

At Home Worship with the Oldtown Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
North Attleborough, MA | April 25, 2021



WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - *“Love Lifted Me”*

*I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.*

Refrain:

*Love lifted me. Love lifted me.
When nothing else could help, love lifted me.
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OPENING PRAYER



PREPARING TO LISTEN “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

C# 190

*Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here:
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.*

SCRIPTURE 1 John 3:16-24

NT 292

 **REFLECT**

SERMON – “Laying Down our Lives”

PREPARING FOR PRAYER “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.*

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 – “They’ll Know We Are Christians”

BENEDICTION

Our worship has ended, let our service begin!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – 4/25/2021

OFFERING TWO WEEKS AGO: **\$2,050.91 – \$736.49 more** than budget

OFFERING LAST WEEK: **\$876.26 – \$438.16 less** than budget

OFFERING 2021 TO DATE: **\$1,900 more** than budget

TO-DATE AS OF END OF MARCH (25% of the year):

- ✚ FUNDRAISING INCOME: **\$371.42** (2.5% of annual budget)
- ✚ TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME: **\$17,050.00** (18.9% of annual budget)
- ✚ TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES: **\$22,593.26** (21.7% of annual budget)
- ✚ NON-BUDGETED INCOME: **\$2,085.80**
- ✚ NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES: **\$2,276.49**
- ✚ TOTAL **SHORTFALL** FOR 2021: **\$5,733.95**

As we get closer to being able to get back together, we’re asking everyone for their thoughts on what church life will be when we return. In addition to always being able to email church@oldtownucc.org with ANY questions, thoughts, or suggestions you may have, we currently have two surveys that have been sent out asking for your thoughts on Christian Education and on gathering again in our sanctuary. Check your **Oldtown Update** email from April 23 for the links or email us and we’ll get them to you.

“The human mind may devise many plans, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will be established.”

~ Proverbs 19:21 (NRSV)