

UP & COMING NEWS & WORSHIP BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Jan and I had an inspiring time at our retreat on the Scottish island of Iona and are delighted to be back at home. It's good to be away because it always increases our appreciation for what it means to be "at home."

This Sunday, November 13, our scripture passage comes from near the end of the book of Isaiah. To a people battered by decades of oppression and facing an uncertain, bleak future in Judah and Jerusalem, God speaks a word of hope through Isaiah's startling prophecy. The vision that Isaiah unfolds must have seemed like a wishful dream to those Judeans who first heard it. "Former things shall not be remembered or come to mind...I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people. No more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress" (65:17-19).

Isaiah's words are not just for his time but for our own. They are not just words for a city and a nation, they speak to our personal fears, the ones that keep us awake at night with worry or dread. Join us this Sunday as we explore the promises of God that Isaiah unfolds in the closing chapters of his prophecies.

Pastor Thomas

KEN PARSONS CALLING HOURS AND FUNERAL

The funeral for Ken Parsons will be held at our church this Saturday, November 12, at 11:00 a.m. The service will also be available on Zoom for those who cannot attend. A link to join the Zoom service is below. A reception will be held downstairs immediately following the service, with private burial at a later date.

Calling hours will be Friday, November 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Wrisley Funeral Home in South Deerfield.

Click on the link below at 10:50 a.m. on Saturday 11/12 to join the Live Zoom broadcast of the service:

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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PASTRIES WITH THE PASTOR

Pastries with the Pastor is a time to drop by the church, have a muffin or scone along with something to drink, and chat informally with the pastor. Our next gathering will be **Tuesday, November 15, from 10 to 11 a.m.** in the small vestry.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 AT 10AM

Come one, come all to join us for our annual Christmas Pageant! We will once again be coming to you live from the front steps of the church on Sunday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. Want to participate? All ages are welcome! All animals are welcome! Please reach out to Diana to learn more and put your hat in the ring!

SUBSTITUTE CE DIRECTOR

The Board of Christian Education is looking for a Substitute Christian Education Director! This is a 2+ hour a week position at \$30 per hour. Interested? Know someone who might be? [Click here for the full job description.](#)

We are also always looking for help on Sunday mornings! Think you could take on one Sunday? We'll have the supplies and lesson all ready for you! Please reach out to Diana West if you are interested.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 13

10:00 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE

3:00 p.m.

Music Group – Teen Room

Monday, November 14

5:00 p.m.

Hope Grange Meeting

Tuesday, November 15

10:00 a.m.

PASTRIES WITH THE PASTOR

6:00 p.m.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

8:30 p.m.

River Valley Synchro – Dining Room

Wednesday, November 16

6:30 p.m.

Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting

Thursday, November 17

7:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Sunday, November 20

10:00 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE

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 Mondays, 12 noon to 2 p.m., and Tuesdays, 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

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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.

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

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

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The Rev. Thomas Hawkins
Toni Wilcox
Bob Andersen

Minister
Director of Music
Deacon

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 13, 2022

MEDITATION

“Hope is definitely not the same thing as optimism. It is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out.”

- *Michael Ignatieff, On Consolation: How to Find Solace in Dark Times (2021)*

Why was every capital illuminated? Why was there a holiday given to every school ? ... It was simply, you see, that a tenth part of the people in the world had shown in some way worth belief that they meant —

To look up and not down,
To look forward and not back,
To look out and not in, — and
To lend a hand.

- *Edward Everett Hale, How To Do It (1877)*

PRELUDE

“The Peace Within Me”
Chorale Prelude on “Now Thank We All Our God”

Franklin Ritter
Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bob Andersen

INTROIT

“Thanksgiving Acclamation”
Ring of Joy

Kenneth T. Kosche

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

O God, in Christ you give us hope for a new heaven and a new earth.

Grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of the times.

Grant us courage to stand firm in times of trial and disarray.

By the power of your Spirit, give us the confidence to share in your work of making all things new.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

“A Mighty Fortress”

#363

*** OPENING PRAYER**

Help us to find You in the smallest of things and the most ordinary of our experiences. For You are the source of our being and the One who sustains us in gentle, quiet ways. Help us not to imagine you in such great and marvelous ways that we miss your presence in everyday moments. Help us to look out for You –
in the face of friend and stranger,
in the wonder and beauty of our world,
in the complexity of design
in the creativity of artist and scientist. 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

Isaiah 65:17-24 (p. 657)

Bob Andersen

ANTHEM "Family of Christ" Nancy Price and Don Besig

SERMON *In the Darkness God's Dream* Pastor Thomas

* **HYMN** "Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds" #294

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns
Morning Prayer

MORNING OFFERING

Offertory "Cantate Domino" Natalie Sleeth

* Doxology

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

* Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God: We thank you that you are our strength and our song. We
present these our gifts to you with hearts filled with gratitude. Bless these our
offerings and use them to bring tidings of great joy to the wounded world
around us. Amen.**

* **CLOSING HYMN** "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

* **BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE "Fanfare for a Festival" Carl Simone