

The First Congregational Church in Worcester

Sunday Worship

May 2, 2021

Prelude

All' Elevazione ~ Zipoli

Ringing 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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

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Responsive Reading

Psalm 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

New Testament Reading

Acts 8:26-40

Sharing of Announcements, Celebrations and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

New Testament Reading

I John 4:7-21

Giving of Our Offerings

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Meditation

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

*Closing Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

1. For the beauty of the earth,
 for the glory of the skies,
 for the love which from our birth
 over and around us lies.
 Lord of all, to thee we raise
 This our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour
 Of the day and of the night,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
 Sun and moon, and stars of light,
 Lord of all, to thee we raise
 This our hymn of grateful praise.

3. For the joy of human love,
 Brother, sister, parent, child,
 Friends on earth, and friends above,
 For all gentle thoughts and mild,
 Lord of all, to thee we raise
 This our hymn of grateful praise.

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Benediction

Chimes

Postlude

Jubilation ~ Denton



Participants

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

