At Home Worship with the Oldtown Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH North Attleborough, MA | November 22, 2020



WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

God our maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the blessings of the field, all the stores the gardens yield; all the fruits in full supply, ripen 'neath the summer sky, all that spring with bounteous hand scatters o're the smiling land, all that liberal autumn pours from it's rich o're flowing stores,

These to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow; and for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise. Come then, thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

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 – 1 Thessalonians 5:14-25

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SERMON – "Being Thankful in all Circumstances"

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 - "I Will Enter His Gates"

BENEDICTION

Our worship has ended, let our service begin!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER-11/22/2020

OFFERING LAST WEEK: \$1,076.74 - \$290.57 less than budget

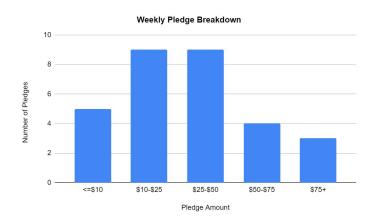
OFFERING 2020 TO DATE: \$500 less than budget

END OF OCTOBER (83% of the year):

♣ FUNDRAISING INCOME:
 ♣ TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME:
 ♣ 60% of annual budget

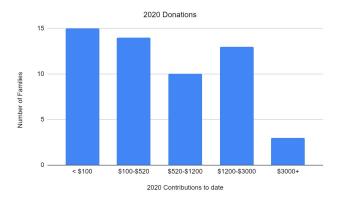
♦ TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES: 61% of annual budget

As this is Promise/Pledge Sunday, we ask that you give prayerful consideration to what you can pledge to support the mission and ministry of the Oldtown Church by completing our 2020 Pledge form. You can do this online at https://www.oldtownucc.org/pledge or download and print a form from that page and mail it to us. Here is some information about our current year's pledges and giving by family to help you determine what you can pledge for the year.



In 2020, 30 families pledged their support to Oldtown, most of them promising to give between \$10 and \$50 each week.

2020 has been a challenging year. About half of our families have given less than \$520 for the year and half have given more, some substantially more, and we are extremely thankful!



"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 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."

 \sim 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NRSV)