

**First Congregational Church of Rowley, United Church of Christ**  
**The Order of Morning Worship**  
**July 11, 2021 - Communion Sunday**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Tom Bentley**

**Call to Worship**

**Patti Cummings**

Leader: We give thanks for the wonderful gift of awareness that allows us to know the presence of a Creative Spirit.

**People: Yes, we join together in giving our thanks.**

Leader: For everything we have.

**People: For everything we see**

Leader: For everything we do.

**Leader and People: For everyone we love and everyone who loves us we give thanks and celebrate. Praise be to God the source of all.**

**Opening Song "Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer" <https://youtu.be/SkVT8O5E1rM>**

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
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**New Testament Reading      Ephesians 1:11-14****Patti Cummings**

It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.

It's in Christ that you, once you heard the truth and believed it (this Message of your salvation), found yourselves home free—signed, sealed, and delivered by the Holy Spirit. This down payment from God is the first installment on what's coming, a reminder that we'll get everything God has planned for us, a praising and glorious life.

**Call to Offering****Moment of Music. "Breathe on Me Breath of God" <https://youtu.be/fhsUJpP9bPs>**

Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with yours, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with you the perfect life for all eternity.

**Doxology <https://youtu.be/mUco1i7fEns>**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above the Heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost...*

**Prayer of Dedication****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****Mark 6:7-13 *The Message*****Patti Cummings**

Jesus called the Twelve to him, and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority and power to deal with the evil opposition. He sent them off with these instructions:

"Don't think you need a lot of extra equipment for this. *You* are the equipment. No special appeals for funds. Keep it simple.

“And no luxury inns. Get a modest place and be content there until you leave.

“If you’re not welcomed, not listened to, quietly withdraw. Don’t make a scene. Shrug your shoulders and be on your way.”

Then they were on the road. They preached with joyful urgency that life can be radically different; right and left they sent the demons packing; they brought wellness to the sick, anointing their bodies, healing their spirits.

**Message: “Sharing the Story”**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Closing Song “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

<https://youtu.be/PLp85eLlaIM>

Sent forth by God’s blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended.  
O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,  
With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

**Benediction: Rev. Tom Bentley**

## Events/Calendars

There are openings for the communion table on:

- 8/1
- 8/22 and
- 8/29

If you're interested in donating flowers for any of those weeks, please contact Debbie Confalone at: [dconfalone@comcast.net](mailto:dconfalone@comcast.net).



**Topic: CE Meeting to discuss SS and Youth Group**  
**Time: Jul 21, 2021 07:00 PM Via Zoom**

**Service for Gerry Ernstrom 7/24**  
**Saturday, July 24 @11am**

**CCN Meeting 7/27 @6:30pm**  
**Tuesday, July 27·6:30 – 7:30pm**



# ANNUAL EZEKIEL ROGERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

HOSTED BY  
THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF ROWLEY  
SEPTEMBER 18TH

FAR CORNER GOLF COURSE, BOXFORD, MA

8:15AM - REGISTRATION, 9AM SHOTGUN START  
AFTER TOURNAMENT EVENT W LUNCH BEGINS AT 2PM.

- \$150 PER PERSON INCLUDES GOLF AND LUNCHEON
- \$35 LUNCHEON
- \$150 CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP
- \$75 FAMILY SPONSORSHIP
- \$500 LUNCH SPONSORSHIP

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AT THE "AFTER THE TOURNAMENT" EVENT.

