

**First Congregational Church of Rowley, United Church of Christ  
The Order of Morning Worship  
May 17, 2020 @ 10am**

**Words of Welcome Rev. Tom**

**Announcements**

**Opening Prayer of  
Invocation. Rev. Tom**

**Opening Music TBD**

**Call to Worship** (*Inspired by  
Psalm 66*)



Leader: Bless God, good people;  
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**All: Praise to the God who loves us**  
(please flash your lights once)

Leader: Praise the One who holds our souls in life,  
and will not allow our feet to slip.

**All: Praise to the God who loves us**  
(please flash your lights once)

Leader: Come and listen, all you who love God,  
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

**All: Blessed be God, who hears our prayers  
and never holds back the love we can know in Jesus.**  
(Please flash your lights twice saying "Amen")

**Gospel Reading**

**John 14:15-21 *The Message Translation***

"If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you. I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can't take him in because it doesn't have eyes to see him, doesn't know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be *in* you!

“I will not leave you orphaned. I’m coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you’re going to see me because I am alive and you’re about to come alive. At that moment you will know absolutely that I’m in my Father, and you’re in me, and I’m in you.

“The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that’s who loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and make myself plain to him.”

### **Joys & Concerns of the Church in Prayer**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (*in unison led by Rev. Tom Bentley*)

**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.**

#### **Morning Message “Hanging In with the Love of Jesus”**

**Closing Prayer and Benediction.** *Offered by Rev. Tom Bentley at the closing of his message)*

**In lieu of an offering during the service the folks gathered will be invited to place their gifts in the basket provided as they depart.**