

July 31, 2022

## Order of Worship

9:30am

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*An asterisk (\*) indicates times when you are invited to stand. Selections in BOLD are responses spoken by the congregation.*

### Welcome

Deacon

### Prelude

*I Surrender All - arr. by Lenny Seidel  
(based on "Surrender")*

Norman McFarlane

### Responsive Call to Worship

Deacon

One: God of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow,  
We call to mind your presence within and around us.

**All: Open our ears that we may hear your word. Open our hearts that we may understand your word. Open our mouths that we may speak your word.**

One: Inspire us with the gospel message, that we may celebrate all that is life-giving, restore hope where it has been lost, and work to bring about change where it is needed.

**All: May we live the gospel with courage, constancy and love. May we be open to the challenge of your call to true freedom.**

One: Make us faithful to you in our daily choices and decisions.

**All: May we make your love known through our words and actions.  
Come, Let us worship!**

### \*Gathering Hymn

*Community of Christ*

NCH 314

*(Deacons will collect Joy/Concern cards at this time.)*

### Scripture

As we hear the words of scripture.

**Let us listen in the words for the Word of God.**

Numbers 27: 1-11

The grass withers and the flower fades,

**But the Word of God shall stand forever.**

### \*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host;**

**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

### Sermon Message

"God's Change of Mind"

Pastor David Figliuzzi

### Special Music

*God Has Work for Us to Do*  
<https://youtu.be/Bq0rTaQAjR4>

**Prayers of the People for the World**

Pastor David Figliuzzi

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayers.**

**Lord's Prayer**

Pastor David Figliuzzi

**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, now and forever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

*Renew Your Church*

NCH 311

**\*Benediction**

Pastor David Figliuzzi

**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
Be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good;  
Render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted;  
Support the weak; help the afflicted;  
Honor all people; love and serve God;  
Rejoicing through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen**

**\*Parting Song**

*God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again*

(modified)

**God be with You till we meet again.  
By God's counsels guide, uphold you.  
God will place arms all around you.  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Postlude**

*Short Voluntary*  
John Worgan (1724-1790)

Norman McFarlane

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Our guest preacher for today is David Figliuzzi. David graduated from Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School in May with an MDiv degree. Ministry is a second career for David who served in several positions at CIGNA prior to beginning his journey to ordination in the UCC. While in school David served in churches in Danielson and Suffield as well as holding several positions in his home church, Asylum Hill Congregational in Hartford. David lives in Suffield with his partner Rob.

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