

First Congregational Church of Rowley, United Church of Christ
The Order of Morning Worship
Drive in Service - 90.3 FM – September 6, 2020 @ 10am

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Tom Bentley

Call to Worship

Karl Schmuch

Leader: How shall we live in the love of God?

All: We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.

Leader: How shall we witness God's forgiving love?

All: We will reach out others with compassion.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who has always loved us.

All: Let our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope and peace. AMEN.

Opening Song – “The Church’s One Foundation” (*see insert for lyrics*)

New Testament Reading

Karl Schmuch

Romans 13:8-14 *The Message*

Don't run up debts, except for the huge debt of love you owe each other. When you love others, you complete what the law has been after all along. The law code—don't sleep with another person's spouse, don't take someone's life, don't take what isn't yours, don't always be wanting what you don't have, and any other “don't” you can think of—finally adds up to this: Love other people as well as you do yourself. You can't go wrong when you love others. When you add up everything in the law code, the sum total is *love*.

But make sure that you don't get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all your day-by-day obligations that you lose track of the time and doze off, oblivious to God. The night is about over, dawn is about to break. Be up and awake to what God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the salvation work he began when we first believed. We can't afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight. Get out of bed and get dressed! Don't loiter and linger, waiting until the very last minute. Dress yourselves in Christ, and be up and about!

Moment of Music “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” (*sung by Sara Groves*)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (*in unison*)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

Gospel Reading

Karl Schmuck

Matthew 18:15-20 *New International Version*

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be^[d] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[e] loosed in heaven.

“Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

Message: “How the ‘Called Out’ Should Call Out.”

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

Benediction

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Communion Sunday this month is September 13th.

The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word:
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Blessed Be The Tie (Sara Groves Version)

Before our father's throne
We pour our heart in prayer
Our fears and hopes are one
Out comforts and our cares

Blessed be the tie
That binds our hearts
In Christian love

We share each other's woes
Our common burdens bear
And love for each other
The sympathizing tear

Blessed be the tie
That binds our hearts
In Christian love
Blessed be the tie
That binds our hearts
In Christian love

Oh, kindred heart
It's like heaven above
It's like heaven
Oh, kindred heart
It's like heaven above
It's like heaven

Blessed be the tie
That binds our hearts
In Christian love, oh
Blessed be the tie
That binds our hearts
In Christian love