

The First Congregational Church in Worcester
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

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

Prelude

Ringling of the Chimes

Call to Worship

No matter who we are, or where we are on life's journey,

We are welcome here!

No matter the struggles we have faced or the hardships we have endured,

We are held in the embrace of our God!

No matter our joys or our sorrows,

We are cherished by the Holy One!

No matter from where we have come or where we are going,

We are welcomed into the family of Jesus Christ. We are welcomed at the feast of God.

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*

Come, You Disconsolate

Come, you disconsolate, where'er you languish;
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, light of the straying,
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying,
"Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot cure."

Here see the bread of life; see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast prepared; come, ever knowing
earth has no sorrows but heaven can remove.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was
buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Message for the Young and Young at Heart

Sharing of Announcements, Celebrations and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

Giving of Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

Kremser

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee,
We bless Thy holy Name, glad praises we sing.

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, bless these gifts that we bring before you. May they nourish us, our church family, and our community in mind, body, and soul. Amen.

Scripture Readings

Ruth 1:1-22, Matthew 5:3-9

Meditation

Forming Family

Rev. Josh Fitterling

*Hymn - *Insert*

I Come with Joy

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved and free, the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God, most high.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Word of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we give you thanks for this simple and sacred meal. Through it, may the familial bonds between us grow forever stronger as we serve as your people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Deacon's Fund Collection

*Sending Hymn - #272

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we are called to part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

Edelweiss

We are all joined in Christ, called by God to be with Him,
Joined with Christ and through Christ, praise our Creator forever.
Honor and glory we give to God, Give to God forever,
Joined with Christ and through Christ, praise our Creator forever.

Chimes

Postlude

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

***We are glad you joined us today! All are welcome to attend 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 one of us 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 and Marie Samuelson whom is very ill; 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. Mac and Connie MacInnes request prayers for Marie*

*Samuelson whom is very ill. Holly Mahlert requests prayers for her mother on a recent cancer diagnosis. Erika Vecsey requests prayers as she recovers from surgery. Prayers requested for Riggs, who is experiencing medical issues. Prayers for guidance and support for Hunvilla.*

### **Announcements**

**Fellowship Lunch– August 10, 2022** – Join our Fellowship group for lunch at 308 Lakeside located at 308 E. Main Street, East Brookfield, MA 01515. We will meet at the church at 11:30am to carpool. If you would like to meet us there, you're more than welcome to. We have reservations for 12:00 pm. If you'd like to join us, please call Bev Bean @ 508-799-7035 and she would be happy to add you.

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

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 the sign!

#### **Confirmation to begin in September!**

Do you know any young people, ages 11 to 15, who are interested in exploring faith? Classes will meet monthly, beginning in September with lunch provided. There is no need for the students to be connected with our church or have prior church affiliation. We will learn and grow together! At the end of the year, in May, all who wish to join this church will be welcomed into full membership of this local congregation! More information and registration form scan be found at [www.fcc-worcester.org](http://www.fcc-worcester.org).

**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!

**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!

### **Weekly Church Calendar**

#### **TODAY**

10:00am FCC Worship-(Sanctuary)  
10:00am Carty Food Cupboard/Deacons Fund collection (Sanctuary)  
11:00am Ghanian Resurrection Ministries (upper level)

#### **Monday**

7:00pm AA Meeting (Hall)

#### **Tuesday**

6:30pm AA Meeting (Hall)

#### **Wednesday**

11:30am Fellowship Lunch (meeting in parking lot of church)

#### **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(Sanctuary)

11:00am Ghanaian Resurrection Ministries (upper level)

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