



First Congregational Church of Rowley

Order of Worship Service

Sunday, January 30, 2022

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Tom Bentley

Call to Worship (Jeremiah 1, Luke 4)

Nicola Pyburn

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:

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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 Jeremiah 1: 1, 4b-8 *The Message*

The Message of Jeremiah's son of Hilkiyah of the family of priests who lived in Anathoth in the country of Benjamin.

God's Message began to come to him. This is what God said:

"Before I shaped you in the womb,
I knew all about you.

Before you saw the light of day,
I had holy plans for you:
A prophet to the nations—
that's what I had in mind for you."

But I said, "Hold it, Master God! Look at me.
I don't know anything. I'm only a boy!"
God told me, "Don't say, 'I'm only a boy.'
I'll tell you where to go and you'll go there.
I'll tell you what to say and you'll say it.
Don't be afraid of a soul.
I'll be right there, looking after you."

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 4: 16-30 *The Message*

He came to Nazareth where he had been raised. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. When he stood up to read, he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written,

God's Spirit is on me;
he's chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor,
Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and
recovery of sight to the blind,
To set the burdened and battered free,
to announce, "This is God's time to shine!"

He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, "You've just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place."

All who were there, watching and listening, were surprised at how well he spoke. But they also said, "Isn't this Joseph's son, the one we've known since he was just a kid?"

He answered, "I suppose you're going to quote the proverb, 'Doctor, go heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we heard you did in Capernaum.' Well, let me tell you something: No prophet is ever welcomed in his hometown. Isn't it a fact that there were many widows in Israel at the time of Elijah during that three and a half years of drought when famine devastated the land, but the only widow to whom Elijah was sent was in Sarepta in Sidon? And there were many lepers in Israel at the time of the prophet Elisha but the only one cleansed was Naaman the Syrian."

That set everyone in the meeting place seething with anger. They threw him out, banishing him from the village, then took him to a mountain cliff at the edge of the village to throw him to his doom, but he gave them the slip and was on his way.

Message: "Voices of the Courageous"

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

Benediction:

Rev. Tom Bentley

Deacons: Penny Hurley, Les Warren

“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

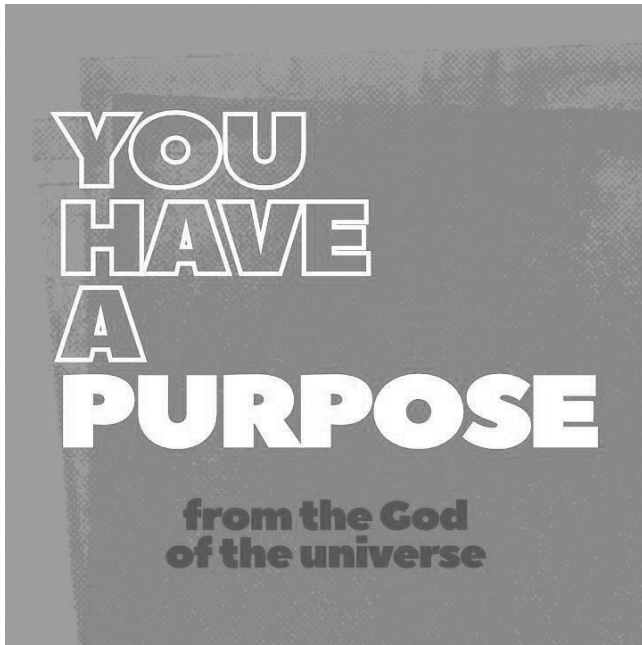
Reach out for him (reach out for him), he'll be
there (he'll be there)
With him your troubles (with him your troubles)
you can share (you can share)
Oh, you can use his higher power
Every day (every day) and any hour (any hour)

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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JAN, MON
1 – 2pm CoA Fitness Group

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FEB, TUE
Black History Month
6:30 – 8pm - Compassionate Care Network
6:30 – 8pm - Boy Scouts Monthly Meeting

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FEB, WED
10am – 12pm - GTKU - Getting to Know Us

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FEB, THU
3-6pm – Fellowship Thrift Shoppe
7:00 – 8:15pm – Alanon

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FEB, FRI
5:30 – 7pm - Boy Scouts

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FEB, SAT
9am – 1pm - Fellowship Thrift Shoppe
7 – 9pm - AA

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FEB, SUN
10am - Worship

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FEB, MON
1 – 2pm - CoA Fitness Group

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FEB, TUE
7 – 8:30pm - Executive Committee meeting

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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**