

At Home Worship with the Oldtown Church

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
North Attleborough, MA | May 16, 2021



WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - *“For the Fruits of all Creation”*

C#714

*For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God.
For good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.*

*In the just reward of labor, God’s will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will be done.*

*For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.*

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 Psalm 1

OT 602

 **REFLECT**

SERMON – “Grounded”

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 – “Simple Gifts”

BENEDICTION

Our worship has ended, let our service begin!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – 5/16/2021

OFFERING LAST WEEK: **\$2,080.60 – \$766.08 more** than budget

OFFERING 2021 TO DATE: **\$1,400 more** than budget

TO-DATE AS OF END OF APRIL (33% of the year):

- ✠ FUNDRAISING INCOME: **\$1,561.42** (10.4% of annual budget)
- ✠ TOTAL BUDGETED INCOME: **\$24,812.00** (27.5% of annual budget)
- ✠ TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES: **\$28,339.81** (27.3% of annual budget)
- ✠ NON-BUDGETED INCOME: **\$2,090.29**
- ✠ NON-BUDGETED EXPENSES: **\$2,276.49**
- ✠ TOTAL **SHORTFALL** FOR 2021: **\$3,714.01**

We’ve had some very exciting announcements this week, from the resumption of our yard sales to the big one everyone’s been waiting for—a reopening date for our sanctuary!!! Now begins the work of making all of these things happen. Now is the time for all of us to reimagine what it means to be the church, why we gather together physically or virtually, and what are the things we are called to do in this world. Dare to dream, but then make it happen!

“From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.”

~ **Luke 12:48b (NRSV)**