

At Home Worship with the Oldtown Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
North Attleborough, MA | March 21, 2021



WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - "I Love to Tell the Story"

C# 480

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.*

[Refrain:]

*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.*

[Refrain]

*I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.*

[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 Mark 11:15-17

NT 58

 **REFLECT**

SERMON – “Cleansing Power”

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 – “He is Among Us”

BENEDICTION

Our worship has ended, let our service begin!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – 3/21/2021

OFFERING LAST WEEK: **\$1,323.07 – \$90.38 more** than budget

OFFERING 2021 TO DATE: **\$100 less** than budget

TO-DATE AS OF END OF FEBRUARY (16.7% of the year):

✠ FUNDRAISING INCOME: **\$371.42** (2.5% of annual budget)

✠ TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME: **\$10,282.90** (11.4% of annual budget)

✠ TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES: **\$16,684.61** (16.1% of annual budget)

✠ NON-BUDGETED INCOME: **\$2,083.31**

✠ NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES: **\$1,850.00**

✠ TOTAL **SHORTFALL** FOR 2021: **\$6,168.40**

We are doing a good job of “keeping up” with our budgeted giving for the year. But please remember that we also have a large budget shortfall to make up for this year. We ask that you prayerfully consider whether you can increase your giving to Oldtown. Even a small increase—say five dollars a week—will go a long way towards balancing our budget. As we continue to move closer towards reopening and restarting activities in our building, the expenses to make all of those things possible will undoubtedly increase. We thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the work and mission of our church.

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.”

~ **James 1:27 (NRSV)**