

**NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE
OR WHERE YOU ARE
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY
YOU ARE
WELCOME HERE**



MIDDLEBURY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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Middlebury Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
June 29, 2025
Third Sunday after Pentecost

*all those who are able please stand

Our worship begins with the Prelude.

Please be mindful of those who wish to spend this time in prayer

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me

arr. Lloyd Larson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

INTROIT

Adult Choir

This is the house of the Lord.
Come before His presence with thanksgiving.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 19)

Liturgist

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect,

People: Reviving the soul

Leader: The decrees of the Lord are sure,

People: Making wise the simple

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right

People: Rejoicing the heart

Leader: The commandment of the Lord is clear,

People: Enlightening the eyes

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure,

People: Enduring forever

Leader: The Lord is our rock and our redeemer

People: Let us worship God

***HYMN**

O Word of God Incarnate

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #252

INVOCATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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 and ever. Amen. [We use "Father" and "trespasses," but please use whatever words bring you closest to God.]

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on 1 John 1:8-9)

CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name. Amen. (Time for individual silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on Romans 8:1, 2 Cor. 5:17)

Hear the good news! There is not condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #513

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. Amen.

BIBLE DEDICATION & PRESENTATION

Alexander William Beard

Tatum Russell Dunn

Jacob Sandoval

Meredith Rose Tiso

Charles Weise

Dylan Weise

Henry Quinn Wells

***HYMN**

Jesus Loves Me

New Century Hymnal (Black) #327

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

Leviticus 19:17-18

“You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Galatians 5:1, 13-26

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the

flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

SERMON

The Rev. Katrina Manzi

The Law, Love, and the Spirit

***HYMN**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #353

JOYS, CONCERNS, & PASTORAL PRAYER

Prayer requests will be received from the congregation. Please be mindful worship is livestreamed, so we advise caution on using last names to preserve people's privacy.

OFFERTORY

Full Control

Dan Edwards

Adult Choir

***Doxology in Unison**

Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #515

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Take these gifts, O God, for the work of your church. Let them stand as signs of your love and faithfulness. In the name of the one who gave himself for us, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken Pilgrim Hymnal (Red) #267

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Adult Choir

Twofold Amen

POSTLUDE

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

arr. Mark Rippe

Please join us downstairs in the Social Hall after worship for fellowship and refreshments



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