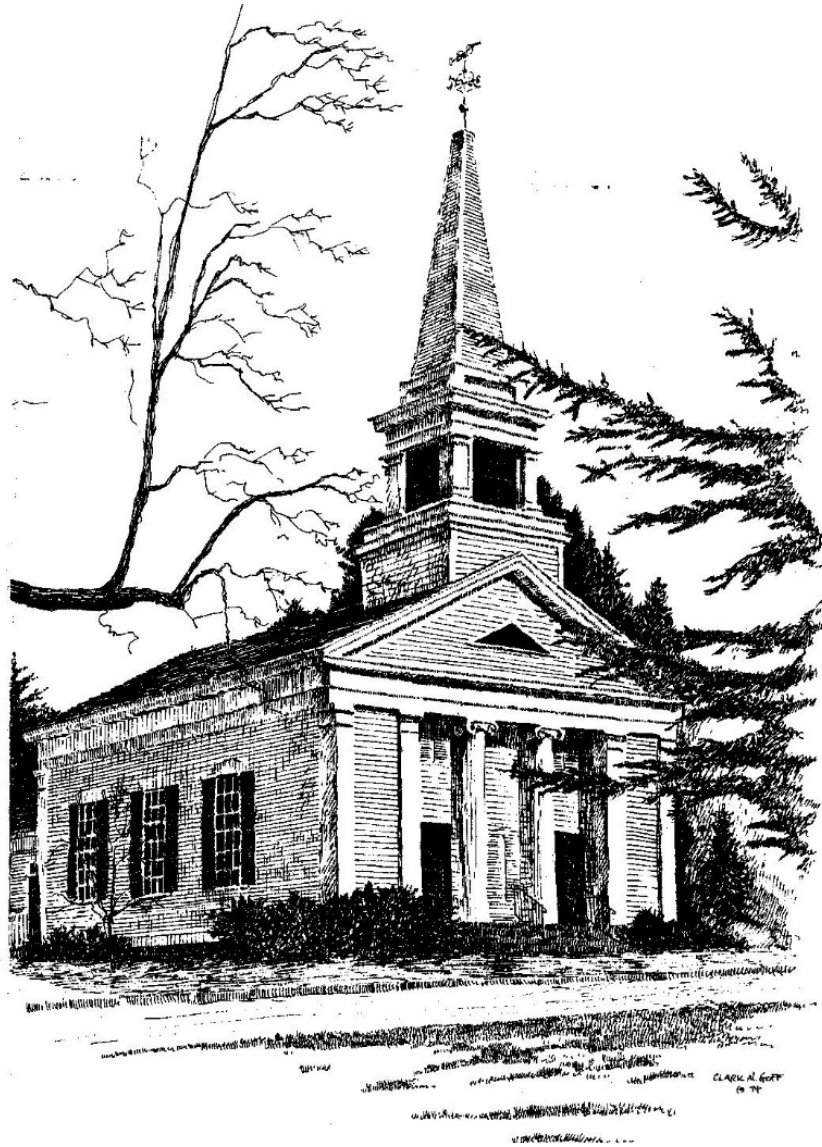


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*An Open and Welcoming Church*



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<b>PRELUDE</b>		Ian Watson
<b>WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Rev. Jenny Rankin
<b>OPENING WORDS</b>	LEARNING TO LOVE THIS WORLD <i>BY REV. MOLLY HOUSH GORDON</i>	Rev. Jenny Rankin
<b>OPENING HYMN</b>	“GOD OF GRACE, AND GOD OF GLORY”	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.	Serena Ring
<b>TIME FOR ALL AGES</b>		Margit Griffith
<b>SEARCH COMMITTEE</b>		Sarah Andrysiak
<b>FIRST READING</b>	EXCERPT FROM THE FIRST WATER IS THE BODY; POSTCOLONIAL LOVE POEM <i>BY NATALIE DIAZ</i>	Gus Browne
<b>INVITATION TO PRAYER</b>		Gus Browne
<b>PRAYER HYMN</b>	“MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG”	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>		Rev. Jenny Rankin
<b>UNISON PRAYER</b>	PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon;	Rev. Jenny Rankin

where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

<b>INTERLUDE</b>	WADE IN THE WATER	Ian Watson
<b>SECOND READING</b>	EZEKIEL 47:1-12	Sarah Klockowski
<b>SERMON</b>	WHEREVER THE RIVER GOES	Sarah Klockowski
<b>WATER COMMUNION</b>		Sarah Klockowski
<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	“MYSTERIOUS PRESENCE, SOURCE OF ALL”	Ian Watson
<b>OUR CALL TO MINISTRY</b>	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.	Paula Waterman
<b>BENEDICTION</b>		Sarah Klockowski
<b>BENEDICTION RESPONSE</b>		The Choir
<b>POSTLUDE</b>		Ian Watson



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