

At Home Worship with the Oldtown Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
North Attleborough, MA | May 9, 2021



WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING SONG - "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

C#585

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

*Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.*

MOMENT OF PRAYER

 **SHARE**

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 John 15:9-17

NT 134

 **REFLECT**

SERMON – “Friends”

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER - “Breathe on me Breath of God”

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 – “Pass it On”

BENEDICTION

Our worship has ended, let our service begin!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – 5/9/2021

OFFERING LAST WEEK: **\$692.82 – \$621.60 less** than budget

OFFERING 2021 TO DATE: **\$700 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**

Now that more folks are getting vaccinated every day, we are excited to announce the return of one of our best fundraising events, our Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, May 15th, weather permitting. In order to be safe, we will be holding the yard sale at the schoolhouse completely outside. We'll be following proper COVID precautions including social distancing and mask wearing. We still need help setting up in the morning at 6:30 am and breaking things down again at 2:00 pm. If you can help, please contact [Ed Clavette](#).

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.”

~ **Psalms 100:1-3 (NRSV)**