

“If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.”

~ *African Proverb*

* *Please stand in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

LET US GATHER

PRELUDE *Showalter* *B. Logan*

WELCOME to ALL!

*No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey
you are welcome here!*

**CALL TO THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
FIRST CHURCH OF JAFFREY**

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT *In The Lord* Taizé

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *(adapted from Psalm 27)*

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation! Why should we be afraid? The Lord is the stronghold of our life! What have we to fear?

P: **Let us shout with joy to the Lord. Let us sing and make music before our God.**

L: One thing we ask of the LORD, one thing we seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of this life, and to behold the beauty of our God.

P: **I believe that we shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and let your heart take courage.**

LET US PREPARE

***HYMN** *Jesus Call Us O'er The Tumult* *R 322*

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (trespasses)

LET US LISTEN

READING *Matthew 4:12-23*

HYMN *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* *R 341*

REFLECTION **“Welcome Me into the Night”**

ANTHEM *O Gracious Light* *Michael Trotta*

You are invited into a moment of silence for personal reflection.

LET US RESPOND

PRAYER: Taizé

*O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer when I call, answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me.*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Meditation* *A. Foote*

***DOXOLOGY** *B 782*

*To God, all glorious heavenly light, to Christ revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit now we raise, our joyful songs of thankful praise. Amen*

***PRAYER OF THANKS AND DEDICATION**

LET US GO FORTH

***HYMN** *Come Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain* *R 185*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Ancient of Days* *P. Taylor*

Ministers: **The People**
Pastor: **Rev. Steve Miller**
Minister of Music: **Gene Faxon**
Worship Leader: **Nancy Elder-Wilfrid**
Greeter: **Karen Cox**
Ushers: **Karen Cox and Sam Greene**
Setup: **Annie Gordon**
Flowers: **Marcia Breckenridge**

Church Calendar:

Monday January 23, 6:30 pm – Scout Troop 33 B/G
Sunday, January 29, 11:30 am – Annual Meeting

Mutual Ministry Evaluation Process

Our church bylaws ask the Pastoral Relations Circle (PRC) to do a periodic evaluation of our mutual ministry. Our pastor Steve believes that as he concludes his first full year in Jaffrey, it is an excellent time for this important information. Please look for a mailing this week with information to help us with this vital process.

Masks and Distancing

During this latest season of flu and new, highly contagious Covid strain we ask that you show compassion and care for our entire community by wearing a mask and keeping distance when possible. Many of our dear neighbors and friends are immunocompromised and we want everyone to feel welcome in our service.

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January 22, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany



The First Church in Jaffrey

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A Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ
On the Common – Jaffrey Center, New Hampshire

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