

Lighting of the United Church of Craftsbury's Bell Tower for the month of August has been given in loving memory of Hans and Ella Vahlteich by their daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Bill DeLaney.

Participants today:

Alan Parker, Pastor; Sandalyn Chadwick, Accompanist; Rev. Judy Waible, creator of dance and litany; Dancers, Barb Flint, Cilla Bonney-Smith, Amelia Fritz and Judy Waible; Roger Waible, musical solo.

For Next Sunday:

Genesis 45:1-15 and Psalm 133; Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 and Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28.

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary

in memory of a family member or loved one, contact Roberta Alexander (586-7730).

If you know of someone whom you'd like to place on the Prayer Circle, please feel free to be in touch with Fay Waterhouse at 586-2520, or Alan Parker at 535-7137.

Bulletin news due at church via e-mail, phone message, or note by Friday morning. You may also contact Michelle Warren at 586-9632 or email unitedchurchcraftsbury@gmail.com.

Upcoming Weekly Church Calendar:

Sun. 08/17	Mon. 08/18	Tues. 08/12	Wed. 08/19	Thurs. 08/20	Fri. 08/21	Sat. 08/22
Service: 10 AM	Zumba: 6 PM	AA: 6 PM	Community Dinner: 6 PM	Zumba: 4:45 PM Al-Anon: 6 PM		

Committee Contacts:

- **Church Clerk:** Anne Wilson (586-2825)
- **Church Council:** Andy Moffatt (586-2248)
- **Community Supper:** Barb Strong (586-2516)
- **Deacons:** Andy Moffatt (586-2248)
- **Horse & Buggy Club:** Paula Massé (586-2857)
- **Ladies Union:** Lois Charron (586-9674)
- **Memorial Committee:** Mary Ann Merrill (730-4754)
- **Prayer Circle:** Fay Waterhouse (586-2520)
- **Religious Education:** Barb Strong (586-2516)
- **Trustees:** Cheryl Bailey (586-9675)

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August 17, 2014

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

WE GATHER TO BE PRESENT WITH GOD

PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(The first spoken words of our worship time are “The peace of Christ be with you.”
The congregation is invited to respond, saying, “And also with you.”)*

INTROIT

GATHERING MUSIC, PRAYER, INVOCATION & MEDITATION

HYMN (Insert)

Help Us Accept Each Other

(Sing V. 1, followed by reading from Psalm 133; Sing V. 2-4)

WE LISTEN TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

O God, may our reading, hearing, and understanding of your Word, and our own words and witness, be acceptable in your sight. For you are our rock and our redeemer. AMEN

SCRIPTURE

- Ephesians 4:31-32
- Mark 11:25

*(At the conclusion of Gospel reading, the congregation responds, saying,
"Thanks be to God, who brings light and truth.")*

LITANY OF GRATITUDE

(Litany Response: "God of many gifts, we thank you.")

For the faith through which we know you ... *(Response)*

For the relationships in our lives, those we prize and those that challenge us ...
(Response)

For work and play and service through which we grow and are strengthened ...
(Response)

For leaders who teach and guide us ... *(Response)*

For your creation which offers us beauty, food, and lavish resources ... *(Response)*

LITURGICAL DANCE

Amazing Grace

Roger Waible, soloist

MOMENTS OF QUIET REFLECTION

LITANY OF CONFESSION

(Litany response: God who offers us choices, forgive us.)

For our refusal to listen for your Word of life ... *(Response)*

For closed minds and constricted hearts ... *(Response)*

For a reluctance or refusal to get involved ... *(Response)*

For an avoidance of issues that are conflict laden but bring justice ... *(Response)*

For our unwillingness to offer, or ask for, forgiveness ... *(Response)*

MESSAGE IN LITURGICAL DANCE

St. Francis' Peace Prayer

St Louis Jesuits

MOMENTS OF QUIET REFLECTION

LITANY OF OPENNESS TO HEALING

(Litany response: God of compassion, help us begin again.)

As we begin to perceive your goodness in our lives ... *(Response)*

As we try to open our eyes and hearts to your vision for our lives and your world
... *(Response)*

When we are beleaguered and broken but we want to try once more...*(Response)*

When we recognize the gifts you have placed in us as yours ... *(Response)*

When someone offers an apology or we want to offer one ourselves ... *(Response)*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S HOLY INVITATION

***HYMN (Insert)**

O For a World

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

PASTORAL PRAYER, PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION & 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

(SING) *Hear our prayer, O God; hear our prayer, O God.*

Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

WE OFFER GIFTS OF OURSELVES AND DEPART IN PEACE CALL TO GIVING AND RECEIPT OF OFFERING

*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.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN (Insert)**

Love Is the Healing Power

***BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE # 590

Threefold Amen

POSTLUDE

*** We rise, either in body or in spirit**

Help Us Accept Each Other Melody – The Church's One Foundation

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

(Reading from Psalm)

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
In living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

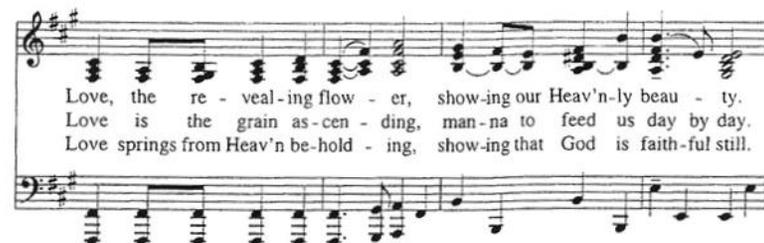
Lord, for today's encounters With all who are in need,
Who hunger for acceptance, For righteousness and bread,
We need new eyes for seeing, New hands for holding on:
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

Love Is the Healing Power

Unison



1. Love is the heal-ing Pow - er, whole-ness for you and me;
2. Love is the root des-cend - ing, teach - ing the nat - ural way.
3. Love is the road un - fold - ing, con - stant through good and ill.



Love, the re - veal-ing flow - er, show-ing our Heav'n-ly beau - ty.
Love is the grain as-cen - ding, man-na to feed us day by day.
Love springs from Heav'n be-hold - ing, show-ing that God is faith-ful still.



Love is the bea-con guid - ing. Love is the high-way Home.
Love is the bless-ing show - er. Love is the sight to see.
Love is a fire re - fin - ing. Love is the high-est skill.



Love is the Truth a - bid - ing. On - ly love can make us
Love is our High - er Pow - er. On - ly love re - stores our
Love is an end - less shin - ing. On - ly love can keep us



glad and strong. On - ly love can make us strong.
san - i - ty. On - ly love can make us free.
in God's will. On - ly love is Heav-en's will.

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HEALING POWER
Irregular

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O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

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2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
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