

**First Congregational Church of Rowley
United Church of Christ
Order of Morning Worship
Drive in Service - 90.3 FM
July 12, 2020 @ 10am**

**Welcome and Announcements
Rev. Tom Bentley**

Call to Worship **Patti Cummings**
(adapted from Psalm 104)

Leader: O God, how majestic are your works!

All: In Wisdom God created the world!

Leader: The earth is full of God's creatures.

All: May the Glory of the Lord endure throughout the earth.

Leader: Let us worship...

All: With the deer in the forests and the trees of the field

Leader: Let us worship our God of all creation!

All : Let us sing praises to the Creator!

Opening Song "Breathe on Me Breath of God" (Lyrics Enclosed)

New Testament Reading **Patti Cummings**

Romans 8: 6-11 NRSV

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Moment of Music. TBD

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

Patti Cummings

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 NRSV

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Message: " Setting the Mind by the Spirit"

Benediction: Rev. Tom Bentley

Lyrics for Breathe on Me Breath of God

1 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.

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

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
stir in me one desire:
That every earthly part of me
may glow with holy fire.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.