

*"We seek to demonstrate God's Spirit through worship, witness,
and ministry to the needs of the people in the church and the community."*

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Six Stone Jars: The Economy of Jesus
Fill My Wounds With Healing
February 2, 2025

CHRISTIAN CONCERNS

Art Wallace

WELCOME & GREETING

·PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE & CENTERING PRAYER

Like those who sought Jesus' help for their physical, emotional, and spiritual wounds, countless people today experience similar suffering or live in fear of it. When we experience wounding personally, fear and anger are understandable reactions. The answer lies in actively participating in Jesus' economy of healing. Holy God, empower us to bring your restorative touch to a world in dire need of healing. Amen.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

All: God's abundance is for all, no one is left outside, kin-dom come, all people one in trust and love abide.

Leader: In this world of striving,

All: we feel the yearn to earn.

Leader: The world measures our worth in those earnings.

All: But Jesus had different ideas.

Leader: When they demanded special treatment,

All: he offered healing and wholeness for all – not just for some.

Leader: When we feel our own resources are lacking,

All: we can view our lives and practices again from the economy of Jesus. Amen.

·HYMN OF PRAISE *The Summons*

Insert

·UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of Restoration, we come to you today, bringing a laundry list of things that we wish we could change about the world, ourselves, and each other. In the midst of our longing, remind us that your goodness is not earned by our being good, and that we are called to share your mercy with everyone inside and outside of this faithful community. Amen.

·THE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTHEM

† The children are invited to leave the sanctuary for Sunday school at this time.

GATHERING AND PRESENTING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory

·Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

·Prayer of Dedication

THE COMMUNITY AT PRAYER

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, and Our 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

Response

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:21-30

Phil Johnson, Deacon

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SERMON “Fill My Wounds With Healing”

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation “Come to the Table of Grace”

Come to the table of grace. Come to the table of Grace. This is God’s table; it’s not yours or mine. Come to the table of Grace.

Come to the table of peace...

Come to the table of love...

Come to the table of hope...

Come to the table of joy...

The Invitation

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup (Using Grape Juice)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

•**HYMN OF CELEBRATION** *Lord, When I Came into This Life* Insert

THE BENEDICTION

•**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *As We Go*

As we go, may your Spirit go before us.

As we go, may we follow where you lead.

May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world as we go. Amen.

POSTLUDE

•Those who are able, are invited to stand.

SIX STONE JARS

The Economy of Jesus

Fill My Wounds with Healing



He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. Luke 4:23-24

Announcements for the week of February 2, 2025.

Greeting you today as you entered the sanctuary was Deacon, Phil Johnson.

Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. We welcome everyone to worship this morning. A special welcome is extended to all who are visiting us for the first time. If you would like more information about our church, and its programs and activities, or would like to be added to our mailing list, please speak to one of our Deacons or the Pastor. We encourage you to complete one of the "I Wish..." visitor cards located in the pew and drop it in the offering basket. Again, welcome, it is good to worship God together. We deeply appreciate all who participate in leading worship.

Please remember to silence your cellphones during the service. Thank you for your assistance.

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The candle by the sanctuary's American flag is lit to remember and honor those serving our country as military and first responders. May it remind us to say a prayer for those giving of themselves to keep us free from harm.

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The sanctuary is equipped with a "Hearing Loop System" which works with hearing aids that have a "T-Coil" setting, sending the sound directly to the hearing aid. We also have headphone devices that work with this system that are available from the ushers.



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### **Let us keep in our prayers:**

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|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Evelyn Grabber | Ginger McGuire    | Mary Meli      |
| Ellen Meseroll | Teddy Randall     | Barbara Rodman |
| Ruth Tilley    | Ruth Turner-Jones |                |

Those struggling with mental health issues and the loved ones caring for them.  
Those struggling with addiction and the loved ones caring for them.

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February Birthdays

4th ~ Lukas Hazzard	7th ~ Jim Gillespie	8th ~ Tom Boisvert
9th ~ Brody Raymond	12th ~ Don Lavoie	20th ~ Evan Hopkins
23rd ~ Jim McCaw	25th ~ Cindy Hall	26th ~ Karen Ziel

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**Church Office Hours:** Tues. ~ 1-5 p.m.      Wed.-Fri. ~ 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

| Sunday                                                  | Monday                           | Tuesday                      | Wednesday                                                                     | Thursday | Friday | Saturday     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|--------|--------------|
| 26<br>9:15am Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>10:00am Worship (S) | 27<br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (S) | 28<br>6:00pm Boy Scouts (FH) | 29<br>1:00pm Community Meal Prep (K)<br>2:00pm Outreach Mtg<br>5:15pm AFG Mtg | 30       | 31     | January 2025 |

| Sunday                                                                                                                      | Monday                                                           | Tuesday                                                                   | Wednesday                                            | Thursday                                                         | Friday                                            | Saturday                                 |
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| February 2025                                                                                                               |                                                                  |                                                                           |                                                      |                                                                  |                                                   |                                          |
| 2<br>9:15am Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>10:00am Worship (S)<br>11:00am Potluck Luncheon followed by Annual Meeting (FH)          | 3<br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (S)                                  | 4<br>6:00pm Boy Scouts (FH)<br>7:00pm Environmental Justice Comm Mtg (MR) | 5<br>5:15pm AFG Mtg (MR)                             | 6<br>10:00am Staff Mtg (MR)<br>7:00pm Board of Deacon's Mtg (MR) | 7                                                 | 8<br>10:00am-2:00pm FFA Vendor Fair (FH) |
| 9 Scout Sunday<br>9:15am Choir Rehearsal<br>10:00am Worship (S)<br>11:00am Potluck Luncheon & Annual Meeting Snow Date (FH) | 10<br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>7:00pm Scout Leader Mtg (MR) | 11<br>6:00pm Boy Scouts (FH)                                              | 12<br>5:15pm AFG Mtg (MR)                            | 13<br>7:00pm Board of CE Mtg                                     | 14                                                | 15                                       |
| 16<br>New Member's Sunday<br>9:15am Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>10:00am Worship (S)                                              | 17<br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (S)                                 | 18<br>6:00pm Boy Scouts (FH)                                              | 19<br>5:15pm AFG Mtg<br>4:30pm Lathrop Room Reserved | 20<br>7:00pm Brd of Trustees Mtg (MR)                            | 21                                                | 22                                       |
| 23<br>9:15am Choir Rehearsal (S)<br>10:00am Worship (S)                                                                     | 24<br>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (S)                                 | 25<br>6:00pm Boy Scouts (FH)                                              | 26<br>5:15pm AFG Mtg                                 | 27<br>7:00pm Council Mtg (MR)                                    | 28<br>5:30pm Lenten Spiritual Journaling Workshop |                                          |

## **Severe Weather Cancellations**

In the event of severe weather, please check for cancellations of Sunday morning worship services and church activities on WFSB TV Channel 3, church website, or you may contact any deacon.

## Our Weekly Calendar

(Please check with church office before scheduling any meetings or events.)

### Sunday ~ 2/2

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (S)  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)  
11:00 a.m. Potluck Luncheon (FH)  
12:00 p.m. Annual Meeting (FH)

### Monday ~ 2/3

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (S)

### Tuesday ~ 2/4

6:00 p.m. Boy Scout (FH)

### Wednesday ~ 2/5

5:15 p.m. AFG Meeting (MR)

### Thursday ~ 2/6

7:00 p.m. Board of Deacon's Meeting (MR)

### Friday ~ 2/7

### Saturday ~ 2/8

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. FFA Vendor Fair (FH)

### Sunday ~ 2/9

9:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (S)  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service (S)

## From the Board of Christian Outreach

This year we have donated four boxes of items to the Willimantic No Freeze Shelter. We will continue to collect items through March. A box is in the foyer for this purpose. Following is a list of needed items. Homelessness isn't always a choice, but we can choose to help.

### WINTER NEEDS

|                      |                    |              |          |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
| Disinfectant Wipes   | Disinfectant Spray | Hand Soap    | Combs    |
| 55 Gallon Trash Bags | Tissues            | Paper Towels | Lotion   |
| Razors               | Brushes            | Toilet Paper | Soap     |
| Deodorant            | Shampoo            | Conditioner  | Tweezers |
| First Aid Supplies   | Nail Clippers      |              |          |

### CLOTHING (men's & women's, med-xxl)

|              |            |                     |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|
| Sweatshirts  | T-Shirts   | Hand/Foot Warmers   |
| Thermals     | Underwear  | Waterproof Gloves   |
| Rain Ponchos | Sweatpants | Ear Buds/Headphones |

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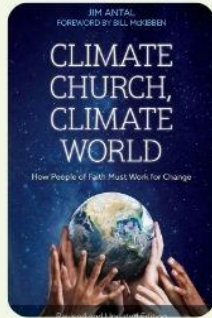
Spiritual Journaling Workshop

February 28th ~ 5:30 p.m.

Would you like to learn how to junk journal to create a Lenten Spiritual Journal? Please join Rev. Amie Friday, February 28th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a workshop to learn and begin the practice of journaling. You don't have to be a writer to journal. All you need to bring with you is what your medium is, be it paper, paints, etc. and any items you would like to use (material, stickers, yarn, pictures, etc.). At the initial meeting, we will also set a couple of dates to meet throughout Lent to work on our journals and to see where we are on our Lenten journey.



March 30, 2025 at 2pm



Jim Antal serves as Special Advisor on Climate Justice to the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. The revised and updated 2nd edition of Antal's book, *CLIMATE CHURCH, CLIMATE WORLD*, is being read by hundreds of churches. From 2006–2018, Antal led the 350 UCC churches in Massachusetts as their Conference Minister and President. He has preached on climate change since 1988 in over 400 settings and has engaged in nonviolent civil disobedience on numerous occasions.



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Climate Church, Climate World Book Study Tuesday Mornings & Evenings in February

Prior to Rev. Antal's visit in March, we will have a book study on *Climate Church, Climate World* beginning in February (date to be determined once we know when we will receive the books). There will be a morning study at 9:30 and an evening Zoom study at 7:00. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rev. Amie (pastorlebfirstcong@gmail.com) or the church office (lebfirstcong@att.net) **by February 7th**, so we know how many books to order.

Today! Annual Meeting & Potluck Luncheon

The potluck luncheon and Annual Meeting are today!



The Stewardship Committee has received 54 pledges to date for a total of \$122,462. This is 77% of our goal of \$158,082.



Hospitality Committee

The Hospitality Committee will now have a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall for any individual, board or committee that would like to contribute or sponsor fellowship time. We always appreciate any food contributions and help, but we do like to know ahead of time, so we can plan accordingly. Thanks.



The Summons

Unison

1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but
 2 Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but
 3 Will you let the blind - ed see if I but
 4 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but

call your name? Will you go where you don't
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and
 call your name? Will you set the pris - oners
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same? Will you
 kind and nev - er be the same? Will you
 free and nev - er be the same? Will you
 you and nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, will you let my
 risk the hos - tile stare should your life at -
 kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?
 prayer in you and you in me?
 mean in you and you in me?
 grow in you and you in me.

Lord, When I Came into This Life 691



1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you
2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as
3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -
4 So help me in my un - be - lief and



called me by my name; to - day I come, com -
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with
tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it
let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed



mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.
on the earth, my sights set high on you.



Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.

TEXT: Fred Kaan, 1976

MUSIC: American folk melody; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

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LAND OF REST

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(alternate harmonization, 545)