At Home Worship with the Oldtown Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH North Attleborough, MA | November 1, 2020



WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor and one was a queen and one was a shepherdess on the green They were all of them saints of God and I mean, God helping to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear And His love made them strong.
And they followed the right for Jesus sake The whole of their good life long.
And one was a soldier and one was a priest And one was slain by a fierce wild beast And there's not any reason no not the least Why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived no only in ages past
There are hundreds of thousands still
The world is bright with joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will
You can meet them in school or in lanes or at sea
In church or in trains or in shops or at tea
For the saints of God are just folk like me
And I mean to be one too.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we come to worship to give you thanks, yet we confess that we often fail to live out our thankfulness. We take things for granted and we grumble about what we lack. Forgive us, O God and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life. All this we pray in Jesus name. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SUNG AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor trials in the present, nor any trials to come, neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation can ever separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus our Lord.



SCRIPTURE – Selections from Jonah 1-3:3

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SERMON – "Want to Run Away?" (Includes sharing of Communion)

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

PRAYER/ALL SAINTS READING OF THE NAMES/ 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 – "Remembrance"

BENEDICTION

Our worship has ended, let our service begin!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER-11/1/2020

OFFERING LAST WEEK: \$707.76 – \$659.55 less than budget

OFFERING 2020 TO DATE: \$350 less than budget

END OF SEPTEMBER (75% of the year):

FUNDRAISING INCOME: 17% of annual budget

♦ TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME: **56%** of annual budget

♦ TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES: 55% of annual budget

It's a joy each week to see everyone who can participate in our Zoom coffee hour meetings Sunday mornings at 11:00. We'd love to have you join us, but also know that if that time doesn't work for you, or online meetings are not your thing, please know that you can also keep in touch with us by email at church@oldtownucc.org. In these times, we are "gathering" in new and different ways, but many things about "community" remain the same. If you have any ideas for what we can do to connect better with you, or any other ideas for the benefit of your church, please let us know.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

~ Matthew 18:20 (NRSV)