

At Home Worship with the Oldtown Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
North Attleborough, MA | September 20, 2020



WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - "Morning Has Broken"

*Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing
Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word*

*Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dew fall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass*

*Mine is the sunlight
Mine is the morning
Born of the One Light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day*

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 – Genesis 1:1 - 2:4 (NRSV)

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SERMON – “Celebrating Dinosaurs”

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



TIME OF OFFERING

GIFT OF SONG – “God of Wonders”

BENEDICTION

Our worship has ended, let our service begin!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER–9/20/2020

OFFERING LAST WEEK: **\$1,214.60 – \$152.71 less** than budget

OFFERING 2020 TO DATE: **\$2,200 more** than budget

END OF AUGUST (67% of the year):

✠ FUNDRAISING INCOME: **17%** of annual budget

✠ TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME: **52%** of annual budget

✠ TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES: **50%** of annual budget

In this week's Stewardship Corner, we have updated the "monthly" figures to reflect where we are as of the end of August. Each month, it takes about a week or two after the end of the month for our treasurer, Jim Kopefler, to crunch the numbers for his monthly report, and we offer a HUGE thank you to him for all the work he does!! We do our best to present this information in the most easy-to-understand way, but if you have any questions, please email them to stewardship@oldtownucc.org and we will get you the answers.

Recently, we have been representing our monthly numbers as a percentage of where we need to be for the entire year. In the above example, the first line "END OF AUGUST (67% of the year)" explains that at the end of August, we are 67% of the way (8 of 12 months) to the end of the year. The next line explains that at the end of August, though we are 67% of the way through the year, we have only brought in 17% of our budgeted fundraising amount for the year. This reflects the fact that we have had to cancel our suppers, yard sales, and pet clinics due to the pandemic.

Our budgeted income to date is 52% of the amount for the year, which since we are 67% of the way through the year means we're a little behind. But our budgeted expenses at 50% of the annual amount at 67% of the way through the year, means we're doing very well at keeping our expenses down, because we have not had fundraising expenses and we are not worshipping together in the sanctuary or using the building.

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

~ **Luke 6:38 (NRSV)**