

THE  
UNION CHURCH  
IN WABAN



June 7, 2015  
Second Sunday after Pentecost

14 Collins Road  
Waban, Massachusetts

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*“Welcome to worship! Whether you are here every Sunday or whether you are new to this beloved place, Welcome! Our worship is enriched by your presence. We are a church that delights in its children. Children will be with us until after the children’s time and then will depart for Sunday School. Lisa Barry, our professional nursery staff person, is pleased to care for our infants and toddlers in the Rainbow Room. An usher will be happy to help you locate the nursery.”*

*-Rev. Stacy Swain*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

“Here We Gather As God’s People”



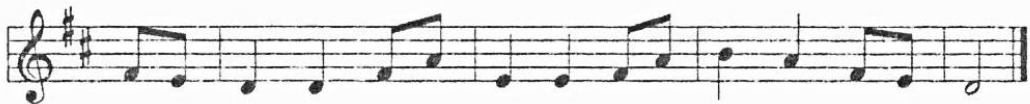
Here we gath - er as God’s peo - ple with our friends from far and near;



let our voic - es sound with prais - es know - ing Christ has called us here.



Now we seek and greet each oth - er, now in joy ap - proach our friends.



Here we min - gle, bound to - geth - er as to all our love ex - tends.

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

Rev. Stacy Swain

**\*OPENING HYMN**

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

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## PRAYER FOR GOD'S GRACE (Together)

Frank Laski

**Creator, Redeemer, Sustaining God. We ask your grace be upon us this day. We want to love you with our whole hearts and love our neighbors as ourselves, but sometimes find it hard to do so.**

**So shine the light of your love into our lives, we pray. Guide us and renew us. Help us to more fully experience your grace so that we may be beacons of hope, sources of comfort, founts of inspiration, and ambassadors of your love, in this beautiful but wounded world. We pray all of this in the name of Love.  
Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

### \*THE GREETING OF PEACE

Leader: May God's Peace be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

Rev. Stacy Swain

Audrey DaDalt

Stephanie Hadley

Ally Betters Reed

Kate Swain-Smith

Michela Vawter

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Karen Salides

**The Lord's Prayer (Trespases)**

*(Children are invited to stand. Congregation may remain seated)*

**All: 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 trespases,**

**As we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**The power, and the glory,**

**For ever and ever. Amen**

**1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20, 11:14-15**

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only — you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.] He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the Lord, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

## Mark 3:20-35

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

**SERMON**

“Out of Our Mind”

Rev. Stacy Swain

## TIME OF PRAYER

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And with thy spirit.

**Leader:** Let us begin our prayer in silence.

**Pastoral Prayer**

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Spirit of the Living God”

F Gm D Gm F Dm C F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me;

F Gm D Gm F Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

Bb F G7 C

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm D Gm F Dm C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

## SERVICE OF SHARING

Frank Laski

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Write Your Blessed Name”

*K. Lee Scott*

### \*DOXOLOGY (Together)

**All people who on Earth do dwell, sing out to God with cheerful voice,  
serve God with mirth, whose praise you tell, whose presence calls you to rejoice.  
Amen.**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Together)

**Lord, richly bless and multiply these offerings of gratitude, so that all  
whose lives we touch may know the grace and power of your love. Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

“Peace Before Us”  
(Choir and Congregation)

*based on Navaho Prayer  
David Haas*

“Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.  
Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.  
Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.  
Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.  
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light”

## THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

### THE INVITATION

Rev. Stacy Swain

**One:** The table of bread and cup is now to be made ready. It is the table of the company with Jesus, and all who love him. So come to this table you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Let us come to this communion in company with all who hunger for spiritual food, that together we might know the presence of God in the sharing of this life-giving bread and cup.

**All:** We come with assurance that those who seek and those who believe shall find nourishment at this table.

## COMMUNION PRAYER

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (Together)

Frank Laski

**Eternal God, we spread your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup, on our gifts and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new. Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.**

#### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Rev. Stacy Swain

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

“Come Forth, O Love Divine”

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”

*Ralph Vaughan Williams*

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Together)

Frank Laski

**Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus:  
For gladness in this bread and cup, for love that cannot die,  
For peace the world cannot give, for joy in the company of friends,  
For the glory of creation, for the mission of justice you have made our own.  
In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*#495, verses 1, 2 & 3*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

“Caprice”

*Georges Bizet*

**\*Please stand as you are able.**

**Thank you to Council for providing lunch for our Annual Meeting today.  
All are welcome.**

If you are new to us today, please consider filling out the Welcome Card located at either end of each pew and placing it in the offering plate. We look forward to getting to know you and having your presence enrich our life together.



## **Our Covenant**

We, the members of The Union Church in Waban, true to our founding principle of being an inclusive church, covenant together to nourish and to sustain in our common life and practice a fully welcoming and affirming church for all persons. Welcoming all persons who seek to join with us in a commitment to love God and our neighbors, affirming the inclusive love of Jesus, we are open to all, without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, nationality, ability or economic circumstance. We invite all to full participation in our worship, membership, leadership and life of this church.

## **Praying at the Union Church in Waban**

There are several ways in which we offer our prayers to each other and to God at the Union Church in Waban. You will find a prayer book at the back of the sanctuary where prayers can be written. These prayers will be lifted up verbally during our time of prayers in our worship service. Prayers can also be written on the back of the Welcome Card that you will find in the pew pocket and placed in the offering plate. These prayers will be prayed by our Pastor and also brought to our Wednesday morning prayer group. Finally there is a time during our worship service where prayers may be spoken out loud or silently.

## **Youth and Children's Ministry News**

The Sunday School program will have One Room Church School for the remaining church year. Children will use this time to prepare for Children's Sunday. There are opportunities for all children to participate in the Children's Sunday worship, which is on June 14<sup>th</sup>. All children are welcome. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Karen Salides or email her at [karen@ucw.org](mailto:karen@ucw.org).

Nursery care for infants to three year olds will be in the Rainbow Room with Lisa Woloski-Barry.

Sunday School teachers and assistants are needed for One Room Church School and the Nursery. Please see Karen or a CE Committee member if you are able to help.

**Upcoming:** Children's Sunday on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **CE Committee Members**

**Cindy Spertner, Susan Gedrick, Christy Lang-Hearlson, Sue Hadley  
Karen C. Salides, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, [Karen@ucw.org](mailto:Karen@ucw.org)**

## Announcements

**ANNUAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP TODAY!** Please plan on attending this important meeting. In our congregational polity it is the congregation that votes to approve the budget and the officers, and to receive the reports from the many ministries within the church. Child care will be provided.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS – ALL CHURCH PICNIC AFTER WORSHIP ON JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup>.** Children's Sunday is June 14<sup>th</sup> and is followed by the church picnic at Claxton Field in Needham. Please sign up in Crocker Chapel as to what you will bring to share and also if you need or can give a ride.

**VOLUNTEERS INVITED! RUSSELL SCHOOL FIELD DAY, THURSDAY, JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>.** Stay an hour or all day. Meet all the students, staff and parents too. Enjoy organized activities and a cook out. The school could use our help starting at 8:45 a.m., and throughout the day. For more information, see Nancy Zollers, Frank Laski, or any other Russell School team member.

### **A NEW SEASON FOR WELLSPRING!**

All the women in our church family are invited to Wellspring - an informal gathering for conversation and reflection on our life journeys. Starting this spring, Wellspring will focus on a topic that will guide our time together within a 3 or 4 week module.

This spring's schedule will include the following:

**Thursday, June 25:** Self-care in Times of Transition

**Date TBA:** Faith in the Midst of Transitions

Wellspring meets from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., starts with a simple soup meal, and will be co-led by Stacy Swain and Priscilla Kelso. Please RSVP to Pastor Stacy so she can plan materials and food.

**EXPLORING SPIRITUALITY** This June/July we are going to offer three informal gatherings to come together as a small group and talk about the questions, doubts, wonderings we have about our spirituality and what it means for us to try to walk in the way of Jesus. The dates of our gatherings are, June 18<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, and July 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please see either Linda Lynch or Pastor Stacy. Our first gathering will be at the home of the Lynch/Johnsons.

### **DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE UNION CHURCH?**

We will be welcoming new members into our life together on June 21<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in joining the church or in learning more about membership, please see Pastor Stacy ([Stacy@ucw.org](mailto:Stacy@ucw.org)).

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### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE SUMMER**

Our last Sunday *morning* service of this program year will be June 28<sup>th</sup>. During the month of July, we will have weekly Sunday *afternoon* services at 5:00 p.m. There will not be worship services during the month of August. Our Gathering Sunday, the first Sunday morning service of the 2015/2016 program year, will be Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **NICARAGUA SERVICE TRIP - FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

A Team of UCWers will be traveling to San Juan del Sur to engage in service, learning and faith formation. If you know you are interested in participating in the trip or if you would like to be on the information email distribution list, please let Dave Spertner, trip leader, know by emailing him at [dspertner@gmail.com](mailto:dspertner@gmail.com). Please be in touch with Dave even if you think he may already know of your interest. We want to be sure we do not leave anyone out who may be interested.

**PASTOR STACY WILL BE ON SABBATICAL** this fall and will be returning to us on November 17<sup>th</sup>. We are very excited and grateful that while Stacy is away, **Rev. Christy Lang Hearlson** will be providing 15 hrs./week of sabbatical coverage. In addition to assuring spirit-filled worship, Christy will be working closely with leadership in supporting staff and the rich array of ministries within the church. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with Stacy or our moderators Annie Gatewood and Alicia Collins.

**SUMMER PEN PALS:** As a way to stay connected over the summer, we are going to once again have Summer Pen Pals. Look for baskets with note cards and envelopes in the pews beginning next week. Take a card and write your name and address on the envelope. Place the card and the envelope in the offering plate and then take a card and envelope of another in the congregation from the basket up front when you leave.

## Calendar

Sun., June 7	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Sunday School
	11:30 a.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	11:30 a.m.	Annual Meeting (11:30 – 12:30 p.m.)
Wed., June 10	7:30 a.m.	Prayer Service in Memorial Chapel
	9:00 a.m.	Open Coffee with Stacy at Starbucks
Thur., June 11	5:00 p.m.	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Worship Team
Sun., June 14	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Worship - Children's Sunday
	11:30 a.m.	Annual Picnic – Claxton Field, Needham

## The Union Church Staff

Ministers	The Rev. Stacy Swain and members of the Congregation
Director of Youth and Children's Ministries	Karen Salides
Music Director	William Merrill
Office Manager	Aidan Cunningham
Ministerial Intern	Amy Feldman ( <a href="mailto:Amy@ucw.org">Amy@ucw.org</a> )
Child Care Provider	Lisa Woloski-Barry
Child Care Assistant	Ryan Barry

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