

## Message from Rev. Jackson for Sunday, May 16, 2021

It was great to see each of you this past Sunday as we celebrated Mother's Day together. God gave us a beautiful sunny day to worship and sing His praises.

This Sunday we will consider John 17:6-19, where Jesus prays for His disciples and us. He prays that God's word will be made fruitful in our hearts. Jesus prays that God will protect us while we are in this world. He knew that the world would reject His followers just as they rejected Him. Yet, he sends us out to fulfill His mission in this world.

In Acts 1, Peter explains to the believers what happened to Judas and how he betrayed Jesus. Then they voted to replace Judas, after he had died, with Matthias. Once again there were twelve apostles.

I John 15 makes it very clear that those who accept the testimony of Jesus have life eternal. Those who do not are dead in their sins. It is the Holy Spirit within that convinces us that Jesus Christ is the Messiah and one true Savior.

Finally, Psalm 1 talks about, "Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked..." Rather, blessed is the one, "...whose delight is in the law of the Lord." The person who roots themselves in the word of the Lord is "like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season... For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous." God has chosen us to be His apostles and will nourish our spiritual health if we remain in His word.

If you are able, please join us on Sunday as we contemplate His word and explore how it feeds our souls.

See you in church!

Because He lives,  
Rev. Bob

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### **This week's scripture:**

Old Testament	Psalm 1
New Testament	Acts 1:15-17; 21-26 and I John 5:9-13
Gospel lesson	John 17:6-19

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### **This week's memory verse:**

WHAT SHALL WE THEN SAY TO THESE THINGS? IF GOD BE FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?

*Romans 8:28*

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## **A Hymn of Inspiration:**

"Room At The Cross For You"

The cross upon which Jesus died  
Is a shelter in which we can hide  
And its grace so free is sufficient for me  
And deep is its fountain as wide as the sea.

There's room at the cross for you  
There's room at the cross for you  
Though millions have come, there's still room for one  
Yes there's room at the cross for you.

Though millions have found him a friend  
And have turned from the sins they have sinned  
The Savior still waits to open the gates  
And welcome a sinner before it's too late.

The hand of my Savior is strong  
And the love of my Savior is long  
Through sunshine or rain, through loss or in gain,  
The blood flows from Calvary to cleanse every stain.

There's room at the cross for you  
There's room at the cross for you  
Though millions have come, there's still room for one  
Yes there's room at the cross for you.

<https://youtu.be/dtBW3BOVKHI>

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## **Sunday Worship**

We invite you to visit our website at <http://www.fcc-worcester.org/may.html> to hear this week's recorded worship service. If you are comfortable, we welcome you to join us for worship in the sanctuary on Sunday morning. We hold you all in prayer each week. If you have any prayer requests please let Rev. Bob know at 508-410-1585 or email him at [revrhjackson@gmail.com](mailto:revrhjackson@gmail.com) so they can be shared with our church family on Sunday morning.