

*Collect:*

*Ever-present God, this day enfolds us and surrounds us:  
be in our speaking and in our thinking; be in our life and on our lips;  
be in our hearts and in our souls, today and forever. Amen.*

THE EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
September 11, 2011 10:00 AM

SERVICE OF PREPARATION

*\*The congregation is invited to stand.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *Our Living Church*

PRELUDE *It is Well with My Soul* Horatio Spafford

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CHORAL INTROIT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Dirkje F. Legerstee

*One: Welcome here! Enter! Rejoice! Come in! Open the doors  
of God's Sanctuary and join God's beloved community of  
praise!*

**People: Welcome here! "Here" is a place for all God's children,  
a church where everyone fits in.**

*One: Here is a font that splashes with grace. Here at God's  
table there's a welcome space.*

**ALL: Here is a place of love and care, here are no strangers,  
but friends who abide and welcome us home. Welcome  
Here! Welcome Now!**

\*HYMN #4 *Holy, Holy, Holy* NICAEA

\*UNISON PRAYER

**Gracious God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place  
and time. Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be  
awakened. Here may the doubting find courage, and the anxious be  
calmed. Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful be  
comforted. Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be**

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**renewed. Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be  
inspired, in Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins so that we may live as forgiven people.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, help us to surrender our anxieties so that we may feel  
your presence around us and within us, for you are our perfect rest.  
Enable us to release all that keeps us from you so that we may see  
your light more clearly and hear your Resurrecting Word. If  
grudges have their hold on us, open us to the power of forgiveness  
and reconciliation. Free us from the mistakes of the past so that we  
can begin anew this day.**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Debts*)

**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, for  
ever. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Christ was born for us, Christ lived for us, Christ died for us, and rose  
for us, Christ reigns in power for us. There is therefore now no  
condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, for anyone who is in  
Christ is of the New Creation. The old is finished, and gone! Behold!  
New life has begun. Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ we  
are forgiven!*

\*ACT OF PRAISE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* Tune # 2

**You are giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Loving Spirit, Father, Mother, all who love belong to you  
Teach us how to love each other, by that love our joy renew.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

CHILDREN'S CHAT

*(As children leave, please greet those near you.)*

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INSTALLATION OF SEARCH COMMITTEE

Linda Borglund; Jim Brown; Steve Fox; Barry Hackett; Serena Leiser;  
Chair; Brenda Lord; Sue Menzel; Ed Newton III; Ed Wong.

**ALL: We pledge, as a gathered community of faith, to be patient with you and to respect your need to be confidential in your task. We recognize that the work of our search committee is a difficult assignment and will take much effort. We pray for you and offer our support and words of encouragement throughout this time. These things we promise in the hope and belief that you will be obedient to the guidance of the spirit as you seek a new pastor to minister with us.**

ANTHEM                      Precious Lord, Take My Hand      *arr. by Roy Ringwald*

SCRIPTURE LESSON    Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON                      Walking the Way of Jesus

SERVICE OF RESPONSE

\*HYMN #523      *Live In Charity(sung three times)*                      *UBI CARITAS*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE                      Rev. Elaine Gaetani

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

    Invitation

    Offertory                      *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*                      Dennis

\*DOXOLOGY (*Unison*)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of Life, you have forgiven us and set us free. We respond with our whole lives, to follow your lead in forgiving others. May these gifts we offer of our time, talent and treasure extend your beloved community until all your children everywhere know they are forgiven and free. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

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\*HYMN #680                      *God of Every Nation*                      NYLAND

\*SUNG BENEDICTION    *Peace I Give Unto You*

POSTLUDE

*Tocatta*

Serena Leiser serves as liturgist  
Rachel and Sophie Keeler greeted you this morning  
Sarah and Grace Cavanaugh are the acolytes  
Linda Borglund and Melanie Borglund are Deacons of the week.  
Brett Borglund is Trustee liaison

**Join us for refreshments and fellowship downstairs following worship**

**Westborough Commemorates the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11**

Today at the High School football Field at 4pm the reading of 3,000 Names will occur. Lighting of luminaries will happen at dusk. At 6:30pm an Interfaith Service will be held. Rev. Gaetani and Rev. Legerstee will participate, as will The Journey Home Singers. Special music will be under the direction of David Jost. Please join us for this commemoration. In the event of rain, the ceremony will take place in the HS auditorium.

**PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS 2011**

New Prayers: Jean Newton

In Transition: Jack Hero at Beaumont; Richard Smith at Beaumont; Robin Tammik (Heidi Tammik Synnott's sister).

In Treatment: Olympia Fournarakis (friend of Jen Todd); Peggy McCaleb (Mary Ann Brayer's friend)

Continued prayers: Nettie Seavey (friend of Carolyn Bent); Bob Gatley (friend of many in the congregation); Rev. Cindy Frado, Christopher Doyle (Pam Faustine's brother-in-law); Bob Rider (Nancy Reimann's Son); Fran Kelly (Megan Huber's Mom); Betty Millard at Beaumont; Joanne & Jim Gringas (friends of Kathy Todd); Monica Osborn; Joan Jacobs; Marie Murphy's daughter

Celebrations: Rev. Elaine Gaetani and Steve give thanks for the wedding of their nephew, Joseph Gaetani to Victoria Wayne on Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011; the birth of Jaelyn Elizabeth Newton to Michael and Maranda Newton on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. Proud grandparents Jean and Ed Newton.; Our former student minister, Carol Steinbrecher, passed her Ecclesiastical Council with a unanimous approval for ordination.

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Yesterday we celebrated the life of Nancy Dallaire who died on August 25<sup>th</sup>. We also remembered Nancy's mother, Ellen Horn, who passed away this week at the age of 98.

Prayer or Visitation Request: If you have a prayer or visit request, please note it on the "A Note to the Pastors" card in the pews and put it in the offering plate or hand it

to a Deacon. You can place prayer concerns on the church's email distribution list at [epayers@uccwestboro.org](mailto:epayers@uccwestboro.org). If you would like a prayer request included in today's service, please let a Deacon know prior to the start of worship. *This list is updated monthly.* To add or renew an ongoing concern, please call the church office at 508- 366-2000 Or e-mail [westboroucc@verizon.net](mailto:westboroucc@verizon.net).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW MEMBER SEMINARS**

If you are interested in finding out more about our Church or would like to join the church, please plan on attending the New Member Seminars on October 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. New Members will be joining the Church on October 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Linda Borglund 870-5784 or the Church Office 366-2000.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Our program schedule traditionally begins in October, but this year we will have an informal program on Monday, **Sept. 12** to start planning for the Christmas Fair. Come and help us get a little bit of a head start on the Fair and hopefully reduce some of the last minute stress we have run into in the past. On **Oct. 3**, we will have our traditional Opening Fall Dinner hosted by the Board. This is a free dinner open to all women of the church, so mark your calendars now. **Donna Morgan**, President

**YOUTH CHOIR/PARKMAN BELLS**

Grades 3 thru 8

It's time to get your September calendar out and mark September 15, Thursday, as the first day that our music program will kick off the new church year for you. The Youth Choir will be from 5:00 – 5:45 with Curtis Richardson as your Director. From 4:15 until 5:00 the Parkman Bells will rehearse in the Bell Loft with Jen Keeler as your Director. You may ring and sing or chose just one. We are excited to see you after the summer break and excited to start making beautiful music to praise God. If you have any questions, please see Curtis Richardson or Sue Menzel after church.

**YOUTH GROUPS ACTIVITY & SIGNUP**

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 17-18

Our goal this year is to have 3 healthy youth groups (grades 5-6; 7-8; 9-12). We will seek to achieve this through:

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- \*greater visibility in the life of the church; \*calendar of schedules activities;
- \*overlapping activities among youth groups; \*active parent participation

Saturday, September 17; Community Chorus Yard Sale; Harvey School (Phillips St between Church St and Route 135).

We will help set up (6:30 am-9:00 am) and clean up (2:00 pm) in support of the many church members in this group that is so supportive of our church youth. The invitation is open to all youth (grades 5-12). Whatever time you can give this day is appreciated. I will be on-site for both set up and clean up.

Sunday, September 18; Church Vestry (enter through parking lot door). This is a meet and greet, and collection of Information (form) at anytime between 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Invitation is for all youth in grades 5-12 and parent(s).

This is also time for Senior High Youth to reserve space for July 8-14, 2012 work camp in Clendenin, West Virginia. Need check made out to church for \$50.00 to reserve a space; first come first serve. We have 40 spaces.

**CARE FOR CAREGIVERS**

Care for Caregivers will be held Saturday, Oct 22, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm at Glastonbury Abbey in Hingham, MA just south of Boston.

\*The day will include unique worship, gentle yoga and stretching, large and small group spiritual exercises, a presentation on practical caregiver resources and more. The retreat costs \$50 per person. If you have questions or want more information, contact Lindsay McGrath at 781-385-9401.

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**BULLETIN** – deadline WEDNESDAY

**HOSTING COFFEE HOUR** - Call **Linda Borglund** 870-5784.

**BAPTISM** - Call the church office 366-2000 or speak to a Deacon.

**SUNDAY GREETERS** - Contact **Linda Birch** 870 9911.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** - Sign chart in the Vestry or call **Chris Mosher** 366-2250 or **Nancy Gage** 366-9266

**HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE** - For a member or friend who needs meals, call **Betty Gray** 366-1039.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - Call **Rich Lord** 366 3835 to serve on church boards or committees.

**AUDIO VISUAL REQUESTS** - Let **Tom & Donna Morgan** know at least one week in advance 366-0358.

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**CALENDAR**

Today	Sunday
10:00 AM	Worship/Church School Program
11:30 AM	TPC/Board Room

11:45 AM Music Committee/Kerygma Room  
 4:00-8:00 PM GSA/Vestry  
**Sept. 12 Monday**  
 4:00 PM GSA/Vestry  
 5:30 PM Woman's Club dinner/Vestry  
 6:30 pm Search Committee/Kerygma Room  
 7:00 PM Properties Task Force/Board Room  
 7:00 PM Women's Fellowship Informal Meeting/Cribbery  
 7:30 PM BSA/Historical Room  
 7:30 PM AA/3<sup>rd</sup> floor Kirkside  
**Sept. 13 Tuesday**  
 7:30 PM Festival Ringers/Bell Loft  
**Sept. 14 Wednesday**  
 9:00AM-3:00PM Weaver's Guild of Boston/Vestry & Classrooms  
 4:00 PM "Journey Home"/Choir Room  
 7:00 PM Stewardship/Kerygma Room  
**Sept. 15 Thursday**  
 1:00-6:00PM Dismas House Farmer's Market/Church Lawn  
 4:15PM Parkman Bells Rehearsal  
 5:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30 PM PPRC/Board Room  
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
**Sept. 16 Friday**  
 9:30 AM Playgroup/Vestry  
**Sept. 17 Saturday**  
 No Events Scheduled  
**Sept. 18 Sunday**  
 10:00 AM Worship/Church School Program  
 11:30 AM Visitation Committee/Board Room  
 2:30 PM Beaumont Service  
 4:00-7:00 P Youth Group/Vestry

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Ministry: By the whole congregation  
 The Rev Dr Dirkje Legerstee, Interim Pastor -  
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 The Rev Elaine Gaetani, Associate Pastor - *revelaineg@aol.com*

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 & <http://www.ucc.org> (National)



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Our vision: *Embodying Compassion, Embracing  
 Change, Growing Together in Faith and Love*  
 (ECC vision in process as of May 2011)

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**WE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS!**  
Rev. Dr. Dirkje F. Legerstee, Interim Pastor  
Rev. Elaine S. Gaetani, Associate Pastor

Available are nursery/cribberly care, large print bulletins, and an elevator. Please pick up a visitor's packet and fill out the card in your pew.

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