



*Confirmation
Sunday*

June 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

**Union Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Groton, Massachusetts**

Welcome! We are glad you are worshipping with us today. Large print bulletins and personal listening devices are available at the back of the Sanctuary or from an Usher. If your baby or child(ren) become a little restless during worship, feel free to walk with them in the back of the Sanctuary or use the rocker by the right-side exit door. Children (PreK-7th grade) go to Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall after the Children's Sermon. Feel free to approach an Usher or the Pastor with any questions.

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PRELUDE *Etude in Major op.10 no.2 (a)* — F. Chopin
CHORAL INTROIT *Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove* — J.B. Dykes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Shout with joy, for God has blessed us.

People: Sing with praise, for God is here.

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful, ever mindful of the covenant that binds His heart to ours.

People: Let us turn our hearts and minds to worship!

*HYMN #228 *Rejoice, The Lord Is King (vs. 1-3)*

***OPENING PRAYER (unison)**

Blessed God, thank you for blessing us in your myriad ways. In this time of worship, guide us and strengthen us, that we may go forth to bless your world fully and abundantly. In your blessed name we pray, saying now together...

***PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (unison, debtors)**

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.

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE**

***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

(As a sign of reconciliation with God and each other, you are invited to share the peace of Christ with those closest to you.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL ANTHEM *Become God's Story* — A. Pote

CHILDREN'S SERMON

(There is no Sunday School or Kids Club today. Children will remain in worship.)

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION (Insert)

SCRIPTURE READING (p. 284, 995, pew Bible) 1 Kings 19:1-9, Revelation 1:8-11

SERMON *In the Spirit on the Lord's Day* Rev. Dr. Priscilla Lawrence

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

OFFERING OF PRAYERS

SONG OF PREPARATION

In The Stillness

—E. Tompkins

*In the stillness, Savior, draw me near. In the stillness, teach my heart to hear.
Like a little child I come to Thee, and pray that in the stillness I may rest in Thee;
and know that in the stillness You will speak to me.*

LIFTING NAMES INTO GOD'S LIGHT, SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

Amen

— Denmark

SHARING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC & PASSING THE PLATE

*THE DOXOLOGY

*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.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**Abundant God, bless these gifts and bless our lives with your love. In all that we have
in all that we are, may we bless and honor you and your beloved world. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION REFRAIN # #323 (v.3 only) *Let Us Break Bread Together*

**Let us praise God together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.**

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND RECEIVING THE ELEMENTS

(Note: we use gluten free bread and grape juice, so all can join at Christ's table.)

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Lord God, not only did you give us life, but you called us to be sisters and brothers of
your only Son, and invited us to eat with him at this table. We praise you that we are
all in one family, responding to the eternal covenant you made with us. We thank you
for the communion of this table and for the strength it gives us to live for you. Amen.**

*APOSTLES' CREED (*unison*, found at the back of the Hymnal)

*HYMN #366

I Surrender All

**BENEDICTION & CHORAL RESPONSE *God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again* — Vaughn Williams

POSTLUDE

Wichtige Begebenheit (Important Event) op.10 no. 6

— R. Schuman

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

***Following the Benediction, you may depart immediately or remain seated to listen to the Postlude.*

Thank you for serving today: Nancy Thornton (Greeter), Carly Detwiller (Reader),
Andrea McDonough (Usher)

Welcome Guests and Newer Folks

Our church family is made up of people from all walks of life and from every point along the spiritual journey. No matter who you are, what you believe, or even if you aren't sure what you believe, you are welcome here in this place. We are not a church that tries to get everyone to think alike, but we do encourage and teach people to love alike. If you would like to stay up with what happens around here, we encourage you to sign up for our weekly Union Digest email that comes straight to your email inbox each Friday. There you will find worship recordings, devotional videos, seasonal reflections, upcoming events and opportunities, and other materials to support you in your journey of faith. Feel free to sign a guest card and place it in the offering plate, sign up on our website www.uccgroton.net, or email the office at unioncc@uccgroton.org.

Our Ongoing Prayer List:

Eddie Tompkins

Janice Owen

Barbara Gale

Halsey Platt

Family of Michael Janiszewski

Family of John Murphy

Sarah Reiff

Mark Epply

Lily Burgess

Joe Marchesani

Settled Pastor Search Committee

Abby Winkler

Don Landry

Family of William Shute

Chris Brown

Family of Rev. Skip and Peg Lloyd

Marvin Caldwell

Nils Nordberg

John Greene

Billy Smith

Rachel Elliott

Friends of Sheila Mitchell

Family of Rev. Vicki Hammel

David Stewart

Family of Barbara Kenney

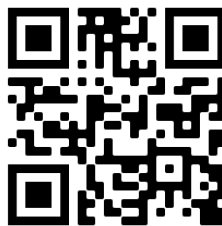
The Hargraves Family

We have updated and refreshed our prayer list. If there is a name you would like to add or remove, or if we have removed someone erroneously, please contact the Church Office (978-448-2091 or unioncc@uccgroton.org).

Need prayer and need it now? Simply email prayer@uccgroton.org and your request will go to the confidential pray-ers; or the Church Office (978-448-2091) and we will put your prayer request in motion for you. Prayer requests are held in confidence among those who are praying for you, and you may request that your name be withheld.



Give Online



Upcoming Events



Join Our Email List



Celebration of

The Baptism of

Julia Zambuto

The Confirmations of

Gregory Barbon

mentored by Steve Legge

Abigail Howard

mentored by Kristin Colbert

Julia Zambuto

mentored by Grace Johnson

Today we celebrate a new generation of faith. We come together to bear witness as three young people affirm the vows made on their behalf at their baptism. They have studied the word of God as contained in the scriptures, and they have been taught the history and traditions of the Christian Church and our local church. They are now ready to declare – of their own will – their faith before this congregation.

Each person being confirmed makes a personal commitment to God within this faith community. Members of this community are asked to reaffirm their own commitment and use the opportunity to strengthen their faith and dedication to God.

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

THE INVITATION

THE QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

PRAYER OF THE CONGREGATION

Carl Prestia

THE ACT OF CONFIRMATION

PRAYER OF CONFIRMATION

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

Mary Hanson

*SHARING OF THE CHURCH COVENANT (Unison)

We covenant one with another to seek and to respond to the word and the will of God. We agree to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church to witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world, worshipping God and striving for truth, justice, and peace. As did our forebears, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

CLOSING PRAYER

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS - June 7, 2026

Today	10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Anniversary Birthday Party

Get Ready for the Fun! Join us for a party to celebrate our 200th Birthday immediately following worship on June 14th. We will fire up the grill at 11:30 and have live music, games, and goody bags from 12-2pm. Mark your calendar and invite a friend! RSVP at bit.ly/UCC200th. Please RSVP by June 7.

We're inviting anyone to contribute by signing up to bring food, funding, or facilitating fun. Please visit our Sign-Up Genius (uccgroton.net/signups) to choose an item or role that works for you. Prefer to donate money instead? That's wonderful, too! Monetary donations will help us purchase burgers, hot dogs, and other essentials. Simply note your donation as "Birthday Party" when contributing to the church office or offering.

Shopping for Backpack Supplies

Since 2018, generous UCC church members have helped provide backpacks and other school supplies for children in need just in time for their school year to begin. The Backpack Program Team is starting its shopping a little early this year! Because we lost one of our corporate sponsors, we are hoping to get ahead of purchasing backpacks and school supplies and would love your participation.

To help with buying school supplies that will fill 160 backpacks for distribution in late August, please visit the colorful display in Fellowship Hall. There, you can select the supplies you'd like to "purchase" and make your donation (without ever setting foot into a store!). We will purchase the supplies in bulk later this summer, maximizing the value of each dollar received.

If you won't be at church in the next few weeks, you can visit the church's Giving Page and simply donate to the Backpack Drive in any amount you'd like. In addition, donations of new, unique backpacks for any age group, Pre-K through High School, will be collected over the course of the summer as well. Thank you for joining us in serving our neighbors!

Summer Kids Club

Sunday School is over for the year, and we are hoping to offer "Kids Club" during the summer months. Kids Club is simply supervised time for the kids to hang out in the Fellowship Hall after the children's sermon. They will be able to play games, color, and use the nursery area. We are looking for people to chaperone Kids Club each Sunday. There is no need to plan an activity (though that is welcome), just be present to supervise. If you're interested in signing up for a Sunday, you can do so at uccgroton.net/signups.