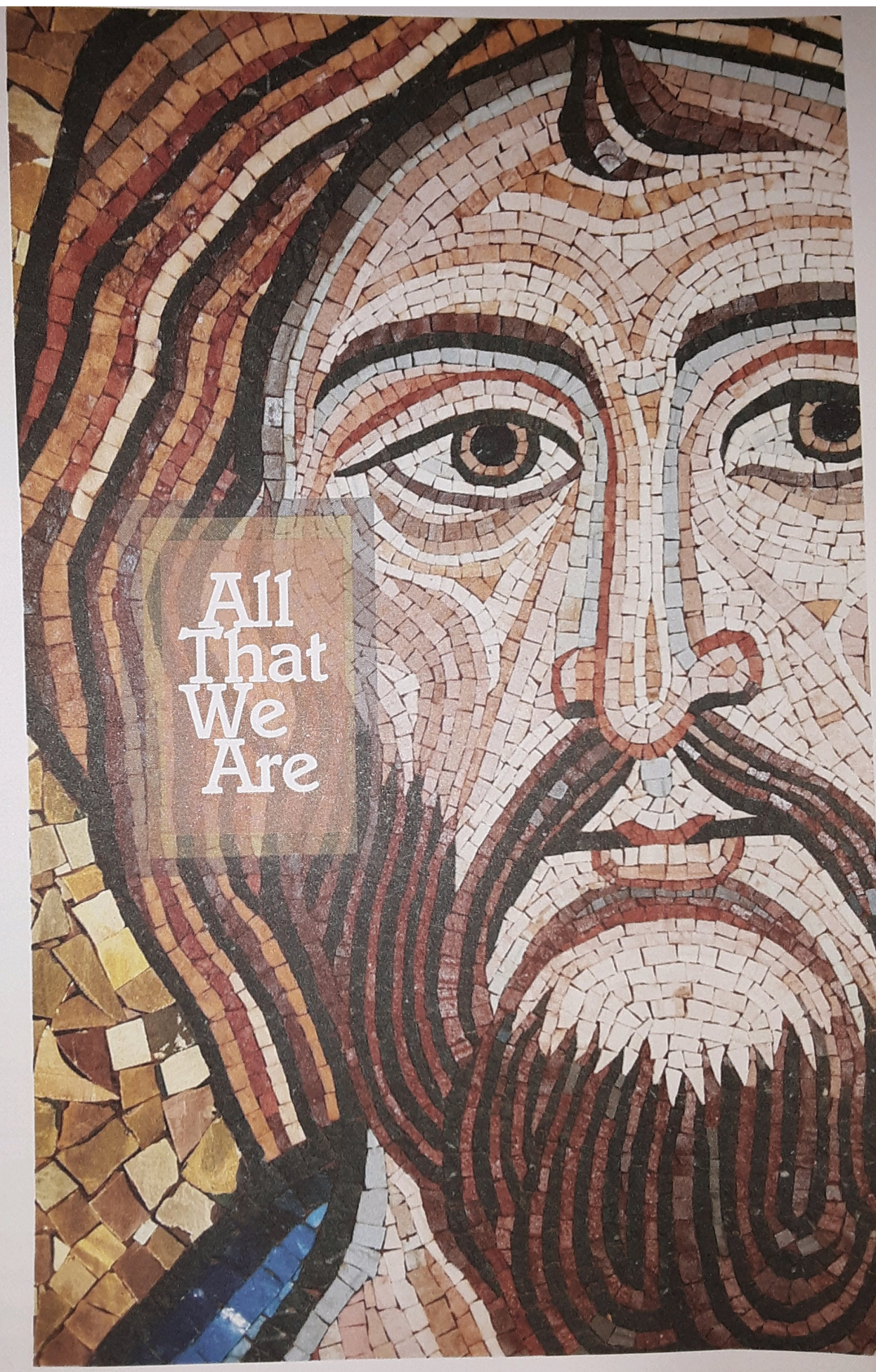


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Gathering for Worship

January 19, 2020

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9:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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The Congregational Church of Laconia, United Church of Christ, is a welcoming Christian community with a scriptural foundation seeking Justice and peace for all.

Preparing

Organ Prelude

K. Robert Bengtson

Meditative Thought

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

Martin Luther King Jr.

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

Introit

"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

Chancel Choir

Praising

Call to Worship Our Call to Worship is from the U.C.C. *Service for Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend 2020*

God of our ancestors and God of our dreams, we gather today to remember that you have created us all in your image and in your likeness.

And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

We remember how you spoke into the darkness and created light.

And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

We remember the ways you have delivered your people through trials and tribulations since the beginning of time, right up until this present moment.

And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

We have seen where You have comforted our African sisters and brothers through the middle passage, racism, segregation, stripped identities and unjust laws.

And so, with them we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

God you have been the guiding light along the paths of Hope and Love leading toward a beloved community where all are equally seen and radically loved.

And so, we still have the courage to dream the impossible.

We gather today remembering your presence amongst us and your call to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with you and our neighbors.

*** Opening Hymn**

"Dream God's Dream"

See Insert

Invocation (Adapted from UCC service for Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend 2020)

God of our weary years and God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far on our journey. We invite your presence into our midst as we pay tribute to all who have labored for justice, equality and love. We pray that in this moment you would strengthen us to continue to fight for the fulfillment of the dream that the Rev. Dr.

Going to Serve

"We Are Called"

See Insert

* Closing Hymn
Pastoral Benediction
Benediction Response
Organ Postlude

"Go In Peace"

Chancel Choir

***You may stand as able.**

This Week's Committee Meetings and Gatherings

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| Today Jan 19- 9:30 a.m. | Sunday Worship |
| 10:45 a.m. | Budget Presentation |
| 10:45 a.m. | Hand-Bell Practice |
| 4:00 p.m. | Channel 25 Worship Broadcast |
| 9:30 p.m. | Channel 25 Worship Broadcast |
| 5:00 a.m. | Channel 25 Worship Broadcast |
| Monday Jan 20 | Church office closed - MLK Holiday |
| Tuesday Jan 21- 7:00 p.m. | Worship and Music Mtg |
| 7:00 p.m. | Stitches of Love |
| Wednesday Jan 22- 6:30 p.m. | Deacons Mtg |
| Thursday Jan 23- 5:30 p.m. | Creating and Leading 21st Century |
| 7:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| Next Sunday Jan 26- 9:30 a.m. | Sunday Worship |
| 10:30 a.m. | Annual Meeting |

Today 10:45 a.m. Special Budget Presentation by Property and Finance

Today 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. The Beane Center Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
The Laconia Human Relations Committee is hosting the Annual Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year they will be featuring a screening of the documentary film "Here Am I, Send Me: The Journey of Jonathan Daniels". Daniels was an Episcopal seminarian and civil rights activist from Keene, NH, who was shot and killed in 1965. There will be an introduction Q&A time with the co-producer of the film, Dr. Lawrence Benaquist.

Deadline for Lenten Devotionals - February 5th If you need assistance please contact Pastor Paula.

Join us for a time of fellowship downstairs following the service for refreshments served by Parish Activities. Fair Trade coffee is served in biodegradable cups.

Welcome & Information

Welcome to our service of worship! Please introduce yourself to those sitting near you & use a pew rack card to inform us of requests.

Wireless hearing assistance devices, back cushions, large print bulletins and children's activity bags are available; please ask an usher.

Nursery & Child Care Children younger than 1st grade are welcome in the Nursery before the service begins or following the Moment with our Children. Please escort your child to the Nursery room across The Bridge and pick them up after the service. Visitors are always welcome!

Our Service is video recorded and published. Please speak to one of our ushers if you have any concerns.

Our Greeters today are Kay and Ray Vercoe

Today's Ushers are Andy Giovanni and Charlotte Landow.

The Altar Flowers today are *"In memory of my Mother, Claudine Coward"* given by Hollis Thompson.

A Call to the 195th Annual Meeting of the Congregational Church of Laconia, United Church of Christ January 26, 2020

The Annual Meeting of the Church will be held immediately following worship in the Church sanctuary for the purpose of:

1. Treasurer's presentation of the financial activity of the Church for 2019;
2. Presentation of, and action on, the budget proposed for 2020;
3. The election of Officers, Committee members, and Standing Delegates;
4. The presentation of reports by Officers and Committees of the Church;
5. Presentation of, and action on, proposed revisions to the Church's By-Laws; and
6. Any other business that any member may wish to place before the Church for consideration or action.

January 19, 2020

John 1:29-42

All That We Are Ecumenical Sunday



This is the symbol of the United Church of Christ. More than a logo, our symbol imparts the meaning not only of all that we are in the present day as a denomination, but all that we yearn to be in the future.

At the top of the symbol is a crown. By the use of the crown, we remind ourselves that Christ is the ruler, the head of all, greater than any earthly power or authority.

Below the crown is a cross. The cross reminds us of Christ's suffering in solidarity with the pain of victims of violence in all times and places. For many, the cross is a reminder of the redemptive power of life over death, and salvation over the powers of evil.

Below the cross is an orb divided into three parts, reminding us of Jesus' command to go out into the world in all directions, witnessing to his life-giving power.

Encircling these symbols are the words "That They May All Be One." (John 17:21). The words remind us of our history as a union of different Christian traditions. And it calls us to activism in the present. In the UCC, it is our calling to engage in ecumenical relationships that seek to heal the broken unity of the Body of Christ. And the words also call us to the future, to the time envisioned by Christ when "all may be one."

"Ecumenical relations help us to learn from the spiritual traditions of other churches. They help us to serve the world more effectively in God's name. They remind us that while we are proud of the diversity of the Protestant traditions that have joined in our united church, there is an even greater diversity in the Body of Christ that can make us whole."*

Prayer for Ecumenical Sunday

Christ – Remind us again and again that we who share your name share a oneness that goes beyond doctrine or creed. Give us wisdom, courage and curiosity to move into the world, ready to witness to the miracle of your work in our lives, even as we learn from our brothers and sisters in faith. In your name we pray, Amen.

**Ecumenical and Interfaith Partners*. Accessed July 24, 2019. <https://www.ucc.org/ecumenical>



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