

At Home Worship with the Oldtown Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
North Attleborough, MA | September 13, 2020



WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - "Spirit of the Living God"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

OPENING PRAYER



PREPARING TO LISTEN "Open Our Eyes"

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

To reach out and touch Him,

And say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus

SCRIPTURE – Jeremiah 18:1-6 (NRSV)

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REFLECT

SERMON – “Transforming Clay”

PREPARING FOR PRAYER – “In Moments Like These”

*In moments like these I sing out a song,
I sing out a love song to Jesus.
In moments like these I lift up my hands,
I lift up my hands to the Lord.
Singing, I love You, Lord.
Singing, I love You, Lord.
Singing, I love You, Lord. I love You*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and the LORDS 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE



THANK

TIME OF OFFERING

GIFT OF SONG – “Change My Heart, O God”

BENEDICTION

Our worship has ended, let our service begin!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

OFFERING LAST WEEK: **\$1,551.16 – \$183.85 more** than budget

OFFERING 2020 TO DATE: **\$2,400 more** than budget

END OF JULY (58% of the year):

- ✝ FUNDRAISING INCOME: **17%** of annual budget
- ✝ TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME: **47%** of annual budget
- ✝ TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES: **43%** of annual budget

Welcome back to the Stewardship Corner. We know many of you are curious about how the pandemic has been affecting the finances of the church, and we are glad to get back to putting out this information each week. As with many things this year, there have been some surprises which have affected our finances. Thanks to the generosity of several of our Oldtown members who have given their pledged amounts for the summer or for the year in advance, we have done fairly well at keeping up with our budgeted giving to this point. Of course, this means we need to do more as the year progresses to meet our yearly budget. As you can see, our fundraising income is significantly lower than it should be at this time, as we have been unable to hold our normal fundraising events, which also reduces our overall budgeted income. However, since we have not been able to use our building, many of our regular expenses are lower than expected at this time as well.

We will be communicating more often now that we are “back” from the summer rested and re-focused and looking forward to new and exciting ideas for all of us to be good stewards of our church. Stay tuned for more! And feel free to email stewardship@oldtownucc.org if you have any thoughts or questions.

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”

~ **2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NRSV)**