



First Congregational Church of Rowley

Order of Worship Service October 24, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

Reverend Tom Bentley

Flowers given by Ann Murphy in loving memory of Lt. Robert L. Hale by his family

Deacons: Jen Loring, Ken Sanford

Lay Reader: Patti Cummings

Call to Worship

Patti Cummings

Leader: In the midst of darkness, there is light.

People: In the midst of blindness, we will be given sight.

Leader: Our Savior, Jesus Christ, brings healing love to us.

People: Let the light of Jesus' love, breakthrough our blindness and fill our world with glory.

Leader: Tear away the bonds that trap us in darkness, Lord and wipe away all our fears so that we may boldly proclaim your Love.

Leader and People: Give us the courage, Loving God, to stand for truth and serve the needs of others with compassion and wisdom.

Opening Song "Come Now, Almighty God" (*words on the screen*)

Old Testament Reading

Patti Cummings

Job 42:1-6 *The Message*

Job answered God:

"I'm convinced: You can do anything and everything.

Nothing and no one can upset your plans.

You asked, 'Who is this muddying the water,

ignorantly confusing the issue, second-guessing my purposes?'

I admit it. I was the one. I babbled on about things far beyond me,

made small talk about wonders way over my head.

You told me, 'Listen, and let me do the talking.

Let me ask the questions. *You* give the answers.'

I admit I once lived by rumors of you;

now I have it all firsthand—from my own eyes and ears!

I'm sorry—forgive me. I'll never do that again, I promise!

I'll never again live on crusts of hearsay, crumbs of rumor."

Call to Offering

Moment of Music: "Come and See" (*sung by Michael Card*)

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 - 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

Mark 10:46-52. *The Message*

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They spent some time in Jericho. As Jesus was leaving town, trailed by his disciples and a parade of people, a blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was sitting alongside the road. When he heard that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by, he began to cry out, "Son of David, Jesus! Mercy, have mercy on me!" Many tried to hush him up, but he yelled all the louder, "Son of David! Mercy, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stopped in his tracks. "Call him over."

They called him. "It's your lucky day! Get up! He's calling you to come!" Throwing off his coat, he was on his feet at once and came to Jesus.

Jesus said, "What can I do for you?"

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

"On your way," said Jesus. "Your faith has saved and healed you."

In that very instant he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road.

Message "Brave Enough to See"

Closing Song: "Rain Down"

Benediction: Rev. Tom Bentley