

**Waterville United Church of Christ**  
**First Congregational Church**  
**August 7, 2022**  
**9:30 AM**



**Creating a New World**

*"And if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" — 2 Corinthians 5:17*

**Our final service of this series offers the vision of the New Creation — a world where we are no longer strangers or aliens because of our differences. It doesn't matter whether you've been a Christian all your life or if you are unsure about your path, we are all part of the house that God is building and the reconciling love of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone, the one that anchors and structures the whole thing. Let us tend to building this house, this new creation, together!**

## Words of Greeting

### Mission Statement

**Seeking to walk in the Way of Jesus, we are an Open and Affirming church, faithfully using who we are and what we have to serve those on the margins of our community. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.**

### Music for Gathering

*Prayer*

Fred Binckes

### Threshold Moment

### Opening Hymn

*We Would Be Building*

NCH 607

### A Visit with Flat Jesus

### Hebrew Scripture     Jeremiah 23:1-6 (Inclusive Bible)

Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep in my pasture!" declares YHWH. "Thus says YHWH, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who are tending my people: You have scattered my flock and driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I am about to attend to you for the evil of your deeds, declares YHWH. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their own pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. I will also raise up shepherds who will look after them and pasture them. They will no longer be afraid or terrified nor will any be missing, declares YHWH. Behold, the days are coming, declares YHWH, when I will raise up for the house of David a righteous branch, who will reign as a true ruler and act wisely, and do what is just and right in the land. In those days, Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. This is the Name on which they will call: 'YHWH, Our Justice.'

### The Word in Music

*One*

U2

### Christian Scripture     Ephesians 2:11-22 (Inclusive Bible)

Bear in mind that at one time the men among you who were Gentiles physically—called "the Uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the Circumcised," all because of a minor operation—had no part in Christ and were excluded from the community of Israel. You were strangers to the Covenant and its promise; you were without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For Christ is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of hostility that kept us apart. In his own flesh, Christ abolished the Law, with its commands and ordinances, in order to make the two into one new person, thus establishing peace and reconciling us all to God in one body through the cross, which put to death the enmity between us. Christ came and "announced the Good News of peace to you

who were far away, and to those who were near"; for through Christ, we all have access in one Spirit to our God. This means that you are strangers and aliens no longer. No, you are included in God's holy people and are members of the household of God, which is built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, with Christ Jesus as the capstone. In Christ the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in our God; in Christ you are being built into this temple, to become a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

## **Sermon**

*Creating a New World*

## **Joys & Concerns**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Prayer of our Savior**

*(say the one that is in your heart)*

#### *A Traditional Version*

**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 the power and the glory forever. Amen**

#### *A Contemporary Version*

**Our Creator in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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. Do not lead us into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Holy Communion**

### **Offering & Prayer of Dedication**

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and cup.  
Open our hearts in and through this act,  
stripping away any excuse or fearful hesitation,  
so that we will open our doors to the world  
as the body of Christ, redeemed by love.**

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory**

**and we feast at the heavenly banquet.  
Amen.**

### **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love had done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Thank you, bounteous Creator, for feeding us today, both body and soul. Thank you for continuing to feed us at your table where all are welcome. Thank you for filling us with joy as well as with a hunger for justice, that we may rush to you, the source of all good gifts, to provide what we need for our journey. Amen.**

### **Gift of Justice**

### **Announcements**

### **Closing Hymn**

*Community of Christ*

NCH 314

### **Words of Blessing**

### **Musical Blessing**

*What A Wonderful World*

Louis Armstrong

### **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

Rev. Ian R. Lynch - Pastor  
David Dean – Soloist/Pianist  
Jackie Kulik - Liturgist  
Bill Lee – Deacon of the Week

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Numbers Served Last Week**

**Essentials Closet: 152**

**Loads of Love: 3**

**Entire year of Essentials & Loads of Love 2022: 2512**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Our bank is rejecting checks that are made out to Waterville UCC or anything else that is not the name of the church. If you pay by check please make it out to FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH and if it is for anything specific, please make that note in the memo section.**

**Thank you**

**Stone Soup Cafe will be closed the Week of August 7th.**

### **Coffee Hour**

We are hoping to continue having a simple (lemonade and snack or coffee and cookies) fellowship gathering the third Sunday of each month. Please consider taking a turn at organizing, setting up and cleaning up for this activity. While it is doable for one person, it is more fun if there are two.

There will be a sign up schedule on the Deacon-of-the-Week check in table at the entrance.

The next Coffee Hour Sunday is August 21st.

Thank you,

The Deacons

### **10:00 a.m. Daily Prayer Check in password**

The safest and most effective way to connect to a Zoom meeting is to manually enter the Meeting ID, 914 158 897 - and then the password - 693668

If you want to try just clicking on this link with the password embedded, it should also work:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/914158897?pwd=VkEwUG5rbEdwaFB3NGJyU3NhV2hGUT09>

And you can always call in: 1 929 205 6099 US

And enter the Meeting ID: 914 158 897      Password: 693668

**Join us in-person and on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. for **Sunday Morning** worship by clicking this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/360970974?pwd=OFU2aHJyWWgxdncyL3d5aFNjVnIDUT09>

Or by going to Zoom.us and entering the Meeting ID 360 970 974 and Password 835873.

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**To join us in person, come to the back of The Elm building located at 21 College Ave, Waterville (next to the Post Office).**

**In person, everyone must:**

Wear a mask covering your nose and mouth at all times.  
Use hand sanitizer before entering  
Maintain 6 foot distancing between family groups  
Present proof of vaccination against COVID 19 along with a booster shot  
State that you do not have symptoms of COVID 19 or the common cold

### **Our Church Life: This Coming Week**

August 7, 2022

Today, August 7		9:30 a.m. Worship Service in-person and on Zoom and You Tube
Monday,	8	Office Closed 10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in time on Zoom
Tuesday	9	Office Closed 10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in time on Zoom
Wednesday	10	10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in time on Zoom
Thursday	11	9:30 Living Water Association Meeting 10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in-time on Zoom
Friday	12	10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in-time on Zoom
Saturday	13	10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in-time
Sunday	14	9:30 a.m. Worship Service in-person and on Zoom and You Tube

CHURCH STAFF and OFFICERS

Rev. Ian R. Lynch - Pastor

Sally Melcher-McKeagney, R.N. - Faith Community Nurse

Rev. Maureen Ausbrook – Starfish Village Ministry

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Nancy Flynn – Administrative Assistant

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