

At Home Worship with the Oldtown Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
North Attleborough, MA | January 31, 2021



WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

*When the darkness appears and the night draws near
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

OPENING PRAYER

 **SHARE**

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 – Matthew 8:23-27

NT 10

 **REFLECT**

SERMON – “Shadows” - An Oldtown Short”

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 – “Be Not Afraid”

BENEDICTION

Our worship has ended, let our service begin!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – 1/31/2021

OFFERING LAST WEEK: **\$1,010.46 – \$222.23 less** than budget

OFFERING 2021 TO DATE: **\$300 more** than budget

END OF 2020:

✠ FUNDRAISING INCOME:	\$7,728.66	(26% of annual budget)
✠ TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME:	\$88,617.63	(76% of annual budget)
✠ TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$90,889.70	(78% of annual budget)
✠ BUDGET SHORTFALL :	\$2,270.07	
✠ NON-BUDGETED INCOME:	\$10,064.40	
✠ NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES:	\$16,225.01	
✠ TOTAL SHORTFALL FOR 2020:	\$8,430.48	

The non-budgeted expenses for 2020 include \$6,000 from last year’s surplus that we transferred back to the investments to repay part of the \$16,000 we borrowed to cover the expenses of our 2019 Schoolhouse Improvement Project. So, if you remove that from our “shortfall” above, our expenses for 2020 only exceeded our income by **\$2,430.48**. For a year like 2020 was, we did an **outstanding job** of keeping up with our giving and managing our expenses!!

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

~ **Philippians 4:4-7 (NRSV)**