



**South Newbury Union Church  
A United Church of Christ**



**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

**9:30 a.m.**

Reflection: "So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us." 1

Thessalonians 2:8

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Song: # 659 Jesus, We are Here

**Jesus, we are here (3x) We are here for you.  
Jesu, tawa pano (3x) tawa pano mu- zi - ta ren – yu  
Spirit, we are here (3x) We are here for you.**

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise God, who welcomes us into the family of faith!

**People: Praise Christ, who connects us in love with all his followers everywhere!**

Leader: Thank God for faith-friends who love and encourage us.

**People: With our family here and in Zimbabwe, we join to worship God who loves the whole world, Jesus who gathers his Church, and the Spirit who binds us with people of faith in every place and from every race.**

Hymn #595 They'll Know We are Christians by our Love

Opening Prayer

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for giving us a glimpse of your vision of Christ's Church united in all the world. We thank you especially for the blessing of our Ukama, our family relationship with the people of the United Church of Christ in Zimbabwe. As we celebrate that relationship today, we pray that your Spirit will connect us even more deeply with our spiritual family in Zimbabwe. Let our unity with them in Christ serve as a witness to the power of loving our neighbors both far and near. All this we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.**

Response: Tinotende, Jesus (3x) Alleluia, Amen  
Thank you Jesus, Amen (3x) Alleluia, Amen

Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Mark 10:46-52

Sermon Why Ukama?

Hymn Akuna Zinga Kunga Jesus (see insert and screen)

Prayers of the Community

*If you are worshiping remotely, you may write a prayer concern as a 'comment.' If you are worshiping in person, please come to the microphone to pray so that remote worshipers can hear you.*

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.**

We Worship God with our offerings

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn #393 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Benediction *The Blessing Zimbabwe*

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David B. Keller, pastor and teacher  
Connie Beal, musician

**Welcome** to in person and online worship of the South Newbury Union Church! We are glad you chose to worship with us today.

The South Newbury Union Church is a Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ. Check out [www.openandaffirming.org](http://www.openandaffirming.org) to learn more about what this means.

You can reach our pastor, Rev. David Keller, on his cell phone, (603) 848-0313, or by email, [davidandlindy@myfairpoint.net](mailto:davidandlindy@myfairpoint.net).

### ***Prayers and Concerns***

Members of the Military and their families

Victims of war and disaster

People affected by COVID-19 and people working to address it

Everyone in our Church Family

Our Ukama partner church, the Ivone Church of the UCCZ

Lillian Deane Alex Tanksley Ada Tanksley Lisa Bliven Pat Tuttle

John Wallace Joyce LaPorte Peter Dreyer Chris Nichols

Wayne LaPorte Family of Rick Sweet

### ***Events and Opportunities***

**The Deacons** will meet via zoom following worship today.

**Bible Study:** Tuesday, October 26, 4 PM via zoom. Our passage is Isaiah 48:1-49:26.

**“Trunk or Treat”** will be sponsored by Newbury Recreation Department on Saturday, October 30, at the Town Hall parking lot. We’ll be represented!

**Stewardship campaign** seeking our pledges of support for the ministry and mission of our church continues. Please prayerfully consider making a generous pledge of support using the pledge card which was mailed to you, or pick up a card here. Cards also may be downloaded from the “Donate Now” page on our website.

**Turkey Fundraising Dinner** Saturday, November 13, 5 – until we run out. Check with Pat Oakes or Courtney Connor for opportunities to help.

## The South Newbury Union Church Gathered for Worship October 24, 2021

### Ukama Sunday



***No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here!***

### ***Guidelines for Gathering***

- If you are visiting with us, please sign our guest book on the table in the back of the church. We appreciate receiving your address and your email address – we have an occasional e-newsletter which we will be happy to send you
- Please wear a mask indoors, whether or not you have been vaccinated.
- Apply hand sanitizer as you enter the building.
- Please observe social distancing and don’t sit in pews which have been cordoned off.
- Sing quietly, or hum, or just read the words to the hymns.
- We wipe the pews and other surfaces right before worship.
- We may have a children’s message but we ask that children remain in their pew.
- Following Children’s time children may leave worship to participate in Sunday School in the Friendship House.
- You’ll find a rest room in the Friendship House, just across the parking lot.
- Our Web site is [www.southnewburyunionchurch.org](http://www.southnewburyunionchurch.org). On it, you’ll find information about upcoming events, past sermons, photo galleries, and other useful information.