



First Congregational Church of Rowley

Order of Worship Service

Sunday, January 23, 2022

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Welcome and Announcements

Reverend Tom Bentley

Call to Worship

Les Warren

Leader: God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

People: Earth below receives the good news with great joy.

Leader: The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God.

People: By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.

Leader: Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.

People: Lord, make us ready for great service in your name. AMEN.

Opening Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Tom Bentley

Leading and Guiding God, you have opened the doors to us for true service. We are encouraged to become involved in ministries of peace and justice. The light of promise is reflected in your Spirit which rests in each one of us. Get us ready to serve you. Guide our lives, as we learn more of what you would have us do. AMEN.

Opening Song: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

<https://youtu.be/spE-BE23qxA>

New Testament Reading

Les Warren

1 Corinthians 12:25-31

The Message

The way God designed our bodies is a model for understanding our lives together as a church: every part dependent on every other part, the parts we mention and the parts we don't, the parts we see and the parts we don't. If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance.

You are Christ's body—that's who you are! You must never forget this. Only as you accept your part of that body does your "part" mean anything. You're familiar with some of the parts that God has formed in his church, which is his "body"

Moment of Music: "Blest are They " <https://youtu.be/1ymkibw21bl>

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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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: 14-21 *The Message*

Jesus returned to Galilee powerful in the Spirit. News that he was back spread through the countryside. He taught in their meeting places to everyone's acclaim and pleasure.

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."

Message: "God's Time to Shine"

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Closing Song: "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

<https://youtu.be/Ky94UuOlrnA>

Benediction:

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“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

<https://youtu.be/spE-BE23qxA>

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and
love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee

“Blest Are They”

<https://youtu.be/1ymkibw21bl>

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the
kingdom of God. Blest are they, full of sorrow;
they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice, and be glad! Blessed are you,
holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the
kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones: they shall inherit
the earth. Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.

Refrain: Rejoice, and be glad! Blessed are you,
holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the
kingdom of God!

Blest are they, who show mercy; mercy shall be
theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see
God!

Refrain: Rejoice, and be glad! Blessed are you,
holy are you! Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the
kingdom of God!

“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

<https://youtu.be/Ky94UuOlrnA>

You have come down to the lakeshore.
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.
Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes,
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I've abandoned my small boat;
Now with you, I will seek other seas.

You know full well what I have, Lord;
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
Just these my fishnets and will for working.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes,
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I've abandoned my small boat;
Now with you, I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, my exhaustion,
Working love for the rest of the weary,
A love that's willing to go on loving.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes,
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I've abandoned my small boat;
Now with you, I will seek other seas.

You who have fished other waters;
You, the longing of souls that are yearning;
O loving Friend, you have come to call me.
Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes,
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I've abandoned my small boat;
Now with you, I will seek other seas.



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.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-3pm

Big Thank You to our Deacons for being present and taking on tasks for the Outdoor Worship to run smoothly. To Eric Fila for taking care of the Audio logistics all month. The readers who've helped Rev. Tom not feel alone out there and of course, to Reverend Tom for braving the cold to lead worship on these Wintery Sundays. We pray for those Omicron numbers to go down, so we can safely worship inside again.

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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	
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