

THE LORD'S SUPPER
BECOMING LIKE CHRIST AND MAKING HIM KNOWN
COME WORSHIP THE LORD!



PREPARATION OF OUR MINDS

(Entering worship, let us prepare our hearts, reflecting on this.)

Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men, and so it must be daily earned and refreshed like a flower cut from its life-giving roots; it will wither and die.

WELCOME & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. -- Hebrews 12:1-2

(Scripture Memory Cards are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall tables)

PRELUDE + LIGHTING OF CANDLES: "God's Truth is Marching On" *Raymond Haan*

CALL TO WORSHIP, INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER (debts)

* **HYMN:** "Mine Eyes have Seen the Glory"

Hymnal #419

* **NEW TESTAMENT:** 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Bible p.1139

(Children dismissed for "Jesus is F.U.N" time)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(Sharing our joys and burdens in prayer.)

OFFERTORY PRAYER & ANTHEM: "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"
Carolyn Walsh, Sara Coons, Don Coons

Cong. sings refrain:

My chains are gone, I've been set free;

My God, my Savior has ransomed me.

And like a flood his mercy reigns;

Unending love, Amazing grace.

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

Hymnal #808

SERMON: "What is the Gospel, and What do I do with it?"

Rev. Willie Needham

* **HYMN:** "Let us Break Bread Together"

Hymnal #776

THE LORD'S TABLE

* **HYMN:** "America, the Beautiful" (Congregation sings V.4)

Hymnal #418

* **BENEDICTION and THREEFOLD AMEN**

(*Congregation, please stand if able.)

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We gather to praise God and listen to God's Word. We are a fellowship knit together by Jesus Christ, who has called us and seeks our worship each and every day. We are a people devoted to "Becoming Like Christ." We would love for you to join us in worship, growth groups, prayer, and study, as well as fun and fellowship throughout the year.

LET US KNOW...

... if you have a prayer request or wish to share a comment with church leaders.

... if you are new to The Sherman Church and wish to know more by receiving emails or planning a visit to answer questions about this ministry.

... BY COMPLETING THE CONNECTION CARD

Available in each pew rack or speaking with someone before you leave today. Above all, please...



Come gather for fellowship following our Worship Service

Thanks to Pastor Willie Needham for sharing God's message with us this morning.

NEXT WEEK: Join us next week as Rev Steve Cushing will be speaking about the mission of New England Seafarers Mission (See insert).

Church Responsibilities for July 5th

Flowers: Anna Galasso

Coffee Hour Host: Aimée Suhie

Nursery: Anna Galasso



OUR CHURCH:

Interim Pastor:

Rev. John Loring Carpenter

Ministers:

The Congregation

Minister of Music:

Penny Rose

Moderator:

Charles Mastroni

You may make a prayer request anytime by contacting the church office at info@shermanchurch.org or (860)-354-6114. Outside of office hours (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM) or for an emergency prayer or pastoral request contact the Chair of Deacons (deacon@shermanchurch.org or 860-733-9972) or the Pastor (pastor@shermanchurch.org or 860-350-5151). Let us join together in prayer!

PRAYER IS ALWAYS OUR MISSION

Prayer is a vital part of our ministry at The Sherman Church.

You are invited to join in prayer each Thursday to pray for our church. Dial-in information is in the calendar.

FIRE EXITS are located at the rear of the sanctuary through the double doors and at the front through the doors on both sides of the altar.

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A MEMBER CHURCH OF THE CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE

OUR MISSIONARIES:

- **Mesa Global:** Robert & Nina Bruneau;
- **CCCC Church Re-Planting:** Green Mountain Church, Chester, VT,
- **Lion of Judah Academy,**
- **Hope Academy of the Bronx.**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Eliza Capehart, serving in the United States Air Force.
- John Langworthy, back injury.
- Jim Beddows, health.
- Jim and Christine Munch, health.
- Roberta Judd, health.
- Christopher Siebert, healing of foot.
- Rev. Daniel Morton, health
- Betty Freeman, health
- Chris Freeman, health, strength in the care of her mother
- Debbie Whittaker, Dawn Langworthy's sister. Healing and growing faith.
- Jill Finch, Strength and healing
- Mike Annuzzi, friend of Tim Alemany, healing
- The Bereaved family of Helen Bethel.

THE SHERMAN CHURCH

Gospel

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

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Calendar for July 5th - 11th

(Links for online meetings may be found at shermanchurch.org)

Sun., July 5	10:00 am	Sunday Worship Service Sunday School
Mon., July 6	6:30 pm	Deacons - Online
Tues., July 7	6:30 pm 7:15 pm	Youth Group - Fellowship Hall Missions - Online
Wed., July 8	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall
Thurs., July 9	6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer In The Parlor Dialing 667-770-1484; when prompted, use access code 357664#. Alcoholics Anonymous - Fellowship Hall

The West Haven Veterans Administration Medical Center in West Haven is in desperate need again of toiletries, boxers and T-shirts. If you would like to order from Amazon and send a box, here is the address:

Mr. Dan Hadlock, Director of Volunteers
450 Pool Road
North Haven, CT 06473

Please note: When items were sent directly to the VA, they have been lost, misdirected or just misplaced. So Mr. Hadlock is asking for things to be sent to his home so he is sure they get there!

Needed Items

- Body wash
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant, men and women
- Shave cream, men and women
- Razors, men and women
- Boxers all sizes
- T shirts all sizes



VBS Volunteer Snack Request!

Help us keep our amazing VBS volunteers fueled throughout the week!

We're looking for donations of:

- 🍪 Breakfast items
- 🍪 Baked goods
- 🍪 Grab-and-go snacks

If you'd like to help, please comment below or contact the church office. Thank you for supporting our volunteers as they help our kids shine God's light during VBS! ❤️

New England Seafarers Mission

1 Black Falcon Ave, Boston, MA, United States, 02210

A legacy of compassion at sea since 1880, the New England Seafarers Mission has been providing hope, advocacy, and practical care to merchant seafarers from around the world.

New England Seafarers Mission (NESM) is an outreach ministry of the local church that serves the international seafarers of the maritime business community.

Our goal is to bring the comforting presence of God onboard the ships we visit, offering spiritual and physical assistance where we can.

Ordained chaplains and trained lay ship visitors reach out in the ways of advocacy, companionship, support and prayer. During our busy cruise ship ministry (March-November), we are assisted by caring volunteers who offer their time and talent to create an oasis of help and a house of prayer for crew members.

NESM provides seafarers with support from chaplains and services in Boston, Providence, and Narragansett Bay, and reaches around 35,000 people a year from 167 countries. Our core belief is that as a Christian organization, we are called to open our doors of hospitality to ALL women and men who reach our ports.



Join us in Serving Seafarers

Here's your chance to make a difference. Join us for a day at the Seafarers' Center and help run the operations that serve seafarers from all over the world.



Why Volunteer

A day of welcome can travel farther than you know. Seafarers often arrive in port after long stretches away from family, church, and familiar community. Volunteers help NESM create a place of welcome where crew members can rest, ask for practical help, receive prayer, and be reminded that they are seen.

Some volunteers serve for a single cruise ship day. Others become regular ship visitors, assemble Christmas Ditty Bags, pray faithfully, or help their church group serve together. However you come alongside the mission, you help turn a port call into an encounter with hospitality and hope.

NOTE: Boston a long way to go for one day? We can arrangement for volunteers to stay at Mariner's House at special rates.

Ways to get involved

Cruise Ship Ministry

Spend a short day with us and meet seafarers from dozens of countries — having a direct impact on their lives. Whether helping in the ship's store or merely welcoming them to the center, you can make a difference in their lives.

Christmas Ditty Bags

Knit, sew, or help assemble our Christmas Ditty Bag items. Each year our chaplains deliver 1,500 ditty bags aboard ships along with the Christmas message.

