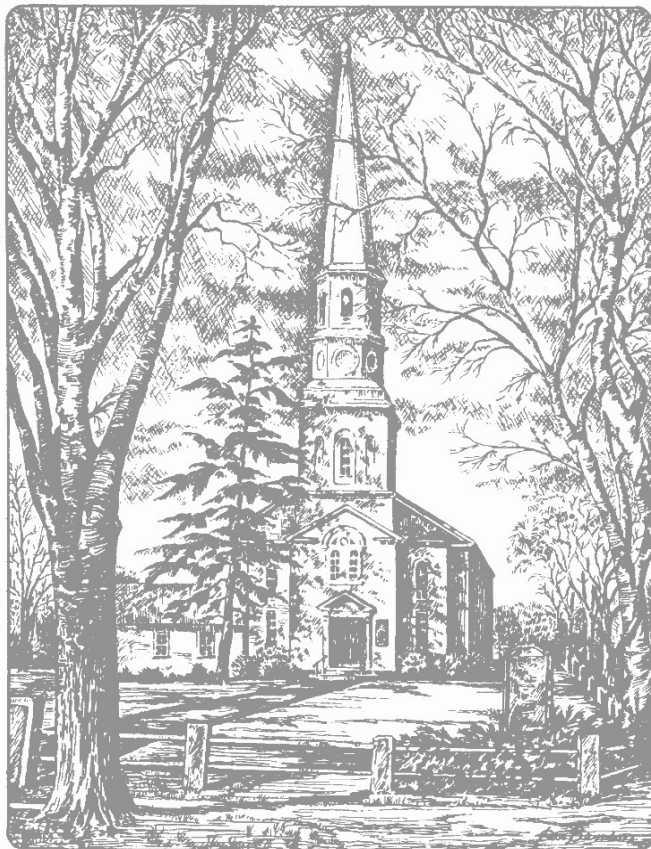


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## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

One: Make me a channel of Your peace.

**All: Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love.**

One: Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord.

**All: Where there is despair in life, let me bring hope.**

One: Where there is darkness, only light,

**All: and where there is sadness, ever joy.**

*(please take a moment of silent, personal confession)*

## **ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

**All: Make me a channel of Your peace.**

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive.**

**Make me a channel of Your peace.**

+HYMN NCH #475 *God's Eye Is on the Sparrow*

## **KIDS MOMENT**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (Pew Bible, pg. #464-465)**

**ANTHEM** *Amen, Spiritual*

**First Church Choir  
Jeep Mashoke, solo**

**SERMON "These Lives Are Precious"**

**Rev. Susan Thomas**

**TESTIMONY OF BEING HELD**

**Richard Siegel**

**"SELAH" MOMENT**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Sung Response -

**God is holding your life, God is holding your life,  
God is holding your life, we believe.**

**God is holding your life, God is holding your life,  
God is holding your life, we believe.**

## **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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Sung Response -

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## **OFFERING**

*Everyone is invited to place their Offerings to God in plates that will be collected from the pews during the service, or to send the Offerings by mail to the church office.*

### **Invitation**

**Anthem**

*Let It Be*

by Paul McCartney

**Marcia Hempel, solo**

### **+Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below**

**Praise him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**+Prayer of Dedication**

**One:** God of grace, help us live and give in Your  
kingdom of love,

**All:** where there are no enemies, only brothers  
and sisters, and kindness is the air we  
breathe. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**+HYMN PH #93 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

**BENEDICTION**

**One:** Now go in the knowledge that  
God is holding your life  
even as we hold each other.  
You are not alone.  
You are loved.  
Amen.

**POSTLUDE**      *All' Offertorio*      by Domenico Zipoli  
   **Marcia Hempel, organ**

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**STEEPLE LIGHTING**

On January 5th & 6th, 2022

In loving memory of Norma & Dorsey Snyder by Betty & Chris Trummel

**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

In memory of my husband, Dick Perry, with love from Sue Perry and  
family.

## PRAYER LIST

*We encourage parishioners to call or email our Pastor or Office Administrator in our office by midweek with any new prayers so these can be printed and lifted up at Sunday worship.*

**Solace & Peace:** We bring before our Creator- loved ones, friends, neighbors- known and unknown to us- who have passed away. We also pray for God to comfort any who are in need and/or facing difficult trials. We pray and ask God to draw very close, and to raise up the right people to be ministers and to be a genuine comfort and support during times of trial and/or grief.

**Healing & Comfort:** Adelle; Ben L. recovering from serious infection; Shirley Moyle; Stan and Mary.; Thomas L.; Edie's granddaughter, Heidi; Mary Ann as she receives chemo for her blood disease; James S. bravely facing cancer treatment; someone who has a serious knee problem that is inoperable; Bianca's daughter Toni Lynn who has pancreatic cancer; Katie R. who has brain cancer; Kelly D. healing from a kidney transplant; Jack; Patti & Peter suffering thru the impact of Parkinson's Disease; Noah & his family as he recovers; John L's friend Cynthia; Ava; Mary Ellen M.; Libby C.; Nancy's friend Sal; Julie's friend, Jack; DeeDee's relatives; Joe B.'s daughter, daughter-in-law and nephew.

**Joys & Celebrations:** Sally Rosetti's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was January 2<sup>nd</sup>! Celebrating our Christmas donations: Shirley Montgomery Memorial Knitting Tree – collected 11 pairs of gloves, 8 scarves and 22 hats and 2 large tubs of Christmas presents for the Hands of Hope Outreach Center. 16 bags of food and \$158 was collected to replenish the Hand for Hope Food Pantry. Made a donation of \$355.10 to A Baby Center from Poinsettia contributions.

**Community & World:** Poverty; near homeless and homeless; living through Covid-19 and its variants; the hungry; ill; unemployed; school employees and students; those suffering with addictions; anxiety and depression; children & adults living with disabilities; all medical staff; first responders and caregivers; military personnel, victims of racism; immigrants and children; a sustainable earth; and peace and justice in our homes, our communities, this great nation and the world we share.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Please visit our **website** at [firstchurchofharwich.org](http://firstchurchofharwich.org) for more information and offerings. For weekly updates, sign up for the **Midweek Message** at [firstchurchharwich@comcast.net](mailto:firstchurchharwich@comcast.net). Follow and share us on Facebook @ First Congregational Church of Harwich and subscribe to First Church Harwich's YouTube channel.

## THIS WEEK

- 1/9/22 – Art Show following worship in Parish House (Masks required)
- 1/12/22 – 4:30 pm – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 1/12/22 – 6:30 pm – Sound Dunes Rehearsal – Parish House
- 1/13/22 – 10 am – Cabinet Meeting – Parish House
- 1/14/22 – 10 am-2:30 pm – Thrift Shop open
- 1/14/22 – 4 pm – AA Meeting – Parish House
- 1/15/22 – 10 am-2:30 pm – Thrift Shop open
- 1/16/22 – 10:30 am – Sunday Worship Service – Sanctuary

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- You are invited to kick-off First Church's 275th year with an Art Show, collected art of the church over time, in the Parish House after worship during the Sundays in January. Masks are required. Feel free to invite your family and friends to view the show!
- **Interested in joining a loving church Family?** Is First Church where God is leading you to grow, serve, and belong? We invite you to one informational meeting after worship on **Sunday, January 23rd** in the sanctuary. To sign-up or for more information, contact Pastor Sue by email at [HopeAndTools@gmail.com](mailto:HopeAndTools@gmail.com) or call her at church @ 508-432-1053, ext. 2 or contact our Deacon co-chairs, DeeDee Dyer and Lynn Carver.

## CHURCH MINISTERS

*Rev. Susan Thomas, Pastor*  
*Members of the Congregation, Ministers*  
*Marcia Hempel, Music Director & Organist*  
*Lynn Carver, Bell Choir Director*  
*Lynn Carver, Moderator*  
*Tom Jahnke, Treasurer*  
*Emily Kosoff, Clerk*  
*Betty Hindle, pro-tem, Chair of Christian Education*  
*DeeDee Dyer and Lynn Carver, Co-Chairs of Deacons*  
*Nancy Segall, Chair of Fellowship*  
*Dawn Brooks, Chair of Mission*  
*Jeep Mashoke, Chair of Trustees*  
*Kimberly Perry, Office Administrator*  
*Paul Frederickson, Sexton*

## **CHURCH COVENANT**

Bound together as a Christian Church and depending upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us, we covenant together to walk in all our ways, according to the rule of the Gospel in mutual love and respect to one another to strive to carry out the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to love the Lord our God with all our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves.

## **OPEN AND AFFIRMING STATEMENT**

We bid unqualified welcome to all who seek to know God and encourage full participation of all members in the life of the First Congregational Church of Harwich, a local congregation of the United Church of Christ. We respect, support, and lovingly encourage people of every race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, and physical or mental ability to join us on our journey of faith.