

## September 15 - UP & COMING NEWS & SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

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YouTube: <https://youtube.com/c/FirstChurchHadley>

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

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Please join us for worship this Sunday, September 24, the Rev. Peter Stilla will lead worship, and in observance of Constitution Day, we will ring 13 bells in recognition of the original 13 colonies.

### CALL TO SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

All members of the First Congregational Church of Hadley MA  
are invited to attend the Special Congregational meeting  
in person immediately following the worship service  
as well as via Zoom  
on Sunday, Sept. 24th, 2023

The business proposed is to hear the report of the Bylaw  
Change Task Group and possibly vote to accept any changes  
and any other business that may come before the body.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah L. Ward, Clerk

If joining via Zoom, please use the same Zoom link we use for the  
worship

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

### **YOUNG ADULTS: WHAT BRINGS THEM TO CHURCH & WHY THEY STAY**

On **Tuesday, September 26th, at 7:00 pm**, the Rev. Shannon Farrand-Bernardin, will share reflections about what brings young adults to churches, why they continue attending (or don't), and offer suggestions for creating vibrant and welcoming faith communities that are hospitable to teens, college students, and young adults.

This talk is hosted by the First Congregational Church of Hatfield located at 41 Main Street in Hatfield. This in-person event is open to all who are interested in reaching out to young adults and will also be live-streamed. If you would like to receive a link to the live-stream, please send a request to [randyc1897@gmail.com](mailto:randyc1897@gmail.com).

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

Sunday, September 17

10:00 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Tuesday, September 19

6:00 p.m.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

Wednesday, September 20

6:30 p.m.

Hadley Women's Group AA Meeting

Sunday, September 24

10:00 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 a.m.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

## **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 - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 413-584-4117

Email: [rooster@firstchurchhadley.com](mailto: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.*

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## **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](mailto: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.  
Follow us on **Facebook**: <http://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchHadley>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Our Prayer List today includes **Dawn Davis**.

Rev. Peter Stilla  
Terri Ann Hoog  
Ken Parker

Guest Minister  
Guest Pianist  
Deacon

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 17, 2023

**PRELUDE**

“Waltz”

Martha Mier

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Ken Parker

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**People: Let us worship God.**

Leader: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.

**People: For his mercy endures forever.**

Leader: Be thankful unto him and bless his name.

**People: For the Lord is good, and his truth endures to all generations.**

**All: Praise ye the Lord.**

\* **GATHERING HYMN** “All Creatures of Our God and King”

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\* **OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

**Almighty God, by whose grace we hear the word of thy kingdom, and who has taught us that they that hear the word of God and keep it are blessed. Grant us so to hear it and understand it that it may be the rule of our faith and lives, and that we may love it and meditate in it day and night. 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**

Ephesians 1:4–6 (p. 177)  
Psalms 149 (p. 557)

Ken Parker

**TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN**

Constitution Day Observation

**ANTHEM**

“Count Your Blessings”

Oatman/Excell

**SERMON**

“Winning the Game”

Rev. Peter Stilla

**\* HYMN**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Joys and Concerns  
Morning Prayer

**MORNING OFFERING**

Invitation

Offertory

“Aeolian Harp”

William Gillock

**\* 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 (Unison)**

**Accept, O Lord, these offerings which thy people make unto thee; and grant that the  
cause to which they are devoted may prosper under thy guidance, to the glory of thy  
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\* CLOSING HYMN**

“How Great Thou Art”

(back cover)

**\* BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“Prelude in C Major”

Johann Bach