

The Beatitudes are a doorway to contemplation.

They place the word “blessing” (“beatus”) into the middle of our lives. They open the door when life comes forward with pain and challenge.

We will treat the Beatitudes, a brief passage from Jesus’ first sermon in the gospel of Matthew, as a beautiful, ancient text for slow reflection. We will address perennial questions about the text and use word and image to open it up. We will reflect on it as a resource for service and spiritual freedom, leaving with a word or phrase to reflect on further.



Retreat Leader  
Rev. Jonathan Carey Goodell

My years of experience as pastor have trained my ear to listen to stories and to hear the ribbon of grace woven into another person’s life. I enjoy the gospels. I pause with poetry. I believe that God shows up unexpectedly when the heart is open.

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## The Open Door of Blessing

A Contemplative Retreat

Saturday March 14

10am to 2pm

Register by 3/10/20

at First Congregational Church  
in Winchester, U.C.C.

**PLEASE REGISTER by Tuesday,  
March 10, 2020**

Full name

Email

First name that you prefer for your name tag

Phone number/ name of your emergency contact person

Tell us (briefly) what draws you to an event like this.

Completed forms may be placed in Kathleen Zagata's mailbox inside the church office. You may also scan the QR code on the opposite panel, or visit the FCC-Winchester web site to register.



Our welcome table will open  
at 9:30 so that we can begin  
together at 10

### Practicalities:

We will take a free will offering, to cover some of the costs of the meal and materials. The lunch will be peanut free and vegan friendly.

Once registered, If you are unable to attend, please contact the retreat leader at [jcg.3bell@gmail.com](mailto:jcg.3bell@gmail.com).

Messages can also be left at  
781 729-9180 ext 106.

Should there be uncertainties about the weather you can expect a note by email to clarify our arrangements.