

**First Congregational Church of Rowley
United Church of Christ
The Order of Morning Worship
June 7, 2020 - 10am**



175 Main Street, PO Box 364, Rowley, MA 01969

Phone: 978-948-3993

Email: first.church@verizon.net

Web: www.firstchurchrowley.org

Drive in Service

Welcome and Announcements.

Rev. Tom Bentley

Call to Worship (*inspired by Psalm 8*)

All: What are we as human beings that you are loving and you care for us?

Leader: You have made us a little lower than your divine wisdom and blessed us with privilege and honor.

All: You have made us caretakers of this amazing creation.

Leader: All life is a gift to us from you including all the other life forms in this world we share with them.

All: Thank you God for the miracle of life.

Let us sing to God as long as we live.

Opening Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Tom Bentley

Opening Song:

TBD

New Testament Reading

David Irving

2 Corinthians 13:5-14 *The Message Translation*

Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it. I hope the test won't show that we have failed. But if it comes to that, we'd rather the test showed our failure than yours. We're rooting for the truth to win out in you. We couldn't possibly do otherwise.

We don't just put up with our limitations; we celebrate them, and then go on to celebrate every strength, every triumph of the truth in you. We pray hard that it will all come together in your lives. I'm writing this to you now so that when I come I won't have to say another word on the subject. The authority the Master gave me is for putting people together, not taking them apart. I want to get on with it, and not have to spend time on reprimands.

And that's about it, friends. Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure. Greet one another with a holy embrace. All the brothers and sisters here say hello.

The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.

Moment of Music.

Madison Butler – Flute

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (*in unison*)

The Lord's 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 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

David Irving

Matthew 28:16-20 *The Message Translation*

Meanwhile, the eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee, headed for the mountain Jesus had set for their reunion. The moment they saw him they worshiped him. Some, though, held back, not sure about *worship*, about risking themselves totally.

Jesus, undeterred, went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."

Message: Rev. Tom Bentley. "Going in for a Spiritual Checkup"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Benediction:

Rev. Tom Bentley

PARTICIPANTS

Minister:	Rev. Tom Bentley
Musician:	Madison Butler – Flute
Music Director:	Karl Schmuck
Lay Reader:	David Irving
Deaconess:	Patti Cummings (B), Penny Hurley
Jr. Deaconess:	Kathy Blouin, (J)
Deacon:	Mike Blouin

Prayer List

Whenever there is a need for spiritual support, you are encouraged to call anyone on the Prayer Chain with your concerns and they will inform the others so that our prayers of love and support can be with you immediately.

The Prayer Chain members are as follows: Mike Blouin (978-948-3885); Patti Cummings: (978-948-8176); Kay Dalzell (978-948-2674); David & Donna Irving (978-948-7020); Nicola Pyburn (978-948-2598); Ken Sanford (978-948-2847); Dennis Ward (979-432-1021); or Les Warren (978-352-7551).

Alice (Al & Carol Locke's daughter)	Jean (Sally McRae's cousin)
Doris Bradstreet (Residence at Riverbend)	Gretchen Lee (friends of Bev and Doug Phillips)
Nancy Cook and her daughter	Al Locke
Dede Todd	Sally McRae
Helen Downing	Ginny Merry
Millie and Nat Dummer	Barry and Karen Moore
Betty and Paul Duval	Virginia Olson
Ken Flewelling (Amy Rotberg's father)	Beverly Phillips;
Al Fowler (Friend of Sally McRae's)	Elaine Pyburn
Dorothy Spurling	Kurt Reese
Linda Lemay (Rhonda Ward's friend)	Mary Fronczek (Pam Sanford's mother at Seaview)
Jean Short (Kay Dalzell's neighbor)	