

## Prayer Requests

- ◆ Lisa Sampson Mom's Neice Dawn suicide.
- ◆ Joey Godin's Mother-In-Law (Linda's) Father passed away, prayers for the family.
- ◆ Mike Wickwar Dad Fred fall recovery.
- ◆ Herb Ranks-Passed away prayers for family
- ◆ Marescot extended family health/financial.
- ◆ Keasha's friend Louise in Virginia for job.
- ◆ Gabriele Little Husband-III, Brother-ALS.
- ◆ Lisa Carter's Friends-Jenn(Breast Cancer), Jayne(Life Struggles, Cardiac Issues)
- ◆ Mary McVicar Erik's friend kidney disease
- ◆ Linda Barnes Ongoing Health Issues.
- ◆ Marion Goodwin heart issues
- ◆ Brad Shaw - Surgery recovery.
- ◆ Godin Family Debbie friend Carol-heart Dennis sister in law Alzheimers
- ◆ Spiritual and Physical well being of the church and all its members.

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# Order of Worship

**Song 560 *Living By Faith***

**Announcements** - Shepherd

**Opening Prayer** - Brad Shaw

**Song 458 *Redeemed***

**Song 479 *Peace, Perfect Peace***

**Lord's Supper** - Angel Velez, Erik Cote,  
Robert Balsamo

**Song 464 *Because He Lives***

**Contribution**

**Song 837 *I Need Thee Every Hour***

**Prayer** - John Marescot

**Song 453 *Love Lifted Me***

**Scripture Reading** - Jon Erickson

*Psalms 36:5-10*

**Lesson** - Dennis Godin

*The Love Of The Lord*

Lesson Text: *Lamentations 3:22*

**Song 539 *Higher Ground***

**Closing Prayer** - Shepherd

Song Leader - Antonio Balsamo

Greeter - Brenda Butler

Communion Prep - Jessica Damuth

**Last Week's Numbers**

**Attendance: 39 Contribution: 2337.10**

*Live the Gospel at all times;  
When opportunity is there...  
Preach It!*

**THE BIDDEFORD  
CHURCH OF CHRIST  
WELCOMES YOU!**



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## Welcome Visitors

We here at the Biddeford Church of Christ pray your visit with us today is enjoyable and uplifting. Please stay around after services so that we can get to know you better. We all strive to put Christ first in our lives and make the Bible our principle guide for living.

### This Week's Events

Today 2/3  
**Life Groups**

Tuesday 2/5  
**Bible Study**

Saturday 2/9  
**Congregational Breakfast**

Birthdays  
**Joe Romano 2/6**  
**Gabby Little 2/7**

Anniversaries  
**John & Lisa Carter 2/6**

Ladies Day March 2019  
**Turn in your survey to Debbie/Barbara**

### Next Week's Service Schedule

**Song Leader - Robert Balsamo**  
**Opening Prayer - Brad Shaw**  
**Lord's Supper - John Carter, Lenny Spano, Jacob Romano**  
**Prayer - Joe Romano**  
**Scripture Reading - TJ Balsamo**  
**Greeter - Jessica Damuth**  
**Communion Prep - Brenda Butler**

## The Love Of The Lord

The world around us is filled with so much brokenness. For some of us, that brokenness may even be in our own personal worlds as followers of Christ. Still, as believers, we come together and sing, "As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after you" (Song 71 from Psalm 42, TLB). Has brokenness ever caused you to long for God? I suspect it has. That longing, spoken of in the song, is because of this brokenness, as seen in Psalm 42:5, "Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me?" Jeremiah, as he pens Lamentations, knows what these words mean as he is confronted with the distress of God's people, as judgment comes upon them.

*I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of His wrath.*

### *Lamentations 3:1*

God's righteous judgment is very real in the life of Jeremiah. He expresses his distress with these words, "He has led me and made me walk in darkness and not in light. Surely He has turned His hand against me, time and time throughout the day." (Lamentations 3:2-3). The anguish that Jeremiah felt was due to the Lord...His God. He goes on with the same thought process for several more verses. Okay, can we be honest about something? Can you relate to this? I know I can. Experiencing hardship, whether it is due to others around me or even my own selfish actions, often times results in me thinking (feeling) that God has deserted me. David said it this way, "My tears have been my food day and night, while they continuously say to me, where is your God?" (Psalm 42:3) The question the enemy asks in that verse, is the same question that I ask myself at times. Adversity can do that. Do what? Blur reality and cause us to see God, life, church, grace, mercy, and hope (among other things) in an unhealthy ways which only further blurs things. There must be HOPE!

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases:  
his mercies never come to an end...*

### *Lamentations 3:22, ESV*

The ETRV says, "The Lord's love and kindness never ends, His compassion never ends." My NKJV says, "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not." Jeremiah, in the midst of his anguish, was seeking to reorient his mind, the way he was thinking. Listen to what is said in Lamentations 3:21, "This I recall to my mind; therefore, I have hope." Jeremiah needed to remind himself and through the direction of the Holy Spirit, reminds us as well, that there is always hope! As the song we sing proclaims, as written in the word of God, "The Lord is my portion says my soul, therefore I will hope in Him!" (Lamentations 3:24). May He be your portion this day, and every day forward.

*Dennis*

### Sermon Notes

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**Please turn in your Ladies Day  
Survey to Debbie or Barbara  
ASAP so planning can begin.**