

*The First Congregational Church in Worcester*  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension Sunday*

*May 29, 2022*

*You are invited to a time of quiet preparation during the Prelude*

Prelude

*Festive Prelude on Materna ~ arr. Lowe*

Ringing of the Chimes

Call to Worship

Look up and see our Christ ascend! Alleluia!

**Look up and see Jesus returning from where he came.**

Look up and witness love abounding throughout the heavens.

**Look up and rejoice in the wonders of grace and goodness!**

As we come to offer our prayers and praises, we do so with eyes lifted and hearts raised to God.

**Let look up and let us rejoice as we come to worship! Alleluia!**

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 who 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.**

\*Hymn of Adoration - *Insert*

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! to his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia! enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia! lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!  
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia! take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives; Alleluia! yet he loves the earth he leaves. Alleluia!  
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia! his atoning death he pleads, Alleluia!  
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia! he the first fruits of our race. Alleluia!

Responsive Reading

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet.

**He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

**God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

**For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.**

Message for the Young and Young at Heart

Sharing of Announcements, Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

*He is Lord*

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead, and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Giving of Our Offerings

Offertory

*God Leads Us Along ~ arr. Young*

\*Doxology

*Laast Uns Erfreuen*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Holy God, we lift up our offerings to you. Through these gifts and the works of our hands and feet, may we bear witness to your love and compassion in our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn - #202

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

Meditation

*Look Up and Look Out!*

Rev. Josh Fitterling

Memorial Day Remembrance

\*Sending Hymn - *Insert*

*Patriotic Medley*

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

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My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
from every mountainside let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.

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O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

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Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Hymn to Joy*

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:  
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Chimes

Postlude

*God of the Ages ~ arr.*

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*\*Please stand in body, or in spirit.*

***We are glad you joined us today! May you have a blessed day!***

*All are welcome to join us for Coffee Hour immediately following our worship service in the Parlor (through the sanctuary doors to the right). Not sure where to go? Just ask. Any member would be delighted to help you!*

### **Prayer Requests**

*Dawn and Matt Ahaesy request prayers for Dawn's dad, Francis Lajoie. We would like to keep Hampton Bagdasarian in our prayers and he also requests prayers for June Kemp; Connie MacInnes requests prayers for her niece Linda; Judy Mitchell requests prayers for her granddaughter, Ellanora; Susan Anderson requests prayers for her brother, Danny Waskevich and her friend, Roger Waite. The Deacons request prayers for Betty Dalbeck, Dr. Richard Hunter, Dolores Trzcinski, Jeanne Fassett, Paul Scherdell, Melanie Anderson and Joyce & Armand Thienel. Normalris Rivera requests healing prayers for her and her son Marcos. Mac and Connie MacInnes request prayers for Marie Samuelson whom is very ill.*

*If you would like to add a prayer concern or update our list, please email the church office at [office@fcc-worcester.org](mailto:office@fcc-worcester.org). Thank you for praying with us!*

### **Announcements**

#### **Pentecost Sunday – Sunday, June 5th (wear your red if you have it!)**

Join us for worship on Pentecost Sunday as we remember the birth of the church! Come dressed in red (red pentecost pins will also be available!)

We will celebrate communion

#### **Music Sunday – Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for a special music service, crafted by our talented Minister of Music, Scott Yonker! The music will reflect on the Trinity and the three aspects of God's being – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You won't want to miss it!

#### **Sit & Share, Pause & Pray – Wednesdays from 2 to 3pm**

Beginning in June, Pastor Josh will be holding an outdoor hour on the front lawn/front steps each week for anyone, church members or community members, to come and spend a little time, sitting, sharing, pausing, and praying! Stop by for a minute, or 10, or more. Not sure where Pastor Josh is set up, just look for this sign!

#### **Ten Penny Auction**

Fellowship will be hosting a Ten Penny Auction on **June 5<sup>th</sup>** along with Coffee Hour. It is an auction where we all bring in small items that we no longer want or need. If you'd like to donate items to be auctioned off, they would be most welcome but no large items please. Usually it's nick-knacks, puzzles, good books or things of that nature. Please don't bring any more than three items. You can drop them off at Fellowship on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, or bring them to church on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>, before the service. Either leave them on the stage in the hall or give them to Sue Anderson or Ruth Nickerson. The tickets will sell - 10 for \$1.00.

#### **Church Office Hours**

Shelly will be in the office Tuesday – Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

**Coffee Hour Hosts Needed** – Would you be able to provide the snacks and goodies for one of our after worship coffee hour times? We would love to have you help us provide hospitality. Sign-up any Sunday after worship in the Parlor. Thank you for your consideration!

**Carpet Fund Collection**

Our new carpeting fund continues to grow! Please continue to add whatever you can spare to the Teddy Bear jar in the narthex. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

**Carty Cupboard Food Pantry Collection (Next Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022)** - On the first Sunday of every month, donations of non-perishable, shelf-stable items are collected for the Carty Cupboard in Worcester.

**Weekly Calendar**

**Today**

10:00am FCC Worship (Sanctuary)  
11:00am Ghanian Resurrection Ministries (upper level)

**Monday**

7:00pm AA Meeting (Hall)

**Tuesday**

10:00am Fellowship (Parlor)  
6:30pm AA Meeting (Hall)

**Thursday**

6:45pm AA Meeting (Hall)

**Saturday**

10:00am New Hope SDA (Sanctuary & Parlor)  
12:00pm Church of God (Hall)

**Sunday**

10:00am FCC Worship-Pentecost Sunday (Sanctuary)  
10:00am Carty Food Cupboard and Deacons Fund collection (Narthex)  
11:00am Ten Penny Auction and Coffee Hour (Hall)  
11:00am Ghanian Resurrection Ministries (upper level)

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