

The First Congregational Church in Worcester

Sunday Worship

May 16, 2021

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River ~ Livingston/Lowry

Ringing 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

Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
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praising my Savior all the day long.

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Responsive Reading

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Sharing of Announcements, Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

New Testament Reading

I John 5:9-13

Giving of Our Offerings

Gospel Reading

John 17:6-19

Meditation

*Closing Hymn

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
 all our sins and griefs to bear!
 What a privilege to carry
 everything to God in prayer!
 O what peace we often forfeit,
 O what needless pain we bear,
 all because we do not carry
 everything to God in prayer!

2. Are we weak and heavy laden,
 cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge--
 take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Do your friends despise, forsake you?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield you;
 you will find a solace there.

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Benediction

Chimes

Postlude

Festival Procession ~ Strauss/arr. Wagner



Participants

Rev. Robert H. Jackson, Pastor
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