

First Congregational Church of Rowley, United Church of Christ

The Order of Morning Worship

Drive in Service - 90.3 FM – August 2, 2020 @ 10am

Communion Sunday - Baptism of Victoria Savory

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Tom Bentley

Call to Worship

Jen Loring

Leader: Good Morning! Welcome to a celebration of God's love for us!

All: We surely need to see that love; stresses weigh us down.

Leader: You've come to the right place. This is a place where all of us can seek God's presence and share our deepest inmost concerns with God.

All: We are glad to hear that, for we wrestle with our faith far too often.

Leader: Don't fear! God is with you always, loving and transforming your lives.

All: Lord of mercy and compassion, be in our hearts this day. Help us to reach out with love to others. AMEN.



Opening Song - Morning Has Broken

(see insert for lyrics)

Sacrament of Infant Baptism – Victoria Savory

(see insert)

Song: “We Bring the Little Children” *(see insert)*

New Testament Reading

Jen Loring

Romans 9:1-5 *The Message*

At the same time, you need to know that I carry with me at all times a huge sorrow. It's an enormous pain deep within me, and I'm never free of it. I'm not exaggerating—Christ and the Holy Spirit are my witnesses. It's the Israelites . . . If there were any way I could be cursed by the Messiah so they could be blessed by him, I'd do it in a minute. They're my family. I grew up with them. They had everything going for them—family, glory, covenants, revelation, worship, promises, to say nothing of being the race that produced the Messiah, the Christ, who is God over everything, always. Oh, yes!

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

Jen Loring

Matthew 14: 13-21 *The Message*

When Jesus got the news, he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick.

Toward evening the disciples approached him. “We’re out in the country and it’s getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper.”

But Jesus said, “There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper.”

“All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish,” they said.

Jesus said, “Bring them here.” Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.

Message: “A Bounty for the Receiving”

Rev. Tom Bentley

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Note: Holy Communion will be conducted in this special manner during our Drive- In worship service. Rev. Bentley will offer the liturgy and following the blessing of the elements members of the Diaconate will distribute these from a basket to your vehicles. Please open the enclosed containers, taking in first together the bread in the form of a wafer when the pastor says: “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never hunger. Whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

Following that you will be invited to drink together the unfermented wine with the words “Jesus says ‘I am the vine and you are the branches.’ As oft as you drink of this cup you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes”

Prayer Following Communion

All: Almighty God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world full of courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Benediction:

Rev. Tom Bentley

LYRICS

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dew fall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, Mine is the morning
Born of the One Light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day

We Bring the Little Children

We bring the little children to this your church O Lord
Baptizing them with water, Your Spirit and Your Word
As Jesus showed us his caring for those in years so young
Help us in all our sharing, Show them the faith begun.

REFRAIN: We bring the little children
To this your church O Lord
Baptizing them with water
Your Spirit and Your Word

Remind us Lord when seeing all children here baptized
Of vows made for our living, of hope and faith realized
Refresh us in commitment to Christ's redeeming ways
And bring us to fulfillment as we live out our days.