

Celebrate The Gifts Of Women Sunday

Honoring Women's Spirituality

*** Assurance Of Grace** (Unison) **Christy Dekay**
 Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion to the child of her womb? As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you, says our Creator. Today we receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*** Statement Of Faith** (Inside back cover of the hymnal.)

*** Gloria Creatori**
 (Inside back cover of the hymnal, or use traditional.)

*** The Peace** (Response: "And also with you.")

Anthem Kathleen Crecco, Director

Woman Of The Year Award **Christa Lyon**

2024 Recipient - Vicki McLain

Roll Of Past Recipients - Saying Their Names (Unison)

Prayer For Illumination **Whitney LaShomb**

Scripture Reading **Sophia Smalling**
 Colossians 3:12-16

Sermon **Heidi Ames**

*** Hymn** #7 "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth"

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Holy One, your many names are sacred.
 May your presence prevail, everywhere and in our hearts.
 Give us daily bread; for body, mind, and spirit.
 Cover us with your compassion and open our hearts
 to all our sisters and brothers.
 Guide our steps on the journey
 and surround us with your love.
 Holy One, you abide with us now and forever. Amen.

Birthdays: Ricky Athanasakis (Wednesday);
 Ben Brackett and Mark Brown (Friday)
 Anniversaries: Linda Potter & Rev. Mike (Friday)

*** Hymn** #324 NPH "For All The Faithful Women"

*** Charge & Blessing** **Emily Bolton** & Worship Leaders

One: Go from here with grace-filled hearts.

All: **We go with love and compassion.**

One: Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

All: **We will not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, will let our requests be made known to God.**

One: And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds.

All: **May the peace of God be with us always.**

Choral Benediction (Please be seated.)

Postlude Kathleen Crecco

* Congregation standing, as you desire or are able.

A special thanks to Linda Potter for organizing this morning's service, and to all the women of the church for their assistance in leading worship.

Please join us for Coffee & Conversation in Fellowship Hall following the service.

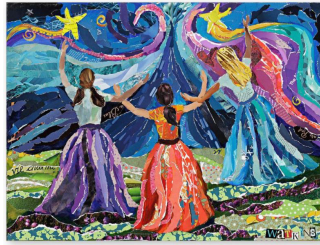
Woman Of The Year Past Recipients	1981 Alice Huddleston	1992 Anne Piskor	2014 Betsy Robinson
	1982 Evelyn Beckstead	1993 Carolyn Leavitt	2015 Marilyn Coir
	1983 Sandy Pollard	1994 Shirley Norton	2016 Wanda Renick
	1984 Grace Paddock	1995 Maggie Brizendine	2017 Beth Hayes
	1985 Mary Willmarth	1996 Jeanne Stone	2018 Martha Cole
	1986 Mary Perrin	1997 "Billie" Crowell	2019 Arvilla Aldous
	1987 Ella Morter	1998 Rosemary King	2020 Patricia Mace
	1988 Lorna Webb	2010 Marilyn Rodee	2021 Ellen Janack
	1989 Willie King	2011 Tyke Miller	2022 Christa Lyon
	1990 Eunice Urban	2012 Joyce Bell	2023 Ellen Grayson
1991 Nona Fisher	2013 Donna Doig	2024 Vicki McLain	

Prayer Remembrances

We remember in prayer Judy Gibson, Bob Fraser, PFC Hunter Montgomery serving in Iraq, Barry Walch and family on the death of his father (Allan), Lew Shepard, Marilyn Coir, Christa Lyon, Nick Scelzi, Bill and Karen Parker, Patti Cryderman, Vern Aldous, Rich Denison, the family of Bill Webb, John Goetze on the death of his wife Anne, Glenn Erickson, and the Erickson family, on the death of his wife Jane, Scott McLain (father of Vicki), Peggy Caswell (sister-in-law to Arvilla Aldous), Nancy and Mark Brown, the Basford/Rodee Family, Josh Holbrook, Colleen Grant, Janet Favro, Jody Upton and all who are ill in hospitals, nursing homes or at home; and those serving our nation and their families who support them.

Serving Our Church Today

Greeter:	Pat Mace
Director Of Music:	Kathleen Crecco
Streamer:	Cameron Boswell
Coffee Hour Host:	Beth Hayes
Nursery Staff:	Emily & Kate Ewy



At Our Church This Week

Today	3/10/23	- Celebrate the Gifts Of Women Sunday - In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.) - Zoom Fellowship Call (11:15 a.m.)
Wednesday	3/13/23	- Women's Circle (7 p.m.) LL
Thursday	3/14/23	- Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. (optional 6:15 warm-up)
Friday	3/15/23	- Newsletter Deadline
Sunday	3/17/23	- In-Person and Live-Stream Worship (10 a.m.) - No Church School - All Church Read - Noisy Can Offering & Name Tag Sunday - St. Patrick's Day; Get On Your Green!



Celebrate The Gifts Of Women Sunday Honoring Women and the Gifts They Share

Gathering Music and the Ringing of the Bell

We Welcome You! Michelle Theisen, Elder

Greeting & Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship Alina Kuzmicki

One: Grateful to God we worship.
We worship the God of Love.

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever.

One: We gather to worship God, for God has called us,
God's own people, and has given us gifts
to be a faithful people.

**Many: We remember that God's steadfast love endures forever,
and offer worship to God worthy of such love.**

Invocation Anna Eller

Litany (Insert) Julia & Peggy Andes

* **Hymn** #161 NPH "Woman In The Night"

* **Call To Confession** Aubry Boswell

* **Prayer Of Confession** (Unison) Barb Brown

Loving and merciful God, you have searched us and known us and still you love us. We confess that we take this love and mercy for granted; we are careless with our gifts and resources, and we refuse to focus on you and your will for all creation. You call us to lead with love but we are reluctant leaders, or we lead with only rules and efficiency in mind. Grant us, O God, caring hearts, attentive minds and renewed commitment to follow you and to help lead others to you. In the saving grace of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Today we honor women in our lives, and in our church, who share their gifts in love, and with abundance.

We give thanks for their leadership, strength, resoluteness,
— and the generosity with which they share their lives.

A Litany of Thanksgiving

One: O God, for your church, which throughout the ages
has called women to serve in this world that you love,

Many: We thank you, O God of boundless grace.

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who showed us how to listen and learn,

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We are not alone. We live in God's world.
We believe in God, who has created and is still creating,
Who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God. We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect to creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified, dead, and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us!
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

THE GLORIA CREATORI

Glory to the Creator, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, it now and every shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

(Inclusive Language)

Praise God from whom all blessing flow.
Praise God (Him) all creatures here below.
Praise God (Him) above ye heavenly hosts.
Creator (Father), Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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everywhere and in our hearts. Give us daily bread; for body, mind, and
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