

First Congregational Church of Rowley, United Church of Christ
Order of Morning Worship
Drive in Service - 90.3 FM – January 24, 2021 @ 10am

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Tom Bentley

Call to Worship

Leader: Gather this day in silence and hope

All: We wait for God's word for us.

Leader: Let your hearts and spirits be open.

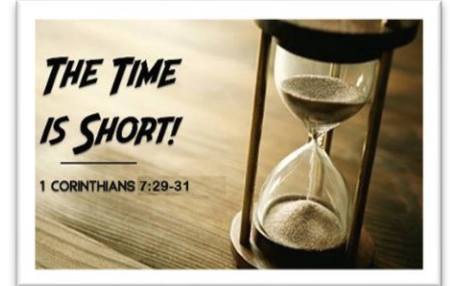
All: God is our strength and salvation.

Leader: Wait patiently for the Lord.

All: With willing hearts and spirits we wait for the Lord.

AMEN.

Ken Sanford



Opening Song "Be Thou My Vision" (see lyrics attached). https://youtu.be/6CMclLT_Hjg

New Testament Reading

Ken Sanford

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 The Message

I do want to point out, friends, that time is of the essence. There is no time to waste, so don't complicate your lives unnecessarily. Keep it simple—in marriage, grief, joy, whatever. Even in ordinary things—your daily routines of shopping, and so on. Deal as sparingly as possible with the things the world thrusts on you. This world as you see it is fading away.

Moment of Music: "He Leadeth Me" (see lyrics attached) <https://youtu.be/69Th8ehmbTo>

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

Ken Sanford

Mark 1:14-20 The Message

14-15 After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: "Time's up! God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message." 16-18 Passing along the beach of Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew net-fishing. Fishing was their regular work. Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass." They didn't ask questions. They dropped their nets and followed.

19-20 A dozen yards or so down the beach, he saw the brothers James and John, Zebedee's sons. They were in the boat, mending their fishnets. Right off, he made the same offer. Immediately, they left their father Zebedee, the boat, and the hired hands, and followed.

Message: "In the Immediate and Right at Hand"

Closing Music: "Rise Up O Men of God" (see lyrics attached.) <https://youtu.be/N4y2jOU9YTw>

Benediction:

Rev. Tom Bentley

PARTICIPANTS

Minister: Rev Tom Bentley
Lay Reader: Ken Sanford
Deacon: Les Warren

Music Director: Karl Schmuch
Deaconess: Nicola Pyburn

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, dvirving@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, schmidtncancy36@gmail.com, jschmidt22@comcast.net; or Les Warren (978) 352-7551; leswarren3@gmail.com.

Alice (Al & Carol Locke's daughter)	Al Locke
Doris Bradstreet (Residence at Riverbend)	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)	Audrey Corby
Helen Dobbins	Gerry Ernstrom
Billy Prime	Robbie Marshall
Audrey Corby	Bill Glynn and Family
Lisa Levandowski and family	

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tow'r:
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
5. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.
6. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Joseph H. Gilmore, 1834-1918

HE LEADETH ME L.M. with Refrain
William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

1 He lead-eth me, O bless-ed thought! O words with heav-en-ly com-fort fraught!
 2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur nor re-pine;
 3 And when my task on earth is done, When, by thy grace, the vic-tory's won,



What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
 Con-tent, what-ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.
 E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.



He lead-eth me, he lead - eth me, By his own hand he lead-eth me;



His faith-ful fol-lower I would be, For by his hand he lead-eth me. A-men.



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Rise Up, O Men of God!

William P. Merrill, 1867-1954

FESTAL SONG S.M.
William H. Waller, 1825-1893

1 Rise up, O men of God! Have done with less - er things;
2 Rise up, O men of God! His king-dom tar - ries long;
3 Rise up, O men of God! The Church for you doth wait,
4 Lift high the cross of Christ; Tread where his feet have trod;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

MISSION IN THE WORLD

Give heart and soul and mind and strength To serve the King of kings.
Bring in the day of broth-er-hood, And end the night of wrong.
Her strength un - e - qual to her task; Rise up and make her great.
As broth - ers of the Son of man Rise up, O men of God! A-men.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and bass line from the first system. It features the same treble and bass clef staves in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

MLK Musings from the Missions Committee

Dear Friends,

This is our message for you for the day we commemorate the birth of Martin Luther King Jr. The letter was written in part by Danby Whitmore our Chairperson with Holly's input. Our hope is this will help us all become more committed to making a difference about the challenges we face in our community and our country.

We are going through true tests of our nation and have been for some years. We have people that live by power and greed that have skewed our nation to being almost unrecognizable.

Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream. He had the aspiration that people of color would finally be accepted as equal and valued as full human beings. He wanted people of every occupation whether garbage collectors or teachers or scientists or politicians – that we all be valued the same.

We have seen over the past year people coming together in recognition that all people are not valued the same and that color is a handicap throughout life that must be surmounted. And we have the wonderful knowledge that this recognition can and will bring change, because people's eyes have been opened and they are willing to take the extra step.

My daughter told me a story this week about a woman reaching out to her POCs (People of Color) and asking how they felt about what she had done at her local Walmart. She lives in a very white area, and everyone in the store was white, except one black couple. People were giving the black couple dirty looks as they made their way through the store, so this woman walked behind them and gave everyone dirty looks back and followed the couple right to the cash register continuing right on out to the parking lot making sure they were safely on their way. She asked her POCs, "was I being creepy?" The resounding answer was no, and thank you so much for stepping up.

We all need to step up every day when we see wrong. We need to do the small things we can do. We need to require truth telling at all levels. We need to have accountability at all levels. We need to spread kindness and understanding at all levels.

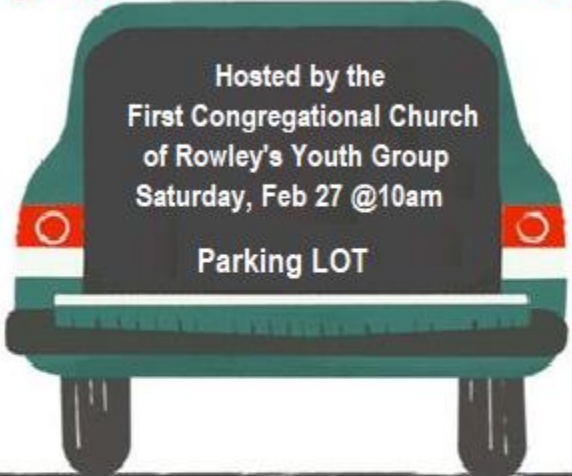
Lead with love.

Danby Whitmore
Holly Ardito

Please support the Youth Group's upcoming
POP the TRUNK Food and Toiletry Drive by
donating food and toiletry items .

February 27 @10am

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