

The First Congregational Church in Worcester

Sunday Worship

April 11, 2021

Prelude

Tranquil Thoughts. ~ Heyward

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

Christ is Risen

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days.
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder,
all creation stand amazed.
In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus,
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing hosanna, ev'ry one!

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Responsive Reading

Psalm 72:1-8;17-19

Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun. May all nations be blessed in him; may they pronounce him happy.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.

New Testament Reading

Acts 4:32-37

Sharing of Announcements, Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

New Testament Reading

1John 1:1-2:2

Giving of Our Offerings

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

Meditation

The Lord's Supper

*Closing Hymn

Go My Children, With My Blessing

Go, My children, with My blessing,
 Never alone.
 Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
 You are my own.
 In My love's baptismal river,
 I have made you Mine forever.
 Go, My children, with My blessing -
 You are My own.

Go, My children, fed and nourished,
 Closer to Me;
 Grow in love and love by serving,
 Joyful and free.
 Here My Spirit's power filled you;
 Here His tender comfort stilled you.
 Go, My children, fed and nourished,
 Joyful and free.

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Benediction

Chimes

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary ~ Young



Participants

Rev. Robert H. Jackson, Pastor
 Scott M. Yonker, Minister of Music

