



First Congregational Church of Rowley

Order of Worship Service

Sunday, January 16, 2022

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Tom Bentley

Call to Worship

Ken Sanford

Leader: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

People: your steadfast love finds us.

Leader: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

People: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

Leader: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

People: your steadfast presence gives us hope.

Leader: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

Leader & People: you hear our cries and answer our prayers.

Thanks be to God!

Opening Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Tom Bentley

Gracious and loving God, source of all wholeness, forgiveness, and mercy- may your Spirit heal those who are torn, mend those who are broken, and protect those who are fragile.

Enable us, O God, through the gift of your steadfast love, to remember who we are and whose we are. In your love, may we be true and faithful disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Opening Song: "God of Change and Glory" <https://youtu.be/wKaYLPM-Jtl>

New Testament Reading

Ken Sanford

1 Corinthians 12:4-11 *The Message*

God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people!

The variety is wonderful:
wise counsel, clear understanding
simple trust, healing the sick
miraculous acts, proclamation
distinguishing between spirits
tongues, interpretation of tongues.

All these gifts have a common origin but are handed out one by one by the one Spirit of God. He decides who gets what, and when.

Moment of Music: “Make Me Holy” <https://youtu.be/YR0QKyKNGZw>

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 John 2:1-11 The Message

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From Water to Wine

Three days later there was a wedding in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were guests also. When they started running low on wine at the wedding banquet, Jesus’ mother told him, “They’re just about out of wine.”

Jesus said, “Is that any of our business, Mother—yours or mine? This isn’t my time. Don’t push me.”

She went ahead anyway, telling the servants, “Whatever he tells you, do it.”

Six stoneware water pots were there, used by the Jews for ritual washings. Each held twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus ordered the servants, “Fill the pots with water.” And they filled them to the brim.

“Now fill your pitchers and take them to the host,” Jesus said, and they did.

When the host tasted the water that had become wine (he didn’t know what had just happened but the servants, of course, knew), he called out to the bridegroom, “Everybody I know begins with their finest wines and after the guests have had their fill brings in the cheap stuff. But you’ve saved the best till now!”

This act in Cana of Galilee was the first sign Jesus gave, the first glimpse of his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Message: “Gifts Everywhere”

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Closing Song: “Spirit of the Living God” <https://youtu.be/BagH-zTfnsQ>

Benediction:

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“God of Change and Glory”

<https://youtu.be/wKaYLPm-Jtl>

God of change and glory,
God of time and space,
When we fear the future,
Give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways
Give us still the grace to praise.

Refrain

Many gifts, one Spirit,
One love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing,
From diversity we praise
One Giver, one Lord,
One Spirit, one Word
Known in many ways,
Hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts,
Praise, praise, praise!

God of many colors,
God of many signs,
You have made us different,
Blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear,
Let your love cast out our fear.

Refrain

Freshness of the morning,
Newness of each night,
You are still creating
Endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part,
Many gifts from one great heart.

Refrain

“Make Me Holy”

<https://youtu.be/YR0QKyKNgZw>

Prepare my mind, prepare my soul
Prepare my heart and make me whole
Prepare me for the awesomeness of you
Renew in me a spirit strong
Remind me Lord of all that’s wrong
Create in me complete desire for you

Chorus:

Make me ho – ly, Lord
Make me ho – ly, Lord
Make me ho – ly, Lord... Like you

Consume my mind, consume my soul
Consume my heart and make me whole
Consume me with the awesomeness of you
Destroy the pride, destroy the hate
Destroy the things that separate
And keep me from returning back to you (to
chorus)

“Spirit of the Living God”

<https://youtu.be/BagH-zTfnsQ>

Chorus:

Spirit of the Living God
Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God
Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me
Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God
Fall afresh on me.



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



Calendar

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JAN, MON
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Monday, January 17
 1 – 2pm - Council on Aging (CoA) Fitness Group

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JAN, TUE
 10 – 11:30am - CoA Baking Class

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JAN, WED
 10am – 12pm GTKU - Getting to Know Us
 7 – 9pm - Diaconate Meeting

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JAN, THU
 10am – 12pm CoA - Water Color Painting
 3pm – 6pm – Fellowship Thrift Shop
 7:30 – 9pm - Alanon

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JAN, FRI
 5:30 – 10pm - Rowley Sewing Circle
 5:30 – 7pm - Boy Scouts

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JAN, SAT
 9am – 1pm - Fellowship Thrift Shop
 7 – 9pm - AA

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JAN, SUN
 Drive-In Worship 10 am

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JAN, MON
 1 – 2pm CoA Fitness Group

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JAN, TUE
 6:30 – 8pm Compassionate Care Network - CCN Meeting
 7 – 8:30pm- Exec. Committee Meeting (Zoom)

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JAN, WED
 10am – 12pm - GTKU - Getting to Know Us
 6:30 – 8pm Trustees Meeting

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JAN, THU
 7:30 – 9pm Alanon

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JAN, FRI
 5:30 – 7pm - Boy Scouts

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JAN, SAT
 9am – 1pm - Fellowship Thrift Shop
 7 – 9pm - AA