



First Congregational Church of Rowley

175 Main Street, Rowley, MA – 978-948-3993

Order of Worship Service

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Reverend Thomas Bentley



Flowers on Communion Table, Sunday, June 5

Given in memory of Brian Chase

Deacons – Penny Hurley and Ken Sanford

Lay Reader – Nancy Schmidt

A/V – Jerry Schmidt

Installation of Officers and Leaders

David Irving

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Tom Bentley

Call to Worship

Nancy Schmidt

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: This is a day of new beginnings!

All: This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.

Leader: Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

All: Let us be prepared for service to God. AMEN.

Opening Song "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

<https://youtu.be/LvCKXYNH3QA>

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help forever
and our confidence alone.

Grant, we pray, to all your faithful
all the gifts they ask to gain;
what they gain from you forever
with the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in Thy glory
evermore with Thee to reign.

To this temple, where we call Thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today;
with Thy wonted loving kindness,
hear Thy people as they pray;
and Thy fullest benediction
speak within these walls today.

Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one:
one in might and one in glory
while unending ages run! AMEN

New Testament Reading

Nancy Schmidt

Romans 8:14-17 *The Message*

God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go!

This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!

Call to Offering

Moment of Music. "In Christ There is No East or West "

<https://youtu.be/GG8hzY1OoM4>

In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great family bound by love
throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples in the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
Who serve each other in Christ's love
are surely kin to me.

In Him shall true hearts ev'rywhere
their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.

In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in Him
throughout the whole wide earth.

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly Host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayer of Dedication

Installation of New Officers, Members of Committees and Boards (see insert)

Joys and Concerns | 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 14:8-27 *The Message*

Nancy Schmidt

Philip said, "Master, show us the Father; then we'll be content."

"You've been with me all this time, Philip, and you still don't understand? To see me is to see the Father. So how can you ask, 'Where is the Father?' Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you aren't mere words. I don't just make them up on my own. The Father who resides in me crafts each word into a divine act.

"Believe me: I am in my Father and my Father is in me. If you can't believe that, believe what you see—these works. The person who trusts me will not only do what I'm doing but even greater things, because I, on my way to the Father, am giving you the same work to do that I've been doing. You can count on it. From now on, whatever you request along the lines of who I am and what I am doing, I'll do it. That's how the Father will be seen for who he is in the Son. I mean it. Whatever you request in this way, I'll do.

"If you love me, show it by doing what I've told you. I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can't take him in because it doesn't have eyes to see him, doesn't know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you and will even be *in* you!

Message: "Into the Adventure with Jesus"

Rev. Tom Bentley

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION - Rev. Tom Bentley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Most loving and gracious God. Forgive our sins; those we commit knowingly and those we do without perception of how they hurt others. Open our hearts to your Holy Spirit to hear your truth, to understand our failure and to reach a new level of understanding. Through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: *Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.*

All: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven

COMMUNION PRAYER - Rev. Tom Bentley

The pastor says “...and so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. God of power and
Might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest**

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

The pastor says: *Let us unite in the words of remembrance...*

All: We remember and give thanks for such love and goodness, and mercy.

WORDS OF BLESSING - Rev. Tom Bentley

HOLY COMMUNION

The pastor will offer instructions as how to receive the elements, and when to eat the bread and drink the unfermented wine.

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION (unison)

Almighty God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world with courage and peace rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Closing Song: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

<https://youtu.be/P6lzTJfWdmk>

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

Before our God we come
and pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

When we our pathway part,
we suffer mutual pain;
Yet one in Christ and one in heart,
we hope to meet again.

Benediction:

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Wednesday	10am	Getting to Know Us, study group
Thursday	3-6pm	Fellowship Thrift Shoppe Open
	7pm	Al Anon
Saturday	9am-1pm	Fellowship Thrift Shoppe Open
	7pm	AA
Sunday	10am	Worship
Monday & Thursday	9:30- 10:30am	COA Fitness Group
Wednesday, and Friday	1pm-2pm	YMCA Fitness Groups
Sunday, June 12	11am	Baby Shower honoring Salib family, following Church Service
Save the date: Ezekiel Rogers Golf Tournament, September 17, 2022		

