to harbor division, and the enticement of revenge. Release all bitterness. Hold only love, only peace in your heart, knowing that the battle of good to overcome evil is already won. Choose confrontation wisely, but when it

is your time don't be afraid to stand up, speak up, and speak out against injustice. And if you follow your truth down the road to peace and the affirmation of love, if you shine like a beacon for all to see, then the poetry of all the great dreamers and philosophers is yours to manifest in a nation, a world community, and a Beloved Community that is finally at peace with itself.

**INTERLUDE**

Ian Watson

**SECOND READING**    ACTS 2:17

Rev. Jenny Rankin

**SERMON**                    “THE MAP OUR DREAMING MADE”

Rev. Jenny Rankin

**CLOSING HYMN**            “HAIL THE GLORIOUS GOLDEN  
CITY”

Ian Watson

**OUR CALL TO MINISTRY**

Sarah Cannon Holden

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.

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Jenny Rankin

**POSTLUDE**

Ian Watson



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