

**First Congregational Church of Rowley, United Church of Christ**  
**Order of Morning Worship**  
**Drive in Service - 90.3 FM – January 31, 2021 @ 10am**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Rev. Tom Bentley**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: From the pillar of fire and cloud of smoke, God led the people.

**All: Praise be to God!**

Leader: Through the voices of the prophet, God proclaimed the way to live.

**All: Praise be to God!**

Leader: Through the power and witness of Jesus Christ, God offered us new life.

**All: Thanks be to God who has showered us with blessing upon blessing! AMEN.**

**Opening Song “Arise Your Light Has Come”** (*see lyrics attached from #164 of the New Century Hymnal*). <https://youtu.be/KoHkmJDazDk>

**Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20 The Message Nicola Pyburn**

God, your God, is going to raise up a prophet for you. God will raise him up from among your kinsmen, a prophet like me. Listen obediently to him. This is what you asked God, your God, for at Horeb on the day you were all gathered at the mountain and said, “We can’t hear any more from God, our God; we can’t stand seeing any more fire. We’ll die!”

And God said to me, “They’re right; they’ve spoken the truth. I’ll raise up for them a prophet like you from their kinsmen. I’ll tell him what to say and he will pass on to them everything I command him. And anyone who won’t listen to my words spoken by him, I will personally hold responsible.

“But any prophet who fakes it, who claims to speak in my name something I haven’t commanded him to say, or speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet must die.”

**Moment of Music: “Nearer My God to Thee” (Silo sessions) Sounds Like Reign**  
<https://youtu.be/Q6-R7zYeb9w>

**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 Mark 1:21-28. *The Message***

**Nicola Pyburn**

Then they entered Capernaum. When the Sabbath arrived, Jesus lost no time in getting to the meeting place. He spent the day there teaching. They were surprised at his teaching—so forthright, so confident—not quibbling and quoting like the religion scholars.

Suddenly, while still in the meeting place, he was interrupted by a man who was deeply disturbed and yelling out, “What business do you have here with us, Jesus? Nazarene! I know what you’re up to! You’re the Holy One of God, and you’ve come to destroy us!”

Jesus shut him up: “Quiet! Get out of him!” The afflicting spirit threw the man into spasms, protesting loudly—and got out.

Everyone there was spellbound, buzzing with curiosity. “What’s going on here? A new teaching that does what it says? He shuts up defiling, demonic spirits and tells them to get lost!” News of this traveled fast and was soon all over Galilee.

**Message: “What Does it Mean to be a Prophet of God?”**

**Closing Music: “Be Not Afraid” (sung by Catholic Artists at Home) *(see lyrics attached)*.**

<https://youtu.be/RF0DlpFOoBq>

**Benediction:**

**Rev. Tom Bentley**

# Pop the Trunk



Hosted by the  
First Congregational Church  
of Rowley's Youth Group  
Saturday, Feb 27 @10am

Parking LOT

## **Food and Toiletry Drive**

Load up your trunk with non-perishable food and toiletries, drive up and we will safely unload your donations.

Food donations will go to Lazarus House Food Pantry.

Toiletry donations will go the Rowley Food Pantry.

Bins will be made available for collection at the church's Sunday Drive in Services too.

For more information, email: [first.church@verizon.net](mailto:first.church@verizon.net)



Welcome to

## *The Journey in the Spirit*

*Starting February 17<sup>th</sup> with our Zoom  
Ash Wednesday Service at 7 PM  
and continuing via Zoom for the seven  
Thursdays of Lent at 7 PM. Discover your  
“Spiritual Type”.*

*Explore your faith questions and learn  
new ways to find how to be OK in this  
time of isolation and challenge. Please  
see additional information in this  
Steeple Notes or at [firstchurchrowley.org](http://firstchurchrowley.org)*

# Arise, Your Light Is Come

*Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21*

*Ruth Duck, 1973*

1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!

Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!  
Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

*Adapted by the Ecumenical Women's*

Tune: FESTAL SONG S  
*William Walter, 1*

### **Lyrics “Nearer, My God to Thee”**

Nearer, my God, to thee,  
Nearer to thee!  
E'en though it be a cross  
That raiseth me.  
Still all my song shall be  
Nearer, my God, to thee,  
Nearer, my God, to thee,  
Nearer to thee!

Then with my waking thoughts  
Bright with thy praise,  
Out of my stony griefs  
Bethel I'll raise;  
So by my woes to be  
Nearer, my God, to thee,  
Nearer, my God, to thee,  
Nearer to thee!

Or if, on joyful wing  
Cleaving the sky,  
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,  
Upward I fly,  
Still all my song shall be  
Nearer, my God, to thee,  
Nearer, my God, to thee,  
Nearer to thee!  
Nearer to thee!

### **Be Not Afraid**

You shall cross the barren desert  
But you shall not die of thirst  
You shall wander far in safety  
Though you do not know the way  
You shall speak your words to foreign  
men  
And they will understand  
You shall see the face of God and live  
Be not afraid  
I go before you always  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest  
If you pass through raging waters in the  
sea  
You shall not drown  
If you walk amid the burning flames  
You shall not be harmed  
If you stand before the power of hell  
And death is at your side  
Know that I am with you through it all  
Be not afraid  
I go before you always  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest