

UP & COMING NEWS & WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY MAY 1

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Additional information can also be found on our website by visiting <https://firstchurchhadley.org/>

SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday is a special one in the life of our congregation. We will be confirming four of our youth: Dominic Aloisi, Andrew Ciaglo, Trevor Ciaglo, and Nolan Styspeck, and honoring them with a special reception following worship. We hope you will join us to support them and their families.

CHRISTIAN ED BREAKOUT

What do you think - do you need a coat today? What if that coat was made of RAINBOWS? Well, Joseph's coat wasn't exactly MADE of rainbows, but it sure looked like it! Check it out here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1V8deDmhHB2bGjTd_YEyJ11kBdviode8K?usp=sharing

VOTE ON CPA FUNDS

The Board of Properties will be presenting a request for CPA money at Town Meeting on **Thursday, May 5, at 7:00 p.m.** All members are encouraged to attend and vote. The repairs to the steeple are necessary and urgent.

CHOIR REHEARSAL CANCELLATION

There will be no Choir rehearsal on Thursday, May 5 due to the vote on CPA at Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

All are welcome! The Hampshire Association Annual Meeting will occur on **Sunday, May 22, 2022**, at Edwards Church, 297 Main Street, Northampton, MA. Worship and Annual Meeting will begin at **3:00 p.m.** This will be a hybrid meeting of in person and virtual gathering. Annual reports will be sent in May. Please follow this link for more detailed information [Hampshire Association Annual Meeting: "Gathering in Anticipation, Departing with Hope" - Southern New England Conference of the UCC \(sneucc.org\)](#)

To attend via Zoom, click this link to register: [Hampshire Association Annual Meeting Registration](#). You will receive login information following registration. The meeting starts at 3:00pm, with Zoom opening up at 2:30pm.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 1

10:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE & CHRISTIAN ED

Tuesday, May 3

6:00 p.m.

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF PROPERTIES MEETING

7:00 p.m.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING

Wednesday, May 4

6:30 p.m. Hadley Women's Group AA meeting

Thursday, May 5

7:00 p.m. Town Meeting – Vote on CPA Funds

Friday, May 6

4:00 p.m. Take & Eat Preparation

Saturday, May 7

8:00 a.m. Take & Eat

Sunday, May 8

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE & CHRISTIAN ED

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE

Don't forget to subscribe to our YouTube channel to keep up on our latest services and to view past services and events. Please click on the following link to subscribe: <https://youtube.com/c/FirstChurchHadley>

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 413-584-4117

Email: rooster@firstchurchhadley.com

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Thomas Hawkins is currently offering **office hours on Tuesdays, 12 noon to 2 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** If an urgent need arises, an in-person appointment may be scheduled by contacting Pastor Thomas via the church office at rooster@firstchurchhadley.com.

Be sure to catch up on the upcoming news for Sunday worship and all the weekly events in our church and community. If you would like to post an event, please submit it by Wednesday of that week. If you do not want to receive these emails, please let us know and we will remove your name from our list.

The Sunday Bulletin

Click on the link below at 10 a.m. on Sunday to join our LIVE Zoom Worship Service.

Donna Brewer is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Donna Brewer's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2273073640>

Meeting ID: 227 307 3640

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Invite your family and friends to join us -- Please share this email! If folks would like to get this weekly announcement, just send a quick note to rooster@firstchurchhadley.com.

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You may also watch our worship service later in the week on Hadley Media Public Channel 191.

Follow us on **Facebook**: <http://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchHadley>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers in Memory

Flowers today are given by Misako, Carl and Niels Gjertson in loving memory of Don Gjertson.

Anyone may provide flowers for Sunday worship services in memory of or in celebration of a person or event for a nominal fee of \$30. Please contact either Shirley Parsons, Shari Parsons, or Cindy McQueston, if you would like to order flowers.

Prayer List

We have a prayer list in our congregation as a way of expressing both our mutual care and our faith in God who hears and answers. **Our Prayer List today includes Val McGuirl.**

To add to this Prayer List, please email the church office at (rooster@firstchurhadley.com).

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The Rev. Thomas Hawkins

Toni Wilcox

Rick Ward

Minister

Director of Music

Deacon

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

May 1, 2022

PRELUDE

“Spring Song”
“Prelude and Fughetta”

Lani Smith
Melchoir Schildt and
Gottlieb Muffat

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rick Ward

INTROIT

“Be Still, My Soul”
Ring of Joy

Arr. by Bill Ingram

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Ephesians 2:10, Matthew 5:14-16*

Rick Ward

We are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works,

which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Jesus said: "You are the light of the world...No one after lighting a lamp puts it under a basket.

Let our light shine before others, so that they may see God's good works and Give glory to God.

*** GATHERING HYMN #260 "The Church's One Foundation"**

*** OPENING PRAYER**

Thomas Hawkins

Lord, you send out your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for confirmation this morning. Open their hearts and ours to your Spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that you have begun in them and in us. Amen.

*** THE 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 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.

*** 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. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Rick Ward

Ephesians 4:4-6 (p. 179)

1 Peter 2:9 (p. 213)

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Children will remain in the sanctuary this morning with their families and caregivers to participate in receiving the bread and cup as well as be present for the confirmation service.

ANTHEM

"We Are One, Lord"

Stan Pethel

SERMON

Called As Partners in God's Service

Thomas Hawkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY "If We Truly Believe"

Don Besig

*** DOXOLOGY**

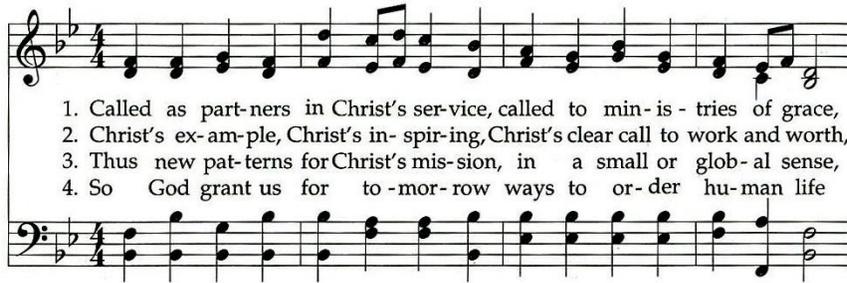
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and
Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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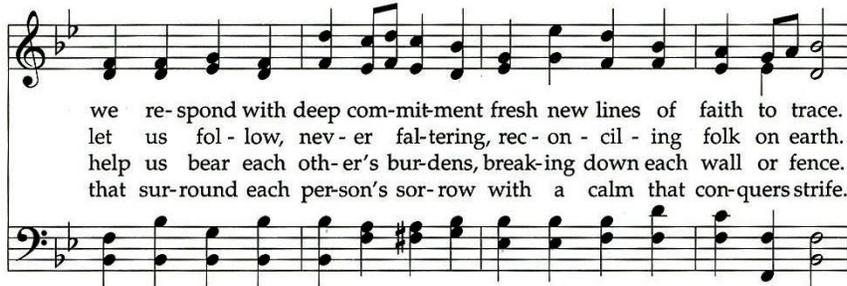
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*** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

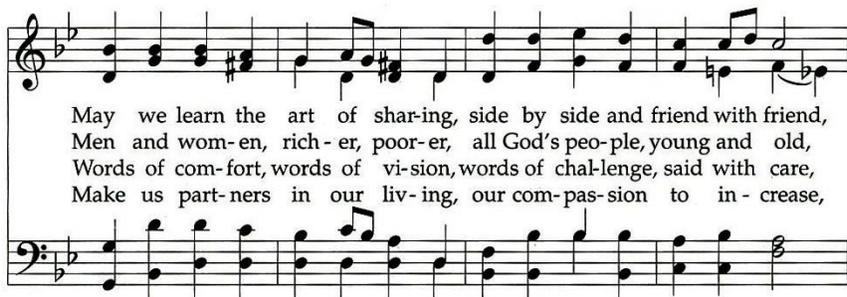
Called as Partners in Christ's Service



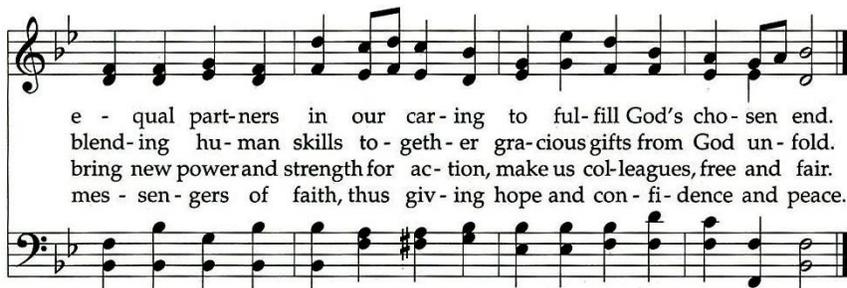
1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is - tries of grace,
2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in- spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4. So God grant us for to -mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



we re-spond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in - crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1981
MUSIC: John Zundel, 1870

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