

The First Congregational Church in Worcester

Sunday Worship

May 23, 2021

Prelude

Finale ~ Mendelssohn

Ringling of the Chimes

Call to Worship

Invocation and 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 trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Opening Hymn

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

1. O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his power and his love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!

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Responsive Reading

Psalm 91

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence; he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day, or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you. You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

New Testament Reading

Acts 2:1-21

Sharing of Announcements, Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:22-27

Giving of Our Offerings

Gospel Reading

John 16:4b-15

Meditation

*Closing Hymn

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.

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Benediction

Chimes

Postlude

How Great Thou Art ~ Hine/arr. Bock



Participants

Rev. Robert H. Jackson, Pastor
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1 Thessalonians 5:18
 King James Version

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.