

**Waterville United Church of Christ**  
**First Congregational Church**  
**June 19, 2022**  
**9:30 AM**



**Re-Creating the Sabbath**

*“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*

As we begin the summer, we will look to what Jesus taught about keeping the Sabbath. In order to tend a new creation within us, we focus less on rules, and more about what gives us life and light as a way of “Sabbath-making!” This, then, is the way we are refreshed and renewed so that the light of Christ can be reignited and shine within us. What practices of Sabbath will we engage in this summer that will refresh our spirits?

## 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

*O Word of God Incarnate*

arr. Cindy Berry

### Threshold Moment

### Opening Hymn

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

NCH 489

## A Visit with Flat Jesus

### Hebrew Scripture

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (Inclusive Bible)

Honor the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as YHWH, your God, commanded. For six days you will labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to YHWH, your God. You will do no work that day, neither you nor your daughter nor your son nor your workers—women or men—nor your ox nor your donkey, nor any of your animals; nor even foreigners among you. Thus your workers—both women and men—will rest as you do. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt and that YHWH, your God, brought you out from there with a mighty hand and outstretched arm; because of this, YHWH, your God, has commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

### The Word in Music

*Black Bird*

Paul McCartney & John Lennon

### Christian Scripture

Mark 2:23 – 3:6 (Inclusive Bible)

One Sabbath day Jesus took a walk through the grain fields, and the disciples began to pick ears of grain as they went along. The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Look, why are they doing something on the Sabbath day that is forbidden?" And Jesus replied, "Did you never read what David did in his time of need when he and his followers were hungry—how David went into the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the loaves of offering, which only the priests are allowed to eat, and how he also gave some to those with him?" Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for people, not people for the Sabbath. That is why the Chosen One is ruler even of the Sabbath." Returning to the synagogue, Jesus met someone who had a withered hand. Now the religious authorities were watching to see if Jesus would heal the individual on the Sabbath day, as they were hoping for

some evidence to use against Jesus. He said to the afflicted one, "Stand and come up front!" Then he turned to them and said, "Is it permitted to do a good deed on the Sabbath—or an evil one? To preserve life or to destroy it?" At this they remained silent. Jesus looked around at them with anger, for he was deeply grieved that they had closed their hearts so. Then Jesus said to the person, "Stretch out your hand." The other did so, and the hand was perfectly restored. The Pharisees went out and at once began to plot with the Herodians, discussing how to destroy Jesus.

## **Sermon**

*Re-Creating the Sabbath*

## **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.**

## **Offering**

## **Gift of Justice**

## **Announcements**

## **Closing Hymn**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

NCH 593

## Words of Blessing

### Musical Blessing

*Precious Lord Take my Hand*

Thomas Dorsey

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Ian R. Lynch – Pastor  
David Dean – Soloist/Pianist  
Nancy Godfrey – Liturgist  
Linda Roy – Deacon of the Week

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

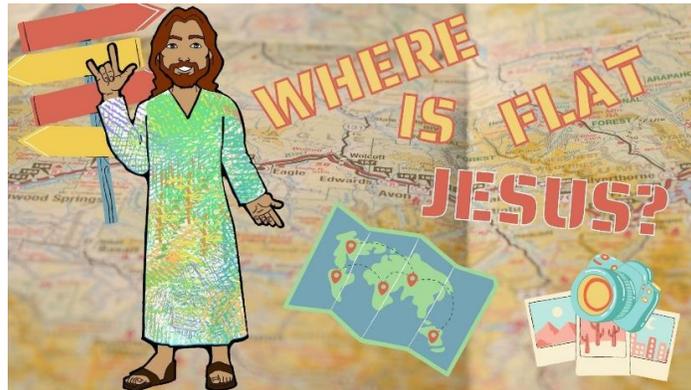
### Numbers Served Last Week

**Essentials Closet: 197**

**Loads of Love: 6**

**Entire year of Essentials & Loads of Love 2022: 1828**

**Join us Sunday, June 26 for Coffee Hour after Worship**



### **An Interactive Intergeneration Activity for All**

Summer is a time for travel, so it is a good time to remember that Jesus said he would be with us always, wherever we go ([Matthew 28:20](#)) This project is a tangible and fun way to celebrate that. If you know with the story "Flat Stanley" you may already be familiar with the concept of taking a paper cutout and posing it in a variety of places and sharing the photo. We will use this idea to create our Time with Children videos over the next few weeks, while encouraging some playfulness along the way.

Here's how to participate:

### **1. Choose your Flat Jesus**

You can download an already colored copy [here](#) or one to color yourself [here](#). Both options are available from the church office if you have an issue printing one at home

### **2. Create your Flat Jesus**

If you are coloring, be creative. Then cut out the figure, leaving a bit of space around the lines. It is helpful to laminate it. A simple way to accomplish this is use packing tape on both sides, trimming the excess. Adding a stick or short dowel rod will help when it comes time to pose your Flat Jesus (FJ for short).

### **4. Have a photo shoot!**

It will be fun seeing FJ in places that are both familiar and unique. Show us him in your favorite places and contact friends in far away places to join in (FJ is able to travel at the click of a mouse!)

### **5. Share your pictures.**

Post them on social media so your friends can see that you are part of a joyful congregation (use #FJ22). And email them to Rev. Ian ([revianlynch@gmail.com](mailto:revianlynch@gmail.com)) so he can use them in the children's videos.

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## **Assignment #FJ22**

There are specific activities that we need to picture FJ doing to incorporate into the Time with Children. Since we need them in advance of the week when the video will be made, the sooner you can provide these, the better. Here is the order:

- FJ resting
- FJ with family
- FJ in a garden
- FJ having fun
- FJ with a boo boo
- FJ on a trip
- FJ shopping
- FJ with a butterfly

Have fun. Be creative. Do it together (grandchildren make great tech support!)

## **Faith Formation & Fellowship**

We will continue our weekly gatherings on Zoom every Thursday at 7:00 PM  
Currently, we are having conversations about race. It is helpful to have support from one another as we confront topics like this that challenge us to difficult actions. There is nothing necessary to prepare in advance, just come prepared to engage. But if you have time, here are resources that we may utilize. We plan to watch the documentary "I Am Not Your Negro" together over the course of a couple of weeks. The local stories that have occurred lately may take precedence over that viewing if the group chooses. Either way, there will be important conversation that you are invited to join.

[Article about claims of racist mistreatment in Waterville schools](#)

[Story about Civil War reenactors in New Gloucester](#)

["I Am Not Your Negro" on YouTube](#)

### **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

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

June 19, 2022

Today, June	19	9:30 a.m. Worship Service in-person and on Zoom and You Tube
Monday	20	Office Closed 10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in time on Zoom 11:30 a.m. Stone Soup Café in Winslow
Tuesday	21	Office Closed 10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in time on Zoom
Wednesday	22	9:00 a.m. Essentials Closet 10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in time on Zoom
Thursday	23	10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in-time on Zoom 11:30 a.m. Stone Soup Café in Winslow 5:00 p.m. Essentials Closet 7:00 p.m. Thursday Night Conversation
Friday	24	9:00 a.m. Essentials Closet 10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in-time on Zoom 11:30 a.m. Stone Soup Café in Winslow
Saturday	25	10:00 a.m. Daily prayer/check-in-time
Sunday	26	9:30 a.m. Worship Service in-person and on Zoom and You Tube