

# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 10, 2021

*Service to be conducted online via Zoom 9:30 am*



## *For a New Year*

*Let plain things please you again and every ordinary Monday.*

*Bean soup in a white bowl, firewood in your arms.*

*The weight of longing. That you have survived is evidence  
that nothing is assured but you are lucky.*

*Looking up from this page let all of it surprise you—  
piled mail, other people, the air.*

Holly Wren Spaulding

## **First Congregational Church of Camden, United Church of Christ**

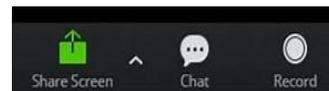
*Growing in Faith, Centered in Christ, Committed to Community*

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation embracing diversity  
and affirming the worth and dignity of every person.

We welcome everyone to share in all aspects of our church life.

During the service please use **speaker view** instead of **gallery view**  
and **keep your mics muted** during the service.

**(DON'T click on the green Share Screen icon,  
that's only for the HOST!**



**This avoids the service being interrupted whenever you move or speak at home.  
At the end when we have "Virtual Coffee Hour" you will have a chance to participate.**

## THE SERVICE OF WELCOME

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Ute Molitor

### PRELUDE

*Prelude on the name ALAIN* — Maurice Duruflé

\*Performed by HyeHyun Sung who appeared on our concert series in 2017

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP from *A Wee Worship Book*

Wendy Wickenden

Leader: Way beyond all journeying, truth behind all mystery, life within all living:

**People: We praise you.**

Leader: Salve for every soreness, mender of every brokenness, midwife of a better future:

**People: We praise you.**

Leader: Ground of all being, judge of all nations, conscience of the universe,

**People: We praise you.**

Leader: Maker, redeemer, confessor, companion, befriender, inspirer, God beyond all names,

**All: We praise you.**

### HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (<https://youtu.be/laofKckbG-E>)

(lyrics flow down and to the right) \*Matt Mainster on organ

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,

God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,

Op'ning to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;

Drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness,

Fill us with the light of day!

Thou art giving and forgiving,

Ever blessing, ever blest,

Wellspring of the joy of living,

Ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,

All who live in love are Thine;

Teach us how to love each other,

Lift us to the joy divine.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,

Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee,

Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,

Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,

Singing bird and flowing fountain

Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,

Which the morning stars began;

Father love is reigning o'er us,

Brother love binds man to man.

Ever singing, march we onward,

Victors in the midst of strife,

Joyful music leads us Sunward

In the triumph song of life.

### UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

(from *Touch Holiness*)

Wendy Wickenden

**Holy God, Eternal Spirit, we thank you for baptizing us into one body in Jesus the Christ. Wash over us with your Spirit, that, like Jesus, we may serve you in serving humanity. Baptize us with the fire of your truth, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### GLORIA

From the *UCC Book of Worship*

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

**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known**

**Creator, Christ and Spirit one.**

**Amen.**

## THE VIRTUAL PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Elizabeth Lally

HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Psalm 29 (Translation by Nan Merrill)

Wendy Wickenden

Give praise to the Beloved, O heavenly hosts, Sing of Love's glory and strength. Exalt the glory of Love's Name; Adore the Beloved in holy splendor.

The voice of the Beloved is upon the waters; Love's voice echoes over the oceans and seas. The voice of Love is powerful, majestic is the voice of Love.

The voice of the Beloved breaks the bonds of oppression, shatters the chains of injustice. Love invites all to the dance of freedom, to sing the Beloved's song of truth.

The voice of Love strikes with fire upon hearts of stone. The voice of Love uproots the thorns of fear. Love uproots fear in every open heart.

The voice of Love is heard in every storm, and strips the ego bare; And in their hearts all cry, "Glory!"

The Beloved lives in our hearts; Love dwells with us forever. May Love give strength to all people. May Love bless all nations with peace!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

SERMON

*You Are My Beloved*

Ute Molitor

### THE SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

SONG

*Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing* (<https://youtu.be/UCLuQYzrAPc>)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Please send your joys and concerns ahead of time to Ute; [ute@camdenucc.org](mailto:ute@camdenucc.org). During the worship time, you can write a prayer in via the chat function at the bottom of the screen. Please only share if you have permission by the person you wish to pray for. Please only use first name and keep personal information to a minimum as this will be available publicly.*

SILENT PRAYER & PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*New Zealand/Maori version*

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe; The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world; Your heavenly will be done by all created beings; Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With**

**the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trial too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

INTRODUCTION & AN INVITATION FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Greg Worden

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Down to the River to Pray* (<https://youtu.be/BumCkswUUDA>)

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION (from *Touch Holiness*)

Wendy Wickenden

**Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.**

HYMN

*Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters*  
(<https://youtu.be/RWCF0uc9vrQ>)

Wash, O God, your sons and daughters,  
newborn creatures of your womb.  
Number them among your people;  
raised like Christ from death and tomb.  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;  
compass them with love and light  
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,  
holy dove and heart's delight.

God, renew us, guide our footsteps;  
free from sin and all its snares,  
one with Christ in living, dying,  
by your Spirit, children, heirs.

Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!  
Unimagined, all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honor!  
With our lives we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you,  
water washed and Spirit born.  
By your grace our lives we offer.  
Recreate us, God, transform!

Every day we need your nurture;  
by your milk may we be fed.  
Let us join your feast, partaking  
cup of blessing, living bread.

BENEDICTION

Philippians 4:8

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any praise, think on these things.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Go My Children*

*Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983*

(<https://youtu.be/h9py0rH0-pE>) \* Sung by Annie and Debbie Brady

***Go my children, with my blessing, never alone; Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever, Go my children, with my blessing, you are my own.***

POSTLUDE

*Fugue on the name ALAIN* — Maurice Duruflé

\*Performed by HyeHyun Sung who appeared on our concert series in 2017

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**Our thanks to today's volunteers!**  
**Liturgist: Wendy Wickenden**  
**Deacon On Call: Terri Mackenzie**  
**Deacons On Site: Ed Weber/Terri Mackenzie**  
**IT Assistant: Ian Mackenzie**

**Please join us for Virtual Coffee Hour, an on-line zoom conversation for fellowship following the service.  
Get your coffee ready! Welcome to all who worship with us today.**

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**Sessions resume in January!** All those who began the course in 2020 are still on the Zoom invite list. Call to be added if you're new. A CHURCH HISTORY COURSE led by Prof. Mark S. Burrows, entitled **A Short History of Christianity to the Protestant Reformation: The story of the Church's emergence and development into a global institution.**

There are 3 remaining sessions of this six-week online course in January; they will run after church on Sunday mornings from 11 am-noon, on Zoom. Contact [becky@camdenucc.org](mailto:becky@camdenucc.org) if you want to be added to our Zoom invite list.

*Session #4 January 10 TODAY: Zoom invitation already issued to all those who attended previous sessions.*

**Session #5 January 17: 11 am-noon, following worship:** Eclipsing the Middle Ages: Humanism, Gutenberg, and colonialism.

**Session # 6 January 31: 11 am-noon, following worship:** The Age of Reformations. Theological strife, Christianization, modernity.

### Notice of 216<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

#### First Congregational Church, UCC, of Camden, Maine

*Your presence and your vote are very important; hope to see you there.*

\* **Call to Meeting:**

*The first Congregational Church, UCC, of Camden, Maine, shall hold its annual meeting on January 24, 2021 immediately following the 9:30 am Zoom worship service for the following purposes:*

- 1. To hear reports of church officers and committees.*
- 2. To ratify the proposed budget for 2021.*
- 3. To elect church officers and members of boards and committees.*
- 4. To act on any other business that may come before the meeting.*

*Judy Cucinotta, Clerk*

\* **2020 Annual Report and 2021 Budget Documents:**

The 2020 Annual Report is being prepared and will be sent out electronically soon after January 11; printed copies will be available by request.

\* **Pre-Annual Meeting Discussion Sessions:**

On the following dates, Co-Moderators, Andi Hamalainen and Zella Walker; Treasurer, Skip Hoblin; and Chair of Trustees, John Hufnagel will be available at Zoom sessions to answer questions about the 2021 Budget or any other topic related to the 2020 Annual Report. *(Please attend one of these sessions via Zoom to ask your questions; this saves time during the Annual Meeting itself.)*

## INVITATION FROM GREG TO JOIN IN OUR COMMITTEE WORK ~ WE NEED YOU!

### It's an Exciting Time!

Ok, it's hard to say that with a straight face right now but let's look forward to 2021 with love, hope and optimism.

Not long ago during a lay leadership talk I mentioned how I would sit in the balcony – remember those days – and the sun would pour in, the music would start and I would settle into the service feeling connected to every one of you. Ute would usually preach a lesson of love, hope and optimism. That's a pretty consistent theme for her and certainly a theme that is needed more than ever.

There really is a lot to look to forward to. There is so much that happens in our church every day, even though most of it is remote right now. **Buildings and Grounds** (Trustees) is constantly busy with something new. **Deacons** are working hard to modify our services for our new normal. How about **Membership** or the **CARE Team**? Want to join us on **Christian Education**?

I find that church means so much more to me as I serve. It's an opportunity to roll up our sleeves and actively make a difference. And don't worry, it's not a lot of meetings and busy work. We've worked hard over the years to be sure we are focused on action and making things happen.

So please, think about joining one of our many active committees. Even in this time of remote work it's thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding. If you have any questions about and would like to talk with me, please call or email any time.

Faithfully,

  
Greg Worden  
Chair, Nominating Committee  
(207) 542-7691  
gworden@yahoo.com

### ~ MUSIC NOTES FROM MATT ~

#### Sunday Hymn History

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” is a poem written by Henry van Dyke in 1907 with the intention of musically setting it to the famous “Ode to Joy” melody of the final movement of Beethoven’s 9th symphony. The poem was inspired by the Berkshire Mountains which van Dyke was living near at the time. He described the verses as a simple expression of common Christian feelings and desires—something that could be sung together by modern, enlightened people who were not afraid of science destroying religion, or any earthly revolution overthrowing the kingdom of heaven. For him, it was a hymn of trust, joy, and hope ... and ever since it's been considered by hymnologists as one of the most joyous expressions of hymn lyrics in the English language (adapted from Wikipedia)

#### A Note on this Week's Music

Multiple prize-winning organist, HyeHyun Sung, is lauded for her colorful registrations and stirring musicianship. She received her doctorate in organ performance from the University of Houston in addition to previous study at Yale University (at the same time as Matt), the Westminster Choir College, and the Hochschule für Musik in Germany. She has been the finalist in numerous international organ competitions. This Sunday's music was selected for the composer Maurice Duruflé's trademark flowing, shimmering sound—so reflective of the life-giving water from which Christ arose as the heavenly spirit descended on him like a dove.

## VALENTINE CARE PACKAGE TIME



Do you have a child or grandchild who is away from home at boarding school or college this semester? The church has a tradition of sending Valentine Care Packages to our students, and we are still doing so during the pandemic. Please add your students' names and addresses to the mailing list by calling or emailing Becky **by January 25th**.

In lieu of our usual conversation hearts bulletin board, everyone is invited to donate an item from the list below. Please let Becky know which item(s) you plan to donate, so that we can keep track of what's still needed, and also to make arrangements to drop off your items to Becky in the church office (call 236-4821 Mon-Fri) **by Feb. 1**.

- 3-Pack of Microwave Popcorn
- Box of Granola Bars
- Bag of Individually wrapped chocolate miniatures
- Multi-Packs of Chewing Gum
- Mini Hand Sanitizers
- Hot Cocoa Packets
- Cash toward postage (in \$5 or \$10 increments)

**Thank you from your care package coordinators, Amy Rollins and Bette McFarland**

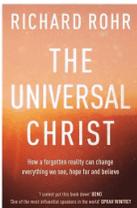


### SUNDAY SCHOOL: A REQUEST FROM ELIZABETH

I would like to send out a scripture verse to each child in the congregation and specifically let them know who picked their verse. Do you have a scripture verse that has served you well over the years? Or one that you think would be good for a child to know? We will be sending these out to each child in our program. That is 33 kids. You can send them along to my email

[elizabeth@camdenucc.org](mailto:elizabeth@camdenucc.org) If you have two that you love, feel free to include them both.

**I need them by next week (January 14th).** Thank you, from Elizabeth



### Announcing this Year's Lenten Study: The Universal Christ by Richard Rohr

The subtitle of Rohr's book is: "How a Forgotten Reality can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe." Drawing from the diverse Christian tradition, Rohr invites us on a journey of re-imagining who Christ is and thereby who we are. *Christ* is not Jesus' last name though we say that we discover Christ in Jesus in particular form. We experience in Jesus Christ the blueprint for what it means to live a human life as an expression of the divine outpouring of creative energy. And there is an even more universal dimension to understanding Christ. Wherever divine energy and matter converge, the Christ becomes manifest. Rohr writes that God loves things by becoming them and infuses all life with the presence of Christ. This Christ energy in us can be bound or thwarted or it can flow freely and creatively. Some of this depends on our vision of who God is and expresses God's self. *The Universal Christ* is a book that can indeed engage us in a life changing paradigm shift of understanding.

This will not simply be an intellectual discussion about an interesting book. Our sharing will include personal reflection, group reflection as well as brief worship (prayer and shared silence). Given the pandemic, all meetings will be via zoom. Unfortunately, we will not gather for our usual Lenten soup dinners.

We will meet on Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 pm: February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25 and possibly April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please go and explore the special website [www.universalchrist.org](http://www.universalchrist.org) where you can find videos, podcasts and other helpful resources on the Universal Christ. Participants are asked to buy their own copies of the book. Please register with Becky at [becky@camdenucc.org](mailto:becky@camdenucc.org). I look forward to exploring this amazing book and its implications for our lives together with you!

Ute

## Treats from Nathan (Matt's husband, culinary instructor at EMCC)

### Nathan's Friday Fixings: Broiled Salmon with Lentils

I know what you're thinking—broiled salmon with lentils? Who let the health-nut in? Well, before you make a mad dash for the bucket of fried chicken, let me just say that, while it's healthy, it's not *too* healthy. With crispy bacon and rich butter, this recipe is “health” food that everyone's sure to enjoy. Lentils actually take longer to cook in a salted broth. So be certain that your chicken stock is low-sodium, and don't season the lentils until they are finished simmering.

#### Ingredients: Serves 4

- 2 strips bacon, finely chopped
- 1 medium yellow onion, peeled and finely chopped
- 1 celery stalk, finely chopped
- 1 medium carrot, peeled and finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- ½ pound green lentils, rinsed and picked over
- 1 quart homemade chicken stock, or low-sodium canned chicken broth
- 4 6- to 8-ounce fillets of salmon
- Olive oil, for brushing
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 tablespoons fresh flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter



#### Directions

1. In a large saucepan set over medium heat, cook the bacon, stirring often, until golden and crispy, 5 to 8 minutes. Add the onion, celery, and carrot. Cook, stirring often, until the onions are translucent, 5 to 10 minutes more. Toss in the garlic and thyme. Cook an additional minute.
2. Add the lentils and stock to the saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low and simmer until the lentils are tender, 20 to 25 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, preheat the broiler, and place the oven rack in the top third of the oven. Lightly brush both sides of the salmon fillets with olive oil and season generously with salt and black pepper. Arrange the salmon on a baking sheet and broil until cooked through, 5 to 8 minutes. Remove the salmon from the oven and cool slightly.
4. If necessary, drain any excess liquid from the lentils. Stir the parsley and butter into the lentils and season to taste with salt and black pepper. Serve with the broiled salmon.

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### NEWS FROM HEAVENLY THREADS and SOS

The shop will be CLOSED from Dec.22nd-Jan 19th. We will be accepting donations during that time starting Tuesday Jan 5th. Any questions, please feel free to call us 236-3203. **Don't forget the little free pantry outside SOS: bring non-perishable food here when you are in town.**



This little free food pantry is often empty! When it is full - the food goes fast! If you like, go to the back door of Heavenly Threads with your donations; the staff can refill or save if not needed that moment.

## ONLINE TECH HELP available in our community

### Camden Library: Tech Help Hour by Appointment

Every Thursday, we offer one-on-one appointment slots with a library staff member. Bring your device and bring your questions – we'll do our best to answer them! Please sign up online in advance and let us know what you'd like to discuss. <https://www.librarycamden.org/learn-research/techhelphour/>

### Mid-Coast School of Technology: For anyone wanting more training on using Zoom:

We thought you might like to know what's happening soon at Mid-Coast School of Technology Adult Education. Click the links below for more information.

[Zoom Basics - Jan.](#)

📅 Jan 19, 2021

[Zoom Basics One-on-One Tutoring](#)

📅 Jan 20, 2021 - Apr 15, 2021



## LECTIO DIVINA MEDITATION EVERY TUESDAY at 8 am

The Tuesday hour of Lectio practice that originated in the church has extra significance during the Covid-19 as we meet together **weekly via Zoom at 8 am**. It is an hour of shared sacred readings and reflections, drawn from various sources. In reading the texts aloud three times, we often find a new heart connection to them. We rotate leadership in selecting the texts, as participants are interested and willing. We have found that the time of quiet contemplation together is a deeply grounding and peaceful way to enter the day. It has become a very meaningful hour in our week and welcome any who would like to join us.

To be added to the Zoom invitation list please contact the church office [becky@camdenucc.org](mailto:becky@camdenucc.org) or 236-4821.



**SUNDAY WORSHIP:** Sundays at 9:30 am (online via Zoom)

*People on our All-Church Zoom Mailing list will get an invitation by Friday each week, with a unique meeting # to join worship each Sunday. To add your name to this list, call the office or email [becky@camdenucc.org](mailto:becky@camdenucc.org). **Guest Preacher Jan., 17: Rev. Ted Kanellakis***

**Lectio Divina Meditation:** every Tuesday at 8:00 am via Zoom

*If you would like to be added to the group, contact [becky@camdenucc.org](mailto:becky@camdenucc.org)*

**Change of Date for Loving Kindness Meditation: from Wed. Jan. 20 to Wed. Feb. 3, Noon-12:30 pm**

Church History Course with Mark Burrows: 11-noon following worship, Sundays Jan. 10, 17, 31

*All who attended the first sessions will get a Zoom invitation. If you would like to be added to the group, contact [becky@camdenucc.org](mailto:becky@camdenucc.org)*

**CHURCH COMMITTEES** (online via Zoom)

**Communications meets Tues. Jan. 12 at 4:00 pm**

**Membership meets Tues. Jan 12 at 4:30 pm**

**Trustees meet Wed. Jan. 13 at 5:00 pm**

**Christian Education meets Wed. Jan. 13 at 7:00 pm**

**Outreach meets Fri. Jan. 15 at 9 am**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** will be held January 24, 2021 by Zoom immediately after worship.

**THE ANNUAL REPORT 2020** will be circulated electronically soon after Mon. Jan. 11.

Printed copies available by request.

**QUESTION/ANSWER SESSIONS on the 2021 Budget**

**4:00 pm on Sunday, Jan. 10 and Sunday, Jan. 17 by Zoom. Those who get Zoom invites to worship will also get Zoom invites to these sessions.**

Staff meetings (online via Zoom) every Wednesday at 9:30 am

PRAYER SHAWL KNITTERS/CROCHETERS (online via Zoom): every Thursday at noon

*Contact Becky to be added to the Prayer Shawl Zoom email list.*

## **UPCOMING 2021 COURSES OF INTEREST ~ from Mark Burrows**

Our member Mark Burrows is offering several upcoming events of interest sponsored by various institutions in the US and Great Britain, with a small fee for participation.

- On **Saturday, January 30**, he is leading an online day-retreat entitled **“Ripening: The Spiritual Wisdom of Elder Poets,”** drawing on the poetry of writers in their “mature” years—Mary Oliver, William Stafford, Denise Levertov, Jane Hirshfield and others.
- He is also leading a one-day online workshop, sponsored by Columbia Seminary in Georgia, in their adult formation program; this retreat is also open to the public, and takes place on **February 20: “The Sense of Wonder: How this ‘sixth sense’ can open our lives to abundance and generosity.”** This retreat draws on poets and artists, prophets and activists, whose inspiration and guidance can awaken us to living “larger” and deeper lives.
- Finally, he is offering a third day retreat (online) through the Meditation Centre in London: **“Solitude and Communion: Renewing life in a time of pandemic,” on February 27, 2021. This event draws on contemporary visionaries, both activists and contemplatives, to encourage us as we learn to draw from the wellsprings of our hearts in such times as these.**

For more information, and to register, follow the links on the homepage of his website: [www.msburrows.com](http://www.msburrows.com), or contact him directly ([mark.s.burrows@gmail.com](mailto:mark.s.burrows@gmail.com)). Both fall in the realm of what our congregation offers for “adult formation and education.” The cost of these events is minimal; financial assistance is available.

### **Committed to Listen**

a public reading of **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s  
Letter From a Birmingham Jail**  
Monday, January 18 • 12:15 pm (Eastern)  
via Zoom and Facebook Live

**Link to register:** <https://www.tfaforms.com/4875502>

On April 16, 1963, from his cell in a Birmingham City Jail, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. penned a public letter addressed to several of Alabama's leading white religious leaders, who had openly questioned the pace and the confrontational nature of civil rights demonstrations. This **“Letter from Birmingham Jail”** has been called “the most important written document of the civil rights era.”



### **FROM YOUR TRUSTEES: PLEASE SEND CONTRIBUTIONS AND PLEDGES**

In this ongoing pandemic, please remember to **continue your weekly contributions** by sending them off in an envelope to the First Congregational Church, 55 Elm Street, Camden, ME 04843. Also, we now have a provision for “e-giving,” and you can go to the homepage on our website ([www.camdenucc.org](http://www.camdenucc.org)) where you will find our **“DONATE”** button on the top right. By pushing that button you can set yourself up to make a gift or you can exercise a myriad of options to give to the church. If you have any difficulty or questions, call the church office.

#### **OUR CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Dr. Ute S. Molitor, Minister among Ministers  
Jeanne Denny, Shields Mission Project Administrator  
Elizabeth Lally, Director of Christian Ed  
Emily Bennett & Lara Webb, Sunday School Caregivers  
Matthew Mainster, Director of Music

Tabitha Woodbury, Full Charge Bookkeeper  
Becky Brace, Office Manager  
Melissa Chapman, Manager, Heavenly Threads  
Beth Gerrish, Assistant Manager, Heavenly Threads  
Wayne Berry, Sexton

Office Closed to the public: Becky is in Monday through Friday 8:30-3:30

