

At Home Worship with the Oldtown Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
North Attleborough, MA | March 7, 2021



WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - "Bind Us Together"

Refrain:

*Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together,
Bind us together with love.*

*There is only one God, there is only one King;
There is only one Body, that is why we sing:*

Refrain

*You are the family of God, you are the promise divine;
You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine.*

Refrain

OPENING PRAYER



PREPARING TO LISTEN “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.*

*Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.*

SCRIPTURE – John 15:5

NT 134

 **REFLECT**

SERMON – “Bear Much Fruit”

HYMN OF PREPARATION– “One Bread, One Body”

C#393

Refrain:

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

*Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.*

Refrain:

*Many the gifts, Many the works,
one in the Lord of all.*

Refrain:

*Grain for the field, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.*

Refrain:

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

SENDING HYMN– “In Christ There is No East or West”

C#687

*In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one community of love
throughout the whole wide earth.*

*In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord,
close binding humankind.*

*Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be;
all children of the living God
are surely kin to me.*

*In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north:
all loving hearts are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.*

BENEDICTION

Our worship has ended, let our service begin!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – 3/7/2021

OFFERING LAST WEEK: **\$961.46 – \$271.23 less** than budget

OFFERING 2021 TO DATE: **\$200 less** than budget

TO-DATE AS OF END OF JANUARY (8.3% of the year):

‡ FUNDRAISING INCOME: **\$117.91** (0.7% of annual budget)

‡ TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME: **\$5,263.86** (5.8% of annual budget)

‡ TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES: **\$5,362.73** (5.1% of annual budget)

‡ NON-BUDGETED INCOME: **\$233.31**

‡ NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES: **\$1,600.00**

‡ TOTAL **SHORTFALL** FOR 2021: **\$1,465.56**

As we all look forward to the time when we can gather together safely again, it's easy to focus on the joy of simply being back together, of seeing old friends we've missed for so long, and catching up on all the time that has passed. Our church gatherings give us so much more than that. Pastor Kelly's "weekly wondering" question this week asks us to think deeper about what makes gathering in our church setting so important to us. **"What was a sacred moment that you experienced in Oldtown that you treasure?"** Email PastorKelly@oldtownucc.org your treasured sacred moment and what it means to you.

"But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart."

~ **Luke 20:19 (NRSV)**