

**Union Congregational Church Mission Statement**

An inclusive family of faith gathered as community to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ through service and love.

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 2, 2020**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship (Responsive): (from Psalm 107 and Psalm 145)**

One: Give thanks for God's goodness; God's love endures forever!

**Many: Give thanks for God's goodness; God's love endures forever!**

One: You lift up those who are falling and raise up those who are oppressed.

**Many: The eyes of all look to you in hope, and you give them their food in due season.**

One: You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing

**Many: God, you are just in all your ways and loving toward all that you have created. Give thanks for God's goodness; God's love endures forever!**

**Hymn**

"We Plow the Fields and Scatter"

1) We plow the fields and scatter, the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered, by God's almighty hand,  
who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

**Refrain:**

And all good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.  
We thank you God, we thank you, for your unbounded love.

2) You only are the maker, of all things near and far.  
You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star.  
The wind and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;  
much more, to us, your children, you give our daily bread. **[Refrain]**

3) We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer, for all your love imparts,  
but that which you most treasure-- our humble, thankful hearts. **[Refrain]**

WORDS: Jane Campbell  
MUSIC: William G. Fischer, 1869

TUNE: HANKEY  
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**Prayer of Invocation (Unison) (adapted from Acts 14:17b)**

Loving God of all that is and all that has been and all that will be: you send rain from the heavens that makes the crops grow when they should, and you fill lives with food and hearts with gladness. Send your Holy Spirit among us to cheer us in our need and guide us in sharing from our plenty. Amen.

**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

**Prayer of the People**

**Jesus' 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.

**Invitation to Offering**

**Special Music**

**Reading**

Psalm 104:13-15

From your palace you water the highlands until the ground is sated by the fruit of your work; you make fresh grass grow for cattle and plants for us to cultivate to get food from the soil—wine to cheer our hearts, oil to make our faces shine, and bread to sustain our life.

**Message**

*"Union at the Community Gardens"*

Pastor Annie

**Communion Service**

adapted from Mary Luti, with great thanks

## Hymn to go forth

## "Hymn of Promise"

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

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## Benediction

## Postlude

*Donations in memory of Lynne Oakley can be mailed to the church  
at 105 Pleasant Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333.  
Please note that it's in memory of Lynne.  
Thank you!!*

## Prayer Concerns

Family of Lynne Oakley

Bill Gleason

Hunter Geagan

Howard Martin

Pat & Rita Coakley

Marlena Eaton

Molly Ciri

Evelyn Huber

Andrew Talbot

Jean Probert

Emily Goldman Leighton

Sheldon & Irene Zaval

The Unemployed & Employed

Family of Rowan Riordan

Dave & Kathy Young

James Mitcheson

Sherrill McCoullough

Meredith Swanson

Group Mission Trips

Cindy Goldman-Janes

Mary Paine

Hilda Elder

Grace & Chris Young

Jerry Guild

Our Service People

Mary Jane Coakley

Lisa Vaughn

Dennis Wilburn

Zilpha Gray

Susan Callahan

Jodie & Robert Jensen

The Golden Family

Bri & Dave MacRunnel

Jane Foley

Bob Bumpus

Marsha & Jim Mitcheson

(If you would like someone added to the prayer list or taken off,  
please see Laurie, call the church office at 508-378-2874  
or send an email to [office@uccofeb.org](mailto:office@uccofeb.org))

If you would like a pastoral visit, please call  
the church office at 508-378-2874 or email at [office@uccofeb.org](mailto:office@uccofeb.org)  
or call Pastor Annie Britton at 207-712-1143 or email at [revanniebri@gmail.com](mailto:revanniebri@gmail.com)

**The UCC dues for 2020 are  
\$25 per person**

**Trustee of the Month  
August - Dick Gleason - (774)296-9194**

### ***Roof Fund Update...***

**We have an anonymous donor who is willing to match any donations that come in from February 24<sup>th</sup> until August 31<sup>st</sup> up to \$5,000 and I'm happy to say that we have received \$5,135 towards the matching so we have also received the \$5,000!**

So that brings our total to **\$11,404** towards the \$40,000 that is needed for the new roof. Obviously we still have a ways to go. If you haven't donated yet and would still like to you can mail a check to the church (105 Pleasant Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333).

Thank you to all who have given generously to this very important need for our church!!

***Thank you!!!!***