

**First Congregational Church of Rowley, United Church of Christ**  
**The Order of Morning Worship**  
**Drive in Service - 90.3 FM – August 9, 2020 @ 10am**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Tom Bentley**

**Call to Worship**

**Don Thurston**

Leader On a summer morning it is a good morning to be together!

**All: Drawn by the warmth of faces familiar and new,  
to the welcoming space of this sacred place.**

Leader: In this safe place let us open ourselves to  
new understanding, reassurance, and hope

**All: For this is a place where truth, love, and challenge meet.  
It is a good morning to be together.**



**Opening Song “Spirit of the Living God, Fall Fresh on Me”** *(see attached lyrics)*

**New Testament Reading**

**Don Thurston**

**Romans 1:5-15. *New International Version***

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**Moment of Music. “Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary”** *(see attached lyrics)*

**Joys and Concerns**

**Text Before Service: 978-973-2362**

**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**

**Don Thurston**

#### **Matthew 14:22-33. *The Message***

As soon as the meal was finished, he insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people. With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night.

Meanwhile, the boat was far out to sea when the wind came up against them and they were battered by the waves. At about four o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them walking on the water. They were scared out of their wits. "A ghost!" they said, crying out in terror.

But Jesus was quick to comfort them. "Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid."

Peter, suddenly bold, said, "Master, if it's really you, call me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come ahead."

Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink.

He cried, "Master, save me!"

Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. Then he said, "Faint-hearted, what got into you?"

The two of them climbed into the boat, and the wind died down. The disciples in the boat, having watched the whole thing, worshiped Jesus, saying, "This is it! You are God's Son for sure!"

### **Message: "In Trust We God"**

**Benediction: Rev. Tom Bentley**

## **Song Lyrics**

### **Spirit of the living God**

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me. Fall fresh on me.

### **Sanctuary**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You x5

With Thanksgiving I'll be a living Sanctuary for you x2