

THE FIRST CHURCH OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

United Church of Christ & Unitarian Universalist Association

May 20, 2018 Service of Word 10:00 A.M.

Children's Sunday/Sacrament of Baptism

Gathering Songs Rosemary Valentine, Organist
Welcome Rev. Ashton

Centering Music "Jesus Loves Me"
Choral Response " H No. 462

Call to Worship

L: God's loving Spirit is here with us now.

P: Praise be to God!

L: The Spirit breaks down all barriers that separate.

P: Praise be to God!

L: Come and worship in the unity of the Spirit.

P: We come as one to worship God.

* Hymn "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" H No. 165

Chalice Lighting

Wisdom Proverbs 22:6
Point your children in the right direction,
When they are old they won't be lost.

Lighting

We light this candle to affirm and promote Jewish and
Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love
by loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Prayer

**Dear God, thank you for inviting us to be with you in your home
today. Amen.**

Time of Reconciliation

Invitation "Create in Me a Clean Heart" H No. 414

Prayer of Confession

**It is easy to see pride and prejudice in other people. And it is
tempting to think we're better and smarter than they are. But,
God, we are no different. We too are foolishly proud. We too are
afraid of people who are different from ourselves. Forgive us, O
God. Help us to see and celebrate your life-giving Spirit within
the whole creation, within all people, at all times, through Jesus
Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" H No. 146

Scripture

Psalm 23

H No. 604

(Choir sings choral response . . . Leader reads odd verses. . . congregation reads even verses)

Pastoral Prayers

"Cares Chorus"

*I cast all my cares upon you; I lay all my burdens down at your feet
and anytime that I don't know what to do; I cast all my cares upon you.*

R: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Merciful God, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love:

We pray for all those who are in need of healing in mind, body,
spirit, and soul _____ **R**

We pray for those who have died _____ **R**

We remember those who suffer from abuse, oppression, war,
injustice, and violence _____. We ask
that the peace of Christ enter every heart that God's
goodwill be realized on earth. **R**

We rejoice with those who rejoice _____ **R**

May our church ministries of _____
_____ be a blessing to you. **R**

We are mindful of those who are unable to gather in communities
of faith on your Sabbath, those in need of travel mercies, and
families that gather today. Bless and keep them _____ **R**

Silent prayer... Lord's Prayer... "Eagle's Wings" chorus, H No. 385

Scripture

Acts 2:1-14

(Pew Bible Pg. 1056)

Dramatic Reading of Scripture

(insert)

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

Acts 2:1-14, 2:14b-21, 37-39

Hymn "I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry" H No. 516

Thank Offerings

Invitation Jenny Williams, Deacon
Anthem Choir
*Doxology H No. 563
*Offering Prayer

Covenant

Sacrament of Baptism
Alby Joseph Amara
Victoria Rose Jensen
Randolph MacLean Pratt

Sunday School Presentations

* Hymn "Hymn of Promise" H No. 474

* Benediction First Church President

L: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you."

P: We give thanks for the peace of Christ.

L: Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you."

P: We embrace the love of Christ.

L: Jesus said, "The Spirit will come and stay with you forever."

P: We go forth in the power of the Spirit.

L: Go in peace and love, and live spirit-filled lives all of your days.

* Congregational Response "We Are Marching" H No. 153

* Postlude Rosemary Valentine, Organist

On Sunday, May 13, we collected \$1,686.00 towards meeting our weekly budget need of \$1,451.00.

The Mission and Outreach Committee has named the month of May as "*Pet Foods and Supplies*" month. Please bring in your donations on any Sunday to help stock the shelves of the W.B. Food Pantry.

Our **Lobster Roll Sale** will be held on Friday, June 1st. Please see Jenny Williams or call the church office to reserve your lunch. Price per lunch is \$12.00.

Fair Craft Class – A craft class, to make crafts to be sold at our fair, will be held on Saturday, June 9th, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Please let Jane Hatch know if you can help. Also, remember to bring your bag lunch.

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"We the members of The First Church of West Bridgewater united by the love of one another and guided by the teachings of Jesus, hold it to be our purpose to maintain a welcoming house for the worship of God; to teach and study the lessons of our faith, to develop programs for those in need; and to sponsor fellowship opportunities. All this we support in order to build a mutually sustaining and caring community of faith."