

**SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN NEWCASTLE,  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Newcastle, Maine**

**Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022  
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
Summer Sermon Series:**

**OCEANS OF  
POSSIBILITIES**



**INVITATION:** Welcome to Hybrid/In-Person and on-line worship with Second Church! Whether you are joining us in our beautiful sanctuary or from your devices, we enter this sacred time together. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Second Church is an Open and Affirming (ONA) congregation. We are devoted to hospitality, generosity and care of creation, our neighbors and each other!

**JOIN US IN PERSON!** We are gathering in our sanctuary on Sundays with worship beginning at 10:00AM. We highly recommend, faithfully encourage and deeply appreciate wearing masks in our building as an expression of our care for neighbors and one another. Social distancing is also encouraged. We will pass offering and Communion plates.

**JOIN US FROM YOUR DEVICES – TWO OPTIONS:**

**Facebook Live:** <https://www.facebook.com/secondcongo>. Please note that currently the chat/comment functions are not always monitored regularly during the live service, so we encourage you to submit your prayer requests prior to Sunday mornings by email at [pastor@secondcongo.org](mailto:pastor@secondcongo.org).

**YouTube Channel:** Follow our YouTube channel at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC80LjlpCDqFawmDOuk7XX0w>.

**Thank you for your worship preparation.**

*Let us be present to the Spirit, which brings us together and loves us wherever we are!*

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**PRELUDE**

“Locus Iste”

Anton Bruckner

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****CENTERING MOMENT****CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 147:1-3, 7):

Praise God!

**It is good to sing praise to our God.**

God is gracious,

**And a song of praise is fitting.**

God gathers the outcasts,

**God heals the brokenhearted.**

Sing to God with thanksgiving,

**All: Let us make melody to our God.****\*OPENING HYMN 360**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Hankey (Next Page)

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Honorable God, You are not interested in worldly wealth or success. You grieve the false hope we hold in warriors and armies and politicians. Help us instead to truly live for Your reign on earth as it is in heaven, and not to contribute to the status quo of hatred and violence any longer. Remind us that life is not about our own security and self-satisfaction, but the redemption and love of all. You are not a God who requires gold and sacrifices, but rather the love of our neighbor. You look into our hearts and perceive our thoughts. You know the truth of who we really are. Help us to repent and turn back to You. Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(Second Church follows the version of the Lord’s Prayer that is offered below. However, you are invited to say this prayer aloud in the tradition that brings you the most comfort).*

**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.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 6:27-38

Ed Smith, Reader

**SPECIAL MUSIC**Duet: The Lone, Wild Bird  
*Bill Bausch, Mal Briggs*

arr. Jessica Nelson

**SERMON**

“The House in the Cerulean Sea”

Rev. Char Corbett

## I Love to Tell the Story



1. I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis plea - sant to re - peat  
 3. I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems each time I tell it more won - der - ful - ly sweet.  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.



*Refrain*  
 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry,



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

WORDS: Katherine Hankey, c. 1868  
 MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869

HANKEY  
 76.76D, w. refrain

\*HYMN 364

“This Little Light of Mine”  
This Little Light of Mine

This Joy

This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine;  
This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine;  
This lit-tle light of mine, I'm gon-na let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. This great joy I have, I'm gonna let it shine....
3. Ev- 'rywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine.....
4. All through the night I'm gonna let it shine.....
5. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.....

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** Sharing Our Joys, Concerns, Sorrows and Gratitude

**REMEMBER, GIVING THANKS AND COMMITTING TO SHARE** (*Joining us on-line? We have a new donation portal (NOTE that a PayPal account is not required in order to donate):*  
<https://www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/4505697>

**OFFERTORY**

**DOXOLOGY:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, for all that love has done,  
Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Almighty and most merciful God, from you comes every good and perfect gift. We give you praise and thanks for all your mercies. Give us a heart to love and serve you, and enable us to show our thankfulness for all your goodness and mercy by giving up ourselves to your service, and cheerfully submitting in all things to your blessed will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. (*Adapted from The UMC Book of Worship*).

\*HYMN 386

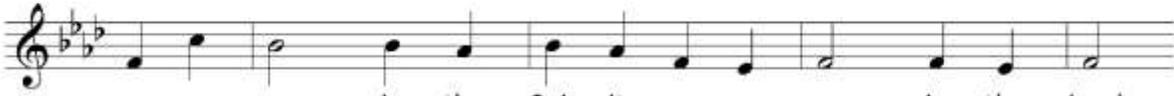
"We Are One in the Spirit"

St. Brendan's

## We Are One In the Spirit



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,



we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
 we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
 we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
 and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love,



yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

ST. BRENDAN'S  
76.76.86 w refrain

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## \*BENEDICTION

**SUNG BENEDICTION 347** "Go Now In Peace" Go Now In Peace (Next Page)  
*(Congregation sings 3 times. All together; then twice as a round)*

## POSTLUDE

"Grand Choeur"

Théodore Salomé

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## Go Now in Peace

1. Go now in peace, go now in peace. 2. May the love of

3. God sur - round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.

WORDS and MUSIC: Natalie Sleeth, 1976

GO NOW IN PEACE  
44.8.333

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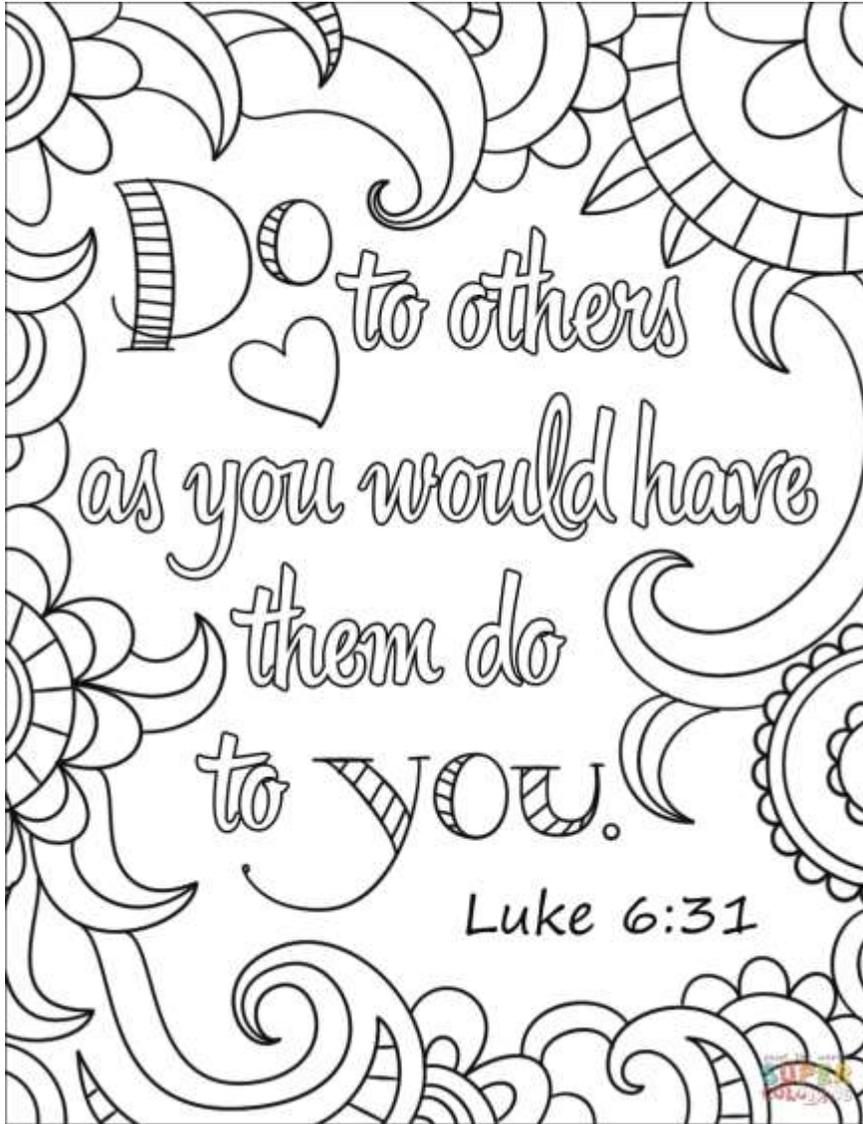
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## SUMMER FAITH FORMATION AT HOME FOR EVERYONE

*Every week, Pastor Char will suggest a prayerful, reflective and fun exercise that helps individuals, families and friends of all ages to practice and explore their faith.*



### ***The Golden Rule,***

also known as the Ethic of Reciprocity, is commonly stated as, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This precept is found in every major religion, and indeed, in most secular philosophies of life. It is arguably the most consistent, most prevalent and most universal ethical principle in history. The basic ideas underlying the well-known rule are empathy and reciprocity, the understanding that other people feel conscientiously as you do, and that they deserve the same treatment you would want for yourself. This concise rule for living is part of our planet's common language, shared by persons with differing but

overlapping concepts of kindness and morality, serving as a moral compass for all humankind. This week, take 10 minutes and study the *Encounter World Religions Centre's Golden Rule Poster, shared on the next page*. If you wish to go deeper, research/Google "The Golden Rule" in a faith tradition or philosophy that you are curious about. How does the Rule compare to the Christian tradition? Do you notice any differences? What are the similarities? Imagine what the world would be like if every person on the planet lived according to the Golden Rule. Imagine what our country, state, local neighborhood, church and/or home would be like if every person in it lived according to the Golden Rule. Close your meditation time with a prayer.

# The Golden Rule

## Atheism

"Treat others as you would want them to treat you, and can reasonably expect them to want to be treated. Think about their perspective."  
—The 10 Non-Commandments



## Paganism

"Avoid doing what you would blame others for doing."  
—Thales



## Islam

"Pay, Oh Children of Adam, as you would love to be paid, and be just as you would love to have justice!"  
—Qur'an 83:1-6



## Taoism

"Regard your neighbor's gain as your gain, and your neighbor's loss as your own loss."  
—Tai Shang Kan Yin P'ien

## Jainism

"A man should wander about treating all creatures as he himself would be treated."  
—Sutrakritanga 1.11.33



## Unitarianism

"We affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."  
—7th Principle

## First Nations

"All things are our relatives: what we do to everything, we do to ourselves. All is really One."  
—Black Elk



## Christianity

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."  
—Matthew 7:12



## Buddhism

"This is the sum of Dharma — duty: Do nothing unto others which would cause you pain if done to you."  
—Mahabharata 5:1517



## Judaism

"What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow: this is the whole Torah; the rest is the explanation; go and learn."  
—Babylonian Talmud



## Wicca

"I command thee thus, O children of the Earth, that that which ye deem harmful unto thyself, the very same shall ye be forbidden from doing unto another, for violence and hatred give rise to the same."  
—The Book of Ways



## Zoroastrianism

"Whatever is disagreeable to yourself do not do unto others."  
—Shayast-na-Shayast 13:29



## Hinduism

"Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful."  
—Udana-Varga 5:18



## Shinto

"The heart of the person before you is a mirror. See there your own form."  
—Shinto saying



## Humanism

"Before performing an action which might harm another person, try to imagine yourself in their position, and consider whether you would want to be the recipient of that action. If you would not want to be in such a position, the other person probably would not either, and so you should not do it."  
—Adam Lee



## Sikhism

"Precious like jewels are the minds of all. To hurt them is not at all good. If you desire your Beloved, then hurt thou not anyone's heart."  
—Guru Arjan Dev Ji 259



## Confucianism

"Tse-kung asked, 'Is there one word that can serve as a principle of conduct for life?' Confucius replied, 'It is the word shu — reciprocity. Do not impose on others what you yourself do not desire.'  
—Doctrine of the Mean 13.3



## Baha'i Faith

"And if thine eyes be turned towards justice, choose thou for thy neighbour that which thou chooseth for thyself."  
—Bahá'í'lláh



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