

COLEBROOK MEETINGHOUSE

Reverend Geoffrey W. Smith, B.A., M.Div.

January 17, 2016 at 10:30 AM

Heritage Sunday / Annual Meeting

After entering from the vestibule silence is appreciated.

* You are invited to stand

GATHERING PRELUDE: *Worship the Lord In The Beauty of Holiness*

THE GATHERING [From a Pilgrim worship service, 1711]

AFFAIRS AND HAPPENINGS

PRELUDE: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night

CHORAL INTROIT: Wonderful Grace of Jesus

CALL TO WORSHIP: [From a Puritan hymn, 1718]

L: The God of Grace, the God of Love

C: He to whom seraphims hallelujahs sing,

L: And angels do their songs and praises bring.

C: With heavenly joys and rapture is possess,

L: Saying, Prepare the Way for the Messiah

C: And make the paths easy!

***OPENING HYMN #1** – *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

***INVOCATION** [From John Calvin's Morning Prayer]

O God, our Father and Savior, who of thy goodness has watched over us during the past night, and brought us to this day, grant that we may hear thy voice in the morning, since we have hoped in thee. Show us the way in which we should walk, since we have lifted our souls unto thee. Grant us also, Lord, that while we labor for the maintenance of this life and its concerns, we may raise our minds above them to the blessed and heavenly life, which thou hast promised to thy children. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI:** Congregational Response: *Hymn #558*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

CHORAL ANTHEM: If My People Will Pray

PSALM LINING: Psalm 36, pg. 473

[From Puritan & Pilgrim services. A Leader will recite a verse, and the congregation will repeat it]

THE CONTRIBUTION & COLLECTION OF BILLS

*DOXOLOGY (562)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LONG PRAYER [From John Bunyan]

Congregational Response: The Lord's Prayer

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 AND PROPHECYING

[From Puritan Liturgy, revised by the Westminster Assembly, 1643]

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 62, pg. 652

New Testament Scripture: John 2, pg. 80-81

***HYMN #433** – *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

SERMON: Our Church, or A Survey of Congregational History and the History of the Meetinghouse & Church in Colebrook

THE SHORT PRAYER

***CONCLUDING HYMN #484** – The Church's One Foundation

***BENEDICTION (unison)**

[From Cotton Mather, Puritan worship, 1600s]

The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with us, AMEN.

***CHORAL BENEDICTION:** Blest Be The Tie That Binds

***POSTLUDE:** My Faith It Is An Oaken Staff

NOTICES

- ANNUAL MEETING after this special service celebrating our Congregational heritage with the assistance of the Colebrook Historical Society

- Church Committee meeting Tuesday at 6:30

- Food Pantry open Mondays 4p-6p