

Every tomorrow has two handles.
We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety
or the handle of faith.

— Henry Ward Beecher



We Gather to Praise God

* indicates those who are able may stand



PRELUDE

It is Salvation Come to Us



J.S. Bach

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*

On this summer morning, I am grateful to God for...

Response:

May our gratitude move us to humbly walk with God.

* OPENING HYMN (see insert) *Glory to God*



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

* RESPONSE *sung by everyone*



**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

ANTHEM

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



E. Raymer

PSALTER READING

Psalm 34:1-10

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CHILDREN'S TIME

"Taste & See = Try it Out"



PRAYER OF JESUS (using "sins")

* HYMN (see insert) *Seek and You will Find*
At this time children depart for their summer program



GOSPEL READING

Matthew 6:25-34

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SERVICE OF PRAYER

SHARING PRAYER JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER — PASTORAL PRAYER — RESPONSE

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 4:13-17

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HOMILY

"On the Threshold of Grace"

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 #514 (see insert) *God Who Touches Earth with Beauty*

* 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 Stewardship Committee.*

The First Congregational Church of Pembroke, N.H.

United Church of Christ

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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. Older children are excused for classroom work as indicated. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Manuela Shuey read the scripture. Peter, Sharon & Eric Chase, and Rick Hochsprung served as ushers.



All are Welcome!

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Where Neighbors Meet

July 24, 2011

SCHEDULE OF USHERS FOR JULY ...

31 Harold & Lynn Matava, Kurt & Jodi Ehler

August

7 Luke & Cindy Bonenfant, Eric & Judy Pearson
14 Marc Herring, Alan & Anna Gibbs, Lynn Matava
21 Floyd & Dot Smith, Don & Laurie Hill
28 Randy Shuey, Dean Hopps, Helen Chapman, Harold Matava

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!**

THE SECRETARY will be out of the office on July 25 – 27. **Rev. Jim** will be out of the office on August 1-4.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun., July 24 9am Choir Rehearsal
10am Worship (Outside Chapel, weather permitting)
10:20am Summer Sunday School
Wed., July 27 6pm BSA – PH
Thurs., July 28 6pm “AA” Group – MR
Sat., July 30 8:30am Yoga
Sun., July 31 24 9am Choir Rehearsal
10am Worship (Guest Minister)
10:20am Summer Sunday School
Tues., Aug. 2 7pm Church Council
Weds., Aug. 3 6pm BSA
Thurs., Aug. 4 6pm “AA” Group - MR
Sat., Aug. 5 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:

Prayers for the family of Ruth Hill – who passed away on July 16

John Theuner – recovering from knee surgery
Prayers for the family and friends of Keegan Heavey – who passed away
Doc Greco's daughter recovering from serious liver surgery
Athena Petrin's younger brother (and others) struggling with addictions
Work Camp (for its success, for more youth workers, for the neighbors whose homes we will work on, for finding a Praise Band)
Shirley Whitemore – 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
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 11th 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 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.

Major Retailers Want To Give Our Church Money!

We're pleased to share some exciting news about a new fundraising program for the church. It's called "scrip", and it's the fundraising program that works while you shop.

Scrip is simply a word that means "substitute money" – in other words, scrip is gift certificates from national and local retailers. They're the same gift certificates that you buy at the store. Many popular retailers participate in our scrip program including JC Penney, The Gap, Shell, Pizza Hut, Red Lobster and many, many others.

You're probably asking yourself how these stores help us raise money. It's simple -- scrip participating retailers agree to sell gift certificates to our organization at a discount. Families like yours buy the certificates for full face value, they redeem them for full face value, and our church keeps the difference as revenue. And scrip is exciting, because everybody wins:

- The retailer gets cash up front and repeat business...
- You get a powerful fundraising alternative that involves *no selling*...
- Our church gets a regular source of revenue.

The beauty of scrip is that you put your regular household shopping dollars to work. You earn money for our church without spending a single additional penny. Just spend your regular shopping dollars with scrip at the stores that participate in the scrip program! And scrip can be used for just about any household purchase including food, clothing, entertainment, gasoline and even dining out.

Contact Marc Herring at church or via email mherring@imarcinc.com to get more details. You can also go to www.shopwithscrip.com and create a user name so that you can order your scrip cards and read more about the program.

The Pembroke Congregational Church scrip program promises to be a simple and effective fundraising program. Thanks for your support.