

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

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 26, 2022*

Ringling of the Chimes

Call to Worship

Friends in Christ, we come to worship our Great God, but...

**But nothing! We come to praise the Holy One!**

We join our hands and hearts to be of service, but...

**But nothing! We come to love our neighbors in word and deed.**

We seek a more just world for all, but...

**But nothing! No struggle can undo our commitment to be the church here in this place!**

No storms can shake us as we seek to be God's people in our world.

**We are the church! Come, let us 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 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*

*My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

**Refrain:** No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? **[Refrain]**

What though my joys and comforts die, I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. **[Refrain]**

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? **[Refrain]**

Responsive Reading

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

**In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.**

I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; I will remember your wonders of old.

**I will meditate on all your work and muse on your mighty deeds.**

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?

**You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples.**

With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

**When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled.**

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side.

**The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.**

Your way was through the sea, your path through the mighty waters, yet your footprints were unseen.

**You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.**

Message for the Young and Young at Heart

Sharing of Announcements, Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

*Into My Heart*

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14

Giving of Our Offerings

Offertory

\*Doxology

*Old 100th*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Giver of Gifts, receive the resources we bring. May they bless our community and our world. May bonds of scarcity be broken as we meet the needs around us with the gifts that you have first given to us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn - *Insert*

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;

I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, still I will follow, tho' none go with me I still will follow,  
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow; no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me;  
The world behind me, the cross before me; no turning back, no turning back.

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:51-62

Meditation

*No Turning Back*

Rev. Josh Fitterling

\*Sending Hymn - *Insert*

*O Jesus I Have Promised*

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! the world is ever near:  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

\*Benediction

\*Benediction Response

*Ellers*

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;  
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.  
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Chimes

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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 remain outdoors for Coffee Hour immediately following our worship service!*

### **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. 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.*

*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**

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

Want to visit with Pastor Josh in a more casual setting? Come on by every Wednesday! Stop by for a minute, or 10, or more. Look for the yard sign out front and stop by!

**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!

**Carty Cupboard Food Pantry Collection (Next Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>)** - On the first Sunday of every month, donations of non-perishable, shelf-stable items are collected for the Carty Cupboard in Worcester.

**Deacon's Fund Collection – (Next Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>)** Funds are collected monthly and are available to the Pastor and Deacons to provide one-time, emergency assistance to a neighbor in need.

#### **Fellowship Lunch-July 5, 2022**

Mark your calendars and plan to join Fellowship for lunch on Tuesday, July 5th. Everyone is welcome to join us! The information and location for this lunch will be announced soon.

## Weekly Calendar

### Today

10:00am FCC Worship (Lawn)  
11:00am Ghanaian Resurrection Ministries (upper level)  
11:30am Council Meeting (Conference Room)

### Monday

7:00pm AA Meeting (Hall)

### Tuesday

6:30pm AA Meeting (Hall)

### Wednesday

2:00pm Sit and Share (Lawn)

### 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, Carty Cupboard and Deacon's Fund  
Collection (Sanctuary)  
11:00am Ghanaian Resurrection Ministries (upper level)

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