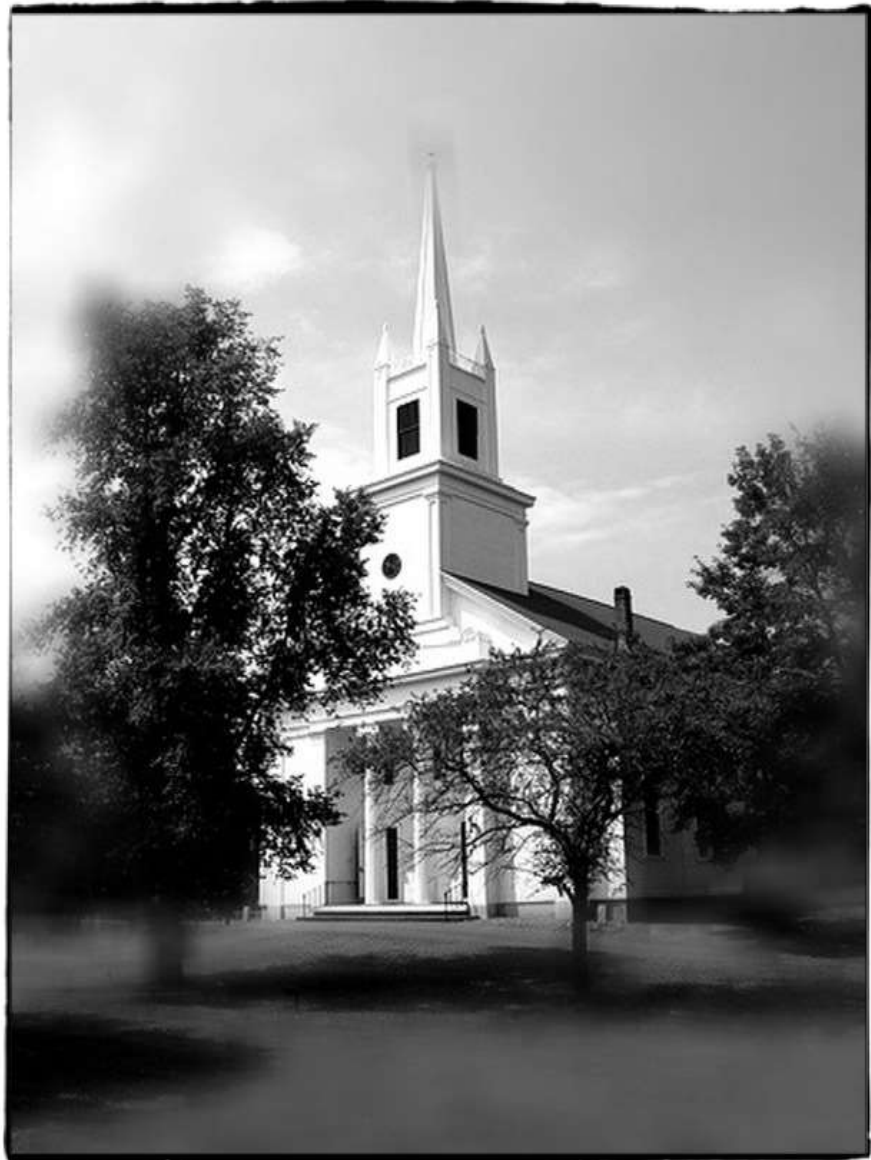


# The Congregational Church *of* Topsfield

*An Open and Affirming Congregation  
of  
the United Church of Christ*





## †THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION:

**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\*\* Amen**

\*You may substitute God/Her \*\*You may substitute Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

## THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 22: 34-40  
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Lay Reader, Carolyn Nenart

## ANTHEM

“I Will Arise”

Arr. Robert Shaw and Alice Parker

## INVITATION TO ARMENIA

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

## SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

\*You may substitute Creator/Mother/Maker, etc. as you choose in saying the prayer.

## CLOSING HYMN

Hymn #658 (CH)

“Restless Weaver”

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BEACH SPRING

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

“The Lily of the Valley”

Fry/Hayes

**Scripture:**

**Matthew 22: 34-40 (NRSVUE)**

**The Greatest Commandment**

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup> He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

# As Grain on Scattered Hillsides 491

*Unison*

1. As grain on scat-tered hill - sides, when gath-ered, makes one bread,  
 2. A grain of wheat is fruit - less un - til in earth it lies;  
 3. Like yeast that brings new fer - ment so life - less dough may rise,  
 4. O Christ, our ris - en Sav - ior; O Spir - it, ho - ly dove,

God, gath - er all your peo - ple as one in Christ our head.  
 then, dy - ing to its old life, it bears and mul - ti - plies.  
 your Spir - it is the leav - en of life that sat - is - fies.  
 come now and move a - mong us; make us a sign of love.

We come from man - y plac - es and we are not the same,  
 So may we die to ha - tred, to all our hurt - ful ways,  
 As salt en - hanc - es fla - vor, en - rich - es, and pre - serves,  
 Come, knead and blend each tex - ture with strong and gen - tle hands,

yet your strong love has called us to meet in Je - sus' name.  
 re - born to com - mon liv - ing, to love, to work, to praise.  
 may earth re - joice to sa - vor a church that heals and serves.  
 that we may be one bod - y, one loaf in man - y lands.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1986, 1990  
 MUSIC: Hal H. Hopson, 1983

MERLE'S TUNE  
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## Restless Weaver

1. Rest - less Weav - er, ev - er spin - ning threads of jus - tice  
 2. Where earth's frag - ile web is rav - eling help us mend each  
 3. When our vio - lent lust for pow - er ends in lives a -  
 4. Rest - less Weav - er, still con - ceiv - ing new life—now and

and sha - lom; dream - ing pat - terns of cre - a - tion  
 bro - ken strand. Bless our ur - gent, bold en - deav - ors  
 bused and torn, from com - pass - ion's stur - dy fab - ric  
 yet to be—bind - ing all your vast cre - a - tion

where all crea - tures find a home; gath - ering up life's var - ied  
 cleans - ing wa - ter, air, and land. Through the Spir - it's in - spi -  
 fash - ion hope and trust re - born. Where in - jus - tice rules as  
 in one liv - ing tap - es - try: you have called us to be

fi - bers—ev - ery tex - ture, ev - ery hue: grant us your cre -  
 ra - tion—of - fer - ing health where once was pain—strength - en us to  
 ty - rant, give us cour - age, God, to dare live our dreams of  
 weav - ers. Let your love guide all we do. With your Reign of

a - tive vis - ion. With us weave your world a - new.  
 be the stew - ards of your world knit whole a - gain.  
 trans - for - ma - tion. Make our lives in - car - nate prayer.  
 Peace our pat - tern, we will weave your world a - new.

# Congregational Church of Topsfield

## Parish Care Ministry

### **Prayer List Contact:**

Kim Itz at [prayerlisting@topsfieldchurch.org](mailto:prayerlisting@topsfieldchurch.org) or 978 887-6567.

### **Healing Scripture:**

"And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick ....." Matthew 14:14

### **Healing Prayer:**

Dear Lord, I ask you to turn this weakness into strength, suffering into compassion, sorrow into joy, and pain into comfort for others. May your servant trust in your goodness and hope in your faithfulness, even in the middle of this suffering. Let him be filled with patience and joy in your presence as he waits for your healing touch.

### **Please Pray For:**

Maria Cecilia Guerra - Sister of José Guerra  
Eva - Friend of Irina Günzel-Guerra from Norway  
Stoney Stonestreet - Member of CCOT  
Doug McIlvaine - Member of CCOT  
Edward & Memory Matavhunye & their community - President of the UCC in Zimbabwe  
Doug Gruber - Brother of Susan Gruber  
Paul Rogers - Father of Tony Rogers  
Helen Talberth - Member of CCOT  
Jane Moyer - Member of CCOT  
Ralph & Diana Titus - Members of CCOT  
Sean Enos - Son of neighbor of Jane & Bruce Jones  
Rich and Cheryl Hopkins - Members of CCOT  
Chuck Schwab - Friend of Charles Mathison  
John Stein - Brother in Law of Susan Warner  
David Pike - Brother of Susan Warner

Brett Hoover - Grandson of Fred & Carole Hoover  
Mark Gosbee - Son of Judi & Gary Gosbee  
Roberto Chong - Uncle of Kim Love  
John & Laurie Rowen - Friends of Cathy Imboden, Mary Jelinek & Sue Panella  
Sally Garnett - Sister of Cathy Imboden  
Fred Hoover - Member of CCOT  
Ken Flewelling - Member of CCOT  
Paul Worth - Husband of Claudia Worth  
The Amico Family - Friends of Kim Itz  
The Muisse Family - Family of Kim Itz  
Andi DiGiandomenico - Mother of friend of Kim Itz  
Willem Combrinck – Friend of Martin & Christa in New Zealand  
Jennifer Smith – Friend of Martin & Christa in Vermont  
Bill Rhyne - Husband of Kathy Rhyne  
Jane Jones - Member of CCOT  
Trish Hudson - Former member of CCOT

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## January Birthdays



Happy Birthday to:

Kim Love:	01/02
Jonathan Wheeler:	01/05
Sarah Szymanski:	01/06
Evelyn Hagar:	01/07
Dorothy Stonestreet:	01/07
Anne Bridge:	01/09
Sydney Renda:	01/13
Beverly Hall:	01/14
Barbara Merriman	01/14
Annie Wyatt	01/14
Eric Renda:	01/14
Everett Miller:	01/23
Johannes Griesshammer:	01/24
Emmanuel Guerra Gunzel:	01/25
Jackson Carruthers	01/26
Peter Mulholland:	01/27



*Thank you to our Coffee Hour volunteers, Marti and Jack Soper, for providing Coffee Hour after service today in the Emerson Center Fellowship Hall.  
Hope to have you join us!*

**SERVING THIS MORNING**

Polly Croteau, Carolyn Detato  
Carolyn Nenart  
Robert Knutsen  
Steve Whelan

*Altar Guild  
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Usher*

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