



First Congregational Church of Rowley

Order of Worship Service

Sunday, February 6 , 2022

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Tom Bentley

Call to Worship (Jeremiah 1, Luke 4)

Patti Cummings

Leader: Come! Hear the call of God: "Speak of me to my people."

People: But we are just ordinary folks. Who will listen?

Leader: "I will give you the words. I will always be with you as you speak my words of truth and justice and love."

Leader & People: We gather here to worship you, to praise you for your loving presence, and to be strengthened for the calling you have given us.

Opening Prayer:

Rev. Tom Bentley

O God, you are our rock and our fortress. In you we find strength to go on. We praise you for your gifts of faith, hope, and love. We seek to live out our call to be all you have created us to be. Help us now through the blessing of your forgiving and renewing love. As we recall those times, we have turned from you and stumbled through life, we ask you to recall us again to serve the purposes of your love - that this world of your making may become the world of your redeeming Peace and Justice. Through Jesus we pray. Amen

Opening Song: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 6: 1-8 *The Message*

Patti Cummings

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Master sitting on a throne—high, exalted!—and the train of his robes filled the Temple. Angel-seraphs hovered above him, each with six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew. And they called back and forth one to the other,

Holy, Holy, Holy is God-of-the-Angel-Armies.
His bright glory fills the whole earth.

The foundations trembled at the sound of the angel voices, and then the whole house filled with smoke. I said,

“Doom! It’s Doomsday!
I’m as good as dead!
Every word I’ve ever spoken is tainted—
blasphemous even!
And the people I live with talk the same way,
using words that corrupt and desecrate.
And here I’ve looked God in the face!
The King! God-of-the-Angel-Armies!”

Then one of the angel-seraphs flew to me. He held a live coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with the coal and said,

“Look. This coal has touched your lips.
Gone your guilt,
your sins wiped out.”
And then I heard the voice of the Master:
“Whom shall I send?
Who will go for us?”
I spoke up,
“I’ll go.
Send me!”

Moment of Music: “Will You Come and Follow Me” (The Summons)

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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 have sinned 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

Luke 5: 1-11 *The Message*

Patti Cummings

Once when he was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, the crowd was pushing in on him to better hear the Word of God. He noticed two boats tied up. The fishermen had just left them and were out scrubbing their nets. He climbed into the boat that was Simon’s and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Sitting there, using the boat for a pulpit, he taught the crowd.

When he finished teaching, he said to Simon, “Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch.”

Simon said, “Master, we’ve been fishing hard all night and haven’t caught even a minnow. But if you say so, I’ll let out the nets.” It was no sooner said than done—a huge haul of fish, straining the nets past capacity. They waved to their partners in the other boat to come help them. They filled both boats, nearly swamping them with the catch.

Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell to his knees before Jesus. “Master, leave. I’m a sinner and can’t handle this holiness. Leave me to myself.” When they pulled in that catch of fish, awe overwhelmed Simon and everyone with him. It was the same with James and John, Zebedee’s sons, coworkers with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, “There is nothing to fear. From now on you’ll be fishing for men and women.” They pulled their boats up on the beach, left them, nets and all, and followed him.

Message: Adoration-Confession-Thanksgiving-Supplication (ACTS)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Closing Song: “Whenever God Shines His Light” - *Van Morrison*

Benediction:

Rev. Tom Bentley

Deacons: Nancy and Jerry Schmidt

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

<https://youtu.be/ZAN4EojeFOY>

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

“Will You Come and Follow Me” (The Summons)

by John L. Bell & Graham Maule

<https://youtu.be/neUZJCLqYzg>

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the
same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name
be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your
name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the
same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract
or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call
my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and
footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in
me.

“Whenever God Shines His Light”

<https://youtu.be/--XE4CYGRSY>

Whenever God shines his light on me
Opens up my eyes so I can see
When I look up in the darkest night
And I know everything's going to be alright
In deep confusion, in great despair
When I reach out for him he is there
When I am lonely as I can be
And I know that God shines his light on me

Reach out for him (reach out for him), he'll be
there (he'll be there)
With him your troubles (with him your troubles)
you can share (you can share)
If you live (if you live), the life you love (the life
you love)
You get the blessing (yeah) from above (from
above)

Heals the sick and he heals the lame
Says you can do it too in Jesus' name
He'll lift you up and turn you around
And put your feet back (feet back) on higher
ground

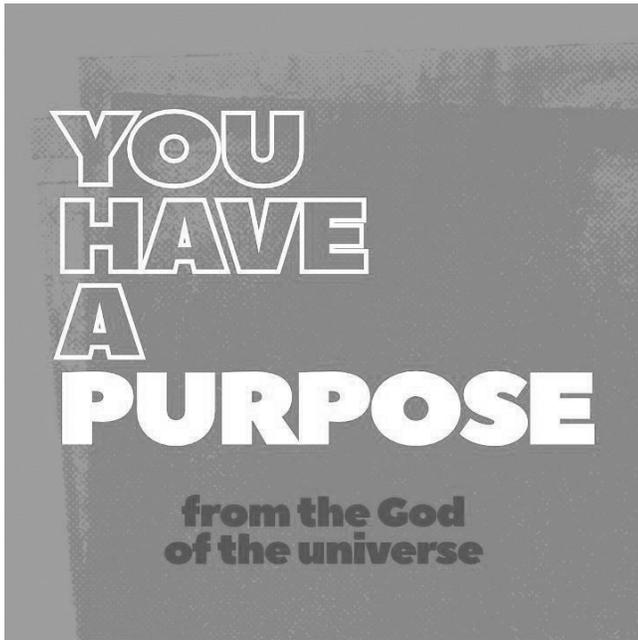
Reach out for him (reach out for him), he'll be
there (he'll be there)
With him your troubles (with him your troubles)
you can share (you can share)
Oh, you can use his higher power
Every day (every day) and any hour (any hour)

Heals the sick and heals the lame
And he says you can heal them too in Jesus'
name
He lifts you up and turns you around
Puts your feet back (puts your feet back, puts
your feet back) on higher ground

When
When he shines his light
Whenever God shines his light
On you
On you

He is the way
He is the truth
He is the light, hoo

Put your feet back, put your feet back, higher
ground, put your feet back
Higher ground
Put your feet back, put your feet back, higher
ground, put your feet back
On higher ground
Put your feet back, put your feet back, higher
ground, put your feet back
On higher ground
Put your feet back, put your feet back, higher
ground, put your feet back
On higher ground
Put your feet back, put your feet back, higher
ground, put your feet back
Put your feet on higher ground
Put your feet back, put your feet back, higher
ground, put your feet back
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Calendar

Connect with the Compassionate Care Network when you need prayer or know of someone who needs prayer or spiritual help. Reach out to us at 978-948-3993 or FirstChurchRowley@gmail.com



Missions is still accepting *Warm, New or Like-New Men's Winter Coats*, as well as **Food** for the *Rowley Food Pantry*. All items can be dropped off on Sundays after church service.

**Change in Office Hours for Feb-March:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-3pm**

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FEB, MON	
1 – 2pm - CoA Fitness Group	
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10am – 12pm - GTKU - Getting to Know Us	
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9am – 1pm - Fellowship Thrift Shop	
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10am – 12pm GTKU - Getting to Know Us	
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7 – 8:15pm - Alanon	