

**First Congregational Church of Rowley, United Church of Christ
Order of Morning Worship
2nd Indoor Worship Service - May 16, 2021 @ 10am**

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Tom Bentley

Call to Worship

Patti Cummings

Leader: Welcome! We are gathered here to celebrate the great promise! Patti Cummings

All: Our hearts are ready to receive this good news.

Leader: Jesus asked all of his friends to live lives reflecting the

All: We are numbered among these friends!

Leader: Open your hearts today. Hear God's special word just for you!

All: Lord, help us to be ready to receive your word and to live in your love. AMEN.



Opening Song: “Somewhere Over the Rainbow – O What a Wonderful World”

<https://youtu.be/zxINxehADKQ> (see lyrics below)

New Testament Reading 1 John 5:9-15 The Message Patti Cummings

If we take human testimony at face value, how much more should we be reassured when God gives testimony as he does here, testifying concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God inwardly confirms God's testimony. Whoever refuses to believe in effect calls God a liar, refusing to believe God's own testimony regarding his Son.

This is the testimony in essence: God gave us eternal life; the life is in his Son. So, whoever has the Son, has life; whoever rejects the Son, rejects life.

My purpose in writing is simply this: that you who believe in God's Son will know beyond the shadow of a doubt that you have eternal life, the reality and not the illusion. And how bold and free we then become in his presence, freely asking according to his will, sure that he's listening. And if we're confident that he's listening, we know that what we've asked for is as good as ours.

Moment of Music: “He Who Would Valiant Be” – Words by John Bunyan 1684

Sung by Jake Fetrow - Music by Maddy Prior with the Carnival Band

<https://youtu.be/zFPIKnyiwK4> (see lyrics below)

Time for the Celebration of our Children and Youth

Our year of programs and activities concludes at the end of May. It has been a challenging year for everyone – our young people, their families, program leaders, and staff. Congratulations to all who have worked so hard, and thank you to everyone in the congregation who participated with the programs and helped support the effort.

Joys and Concerns (prayer requests can be texted to 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

John 17:6-19. NRSV

Patti Cummings

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Message: "Our Co-Mission with Jesus"

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**Closing Song: "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" – John Rutter arranged by Bobby
Goulder (a one-person choir) (see lyrics below) <https://youtu.be/f5C0Zg5C2Us>**

Benediction:

Rev. Tom Bentley

PARTICIPANTS

Minister: Rev Tom Bentley
Lay Reader: Patti Cummings
Deacon: Dennis Ward

Music Director: Karl Schmuch
Deaconess: Nancy Schmidt

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: Patti Cummings (978)948-8176, Patti.Cummings@livanova.com; Kay Dalzell (978)948-2674, kdalzell@comcast.net; David & Donna Irving (978) 948-7020, dvd Irving@aol.com; Nicola Pyburn (978)948-2598, nicola.pyburn@gmail.com; Ken Sanford (978)948-2847, kcsanford1@gmail.com; Dennis Ward (978)432-1021, rward3024@comcast.net; Jerry & Nancy Schmidt (978)388-1417, schmidtnancy36@gmail.com, jschmidt22@comcast.net; or Les Warren (978) 352-7551; leswarren3@gmail.com.

Alice (Al & Carol Locke's daughter)	Al Locke
Family of Doris Bradstreet	Helen Downing
Nancy Cook and her daughter	Duval Family
Gretchen Lee (friends of Bev and Doug Phillips)	Millie and Nat Dummer
Ken Flewelling (Amy Rotberg's father)	Ginny Merry
Al Fowler (Friend of Sally McRae's)	Sally McRae
Kurt Reese	Family of Mame Delaney
Jean (Sally McRae's cousin)	Linda Lemay (Rhonda Ward's friend)
Beverley Phillips	Pat and Steve True
Elaine Pyburn (resident at Sunrise in Lynnfield)	Dede Todd
Jean Short (Kay Dalzell's neighbor)	Helen Dobbins
Gerry Ernstrom	Billy Prime
Robbie Marshall	Bill Glynn and Family
Lisa Levandowski and family	Colin Wilson (Rhonda Ward's father)
Arnold and Patti Cisco	Douglas Stoddard (Judy Robillard's son)

Flowers on the Communion Table today are given in loving memory of her aunts, Helen and Nancy Somborger by Helen Dobbins.

Missions Committee

- **Cookies and Conversation:** The Missions Committee invites you to join us for Cookies and Conversation on May 23rd following the service. Topics to include the opening of the church, and how we can help urge Congress to change the laws to advocate for refugees per Sunny's information.



Congratulations to our HS Seniors!

We wish to congratulate you on your graduation success! May God's graces be with you as you step ahead towards your dreams.

- Samantha Mariniello
- Alexandra Flodman
- Sarah Harrington
- Claudia Umanita
- Cameron Cummings

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Hi Friends.

As you know, we will be going back to Sunday services "indoors" starting 5/9. The Flower Committee has openings in June for the communion table .

Please contact Deb Confalone if you're interested: dconfalone@comcast.net, 781-290-6502.

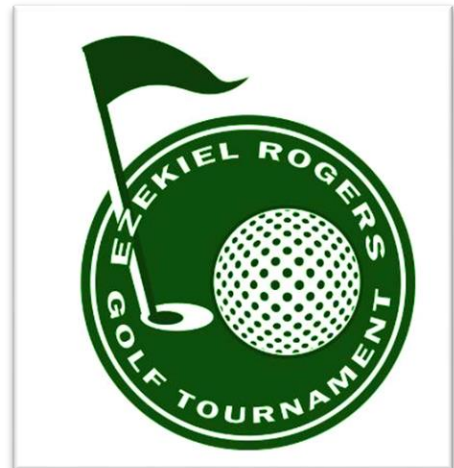
The Flower Committee



SAVE THE DATE!!! More details to follow in the June Steeple Notes edition.

For now:
Annual Ezekiel Rogers Golf Fundraiser
Saturday, September 18th
Far Corners Golf
Boxford, MA

Looking for golfers and volunteers on the day of the event. Please contact Debbie Confalone at dconfalone@comcast.net or 781.290.6502.



“Somewhere Over the Rainbow – O What a Wonderful World”

<https://youtu.be/zxINxehADKQ>

**Ooh-oooh-oooh , Ooh-oooh-oooh-oooh
Ooh-oooh-oooh , Ooh-oooh-oooh-oooh
Ooh-oooh-oooh, Ooh-oooh-oooh**

**Somewhere over the rainbow
Way up high
And the dreams that you dream of
Once in a lullaby, aaii**

**Somewhere over the rainbow
Bluebirds fly
And the dreams that you dare to
They really do come true-oooh-oooh**

**Someday I'll wish upon a star
Wake up where the clouds are far behind me
Where trouble melts like lemon drops
High above the chimney tops that's where
You'll find me, oh**

**Somewhere over the rainbow
Bluebirds fly
And the dreams that you dare to
Oh why, oh why can't I? I I I?**

**Well I see trees of green
And red roses too
I watch them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself what a wonderful world**

**The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people passing by
I see friends shaking hands
Saying how do you do?
There really saying I, I love You...**

**I hear babies crying
And I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than we'll know
And I think to myself what a wonderful world.**

**Ooh-oooh-oooh, Ooh-oooh-oooh-oooh
Ooh-oooh-oooh, Ooh-oooh-oooh-oooh
Ooh-oooh-oooh, Ooh-oooh-oooh**

“He Who Would Valiant Be”

**Who would true valor see,
Let him come hither;
One here will constant be
Come wind come weather
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.**

**Who so beset him round
With dismal stories,
Do but themselves confound—
His strength the more is.
No lion can him fright,
He'll with a giant fight;
But he will have a right
To be a pilgrim.**

**Hob-goblin nor foul fiend
Can daunt his spirit.
He knows he at the end
Shall life inherit.
Then, fancies, flee away!
He'll not fear what men say,
He'll labor night and day
To be a pilgrim.**

**Who would true valor see,
Let him come hither;
One here will constant be
Come wind come weather
There's no discouragement
Shall make him once relent
His first avowed intent
To be a pilgrim.**

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

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The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,

To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you,

To shine upon you and be gracious, and be gracious unto you

The Lord lift up the light

Of His countenance upon you,

The Lord lift up the light

Of His countenance upon you,

And give you peace,

And give you peace,

And give you peace,

And give you peace

Amen

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