

The sweet June days are come again,  
 With sun and clouds between,  
 And, fed alike by sun and rain,  
 The trees grow broad and green:  
 And deepening shade of summer woods,  
 And glow of summer air,  
 And winging thoughts, and happy moods  
 Of love and joy and prayer.

— Samuel Longfellow, 1859



## We Gather to Praise God

*\*indicates those who are able may stand*



### WELCOME AND SHARING NEWS

\* INTROIT #286 *This is The Day, that the Lord has made  
 We will rejoice, and be glad in it*



\* CALL TO WORSHIP *spoken responsively* Glen E. Rainsley, *adapted*

This is the season for hoses and hoes,  
 for greening grass and growing gardens, for busy hands.

**May our hands also be active  
 working in the ground of our faith.**

This is the season for absorbing the sun's bright warmth  
 and the cloud's soaking rain.

**May our hearts and minds soak up  
 the wisdom of God's will and ways.**

This is the season for launching kites into the breeze  
 and gusts filling sails to glide across the water.

**May our spirits soar free upon the winds of hope  
 yet be tethered by love to the hand of our Creator.**



\* OPENING HYMN (see insert) *Morning Has Broken*



\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER *please stand and greet those around you!*

\* RESPONSE *sung by everyone* (Tune #259)

**Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice (x2)  
 Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice (x2)**



### INVOCATION *seated*

Kalidasa



## We Listen for God's Word



### SPECIAL MUSIC

WISDOM READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (*The Message*)

CHILDREN'S TIME "Vacation"



PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins")

\* HYMN (see insert) *All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
 At this time children depart for their summer program



HEBREW SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:14-19 (*The Message*)

PSALTER READING Psalm 19:1-6 (*The Message*)

### SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER — PASTORAL PRAYER — RESPONSE

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 21:1-5 (*The Message*)

HOMILY "Re-Charge, Re-Fresh, Re-Create"

## We Respond to God's Word

### THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY #46 (*altered rhythm*)

Thomas Ken (1674)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise him all creatures here below;  
 Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *by the pastor*

\* CLOSING HYMN (see insert) *Glory to God*

\* BENEDICTION *by the pastor*

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #437 *sung together while holding hands*

**Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God  
 surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

## We Depart to Serve God

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments  
hosted by the Christian Education Committee*

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**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME** to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book outside the center-aisle entrance at the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is provided for infants and young children, and there are rocking chairs at the rear of the Sanctuary for those with a child who needs comforting. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Judy Pearson read the scripture. Kurt & Jodi Ehler, Rick Hochsprung, Randy Shuey served as ushers. Gracious thanks to Alan Schulte, guitarist for his participation in this morning's service.

**All are Welcome!**

**The First Congregational Church of Pembroke**

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*Where Neighbors Meet*

**June 26, 2011**

### SCHEDULE OF USHERS FOR JULY ...

- 3** Alan & Anna Gibbs, Eric & Judy Pearson  
**10** Luke Cindy Bonenfant, Tom & Allison Hardy  
**17** Helen Chapman, Don & Laurie Hill, Dean Hopps  
**24** Peter , Sharon & Eric Chase, Rick Hochsprung  
**31** Harold & Lynn Matava, Kurt & Jodi Ehler

**If you are unable to usher on your given day, please contact Dean Hopps at 485-5509.**

### THE BUSH FAMILY FUND...

The Dad, who is the breadwinner in this family from Pembroke, has a form of brain cancer and can no longer work to provide for his family. They need the community's help! If you can donate to help them, please contact Fred Kline, 310 Church Road (485-7962) or you can donate at any Laconia Savings Bank. **Thank you for caring!**

### CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun., June 26 9am Choir Rehearsal  
10am Worship (outdoor chapel) weather permitting  
10:20am Summer Sunday School  
12noon-3pm Bear Brook Picnic
- Mon., June 27 **Office closed at 1pm** - Nancy will return approx.  
3:30pm & Rev. Jim is visiting at the Nursing Home
- Tues., June 28 6pm Girl Scouts - PH
- Wed., June 29 6pm BSA
- Thurs., June 30 6pm "AA" Group – MR  
6:30pm Graduating Seniors' Dinner
- Sat., July 2 8:30am Yoga
- Sun., July 3 9am Choir Rehearsal  
10am Worship  
NO Summer Sunday School
- Mon., July 4 Independence Day
- Tues., July 5 7pm Church Council
- Wed., July 6 6pm BSA – PH
- Thurs., July 7 6pm "AA" Group – MR
- Sat., July 9 8:30am Yoga

### THE FLOWER COMMITTEE ...

Donations of flowers are always welcome for our altar each Sunday morning. To contribute all you have to do is sign up on the flower sheet in the Parish Hall or let the flower committee know of your intention. Please contact Lynn Matava, 485-8352 (**July**), Doris Rowden, 485-3664 (August) and Robbe MacKenzie, 485-7295 (September).

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

#### **Ruth Hill - in Merrimack County Nursing Home – Rm # 2106**

- Dave Bibbins – recovering from knee surgery  
Shirley Whittemore – recovering from orthopedic surgery  
Evelyn Hoyt (Barbara Matava's sister-in-law) – colon cancer  
Prayers for Steve & Erica Peaslee and family – their son Jacob has been diagnosed with Autism  
Mary Louise Grandmason's brother-in-law Bob - fighting his 3rd bout with cancer and on chemo.  
Abby Duffy – diagnosed with LHON (6 years old)  
Stacy Driscoll's dear friend Joanne Kerstetter and her 16-year old granddaughter were severely injured in a bomb blast in South Africa on July 11<sup>th</sup> while on a mission trip. Please keep them and the other six who were also injured in your prayers.  
Military personnel overseas & their families  
Athena Petrin's address: TF 3643 D, Camp Command Cell LSA, APO AE 09815

**ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE PRAYER CHAIN** should contact the Secretary by e-mail: [secretary@pembrokechurch.org](mailto:secretary@pembrokechurch.org) or by phone: 485-9639 and let her know. You will be advised of those needing prayer. If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, and wants to be included on the list, please contact the church office, also.

# Mission Possible VBS 2011

We are trying to get as many members of our church family involved in the Work Camp as possible. This year, we are offering a day camp for the children of our church and community!

This day camp will be held during the week of work camp (August 8-12) at our church.

The camp will be held from 9am to 3pm.

We want to offer a place for the children of the work campers while the parents are at the sites. We want to offer the children a way to be involved in this wonderful work camp experience.

I will be doing the organizing and planning. All I need now are volunteers to help with the kids!

I am not looking for a full week commitment (although this would be welcomed!). Even if you are only able to give a half day, a day or two, we can use you!

If you have a specific activity you would like to do with the kids, we can plan it together and come up with a time that works for everyone! Activities can include, but are not limited to: t-shirt dying, art projects, outdoor activities, cooking projects, etc.

We can use as many people as possible so please let me know when you are available!

Thanks!

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## SCRIPS PROGRAM

The scrip program (business debit cards purchased through the church) is now in full swing.

When you buy a card for a particular denomination, you receive the card with that amount and the church receives a rebate from the business that ranges from 1.5% to 15%.

Go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to see the over 550 businesses that are part of the program.

This program does not cost you any additional money. If you order a card for \$25.00, you get a card for \$25.00.

Our goal is to raise at least \$9,000.00 this year and we need your help. You can see the display in the parish hall and talk to Marc Herring to order your cards. We will be placing an order at least once a month.