

Gathering Songs

Greeting Rev. Ashton

Prelude Rosemary Valentine

Chalice Lighting Muriel Goucher
We light this candle to honor the words and deeds of prophetic women and men which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love.

Unison Opening Prayer No. 13
Muriel Goucher

* Hymn "Ride On! Ride on in Majesty!" No. 185

* Litany of Confession

L: *Surprising God, You come to our lives in ways we do not expect.*

P: We ask for success; You teach us acceptance.

L: *We ask to be loved; You ask us to love.*

P: We ask for ease; You challenge us.

L: *We ask for a triumphant Messiah; You come as one obedient to death,*

P: We glorify the winner, You glorify the loser who died on a cross.

L: *Walk among us, surprising God of peace. Sanctify our joys and our successes; turn our hearts to You. At the name of Jesus, we bow before You. May Your name be glorified in Your church, now and always.*

* Response "Sanctuary" No. 555
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

Scripture Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 No. 699
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.

That we might be mindful of our connectedness to You and to all creation through the Holy Spirit...

We pray with You for healing for those who are ill in mind, body, spirit and soul. We lift up to You for Your healing touch...

Gary B., Bob, Don, Bill Ellison, Michele English, Bob Gray, Joan Green, Amy, Abigail & Chloe Hanson, Louise Kaziun, Hailey Marie Loughren, David Pope, Steven Powers, Jenna Rose Pratt, Doris Reardon, Ronald Reed, Susan Reilly, Eileen Skippar, Ruth Snow, Steven, Chuck Tartaglia, Marcie Weston

We suffer with You and with those who are in pain from violence, injustice, and war. We pray with Jesus for those who have died.

We remember those who are absent from communities of faith on Your Sabbath days and those who have no church home.
Anna Ames, Muriel and George Earle, Barbara Ginn, Marietta Kent, Phyllis Kierstead

We rejoice with You and with those who are celebrating Your good gifts and joyous moments of life.

We rejoice with You for the ministries of First Church. We ask You to bless us as we work together to do some earthly good.

We listen silently for Your Word to us...

The 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, forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

"Eagle's Wings"

God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Scripture John 12:12-16 (Pew Bible Pg.1043)

Sermon "The Burden of Title" Rev. Ashton

Offertory

Invitation P. Alta Pratt, Deacon

*In fulfillment of our covenant with one another to sustain
the ministry of this church, let us receive our morning offering.*

Anthem "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Choir

* Doxology No. 562

Verse 1: Tune of No. 562

Verse 2:

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all.*

* Hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" No. 524

Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, we give You 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 in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy
Spirit. Amen.**

* Hymn "Are Ye Able," Said the Master" No. 188

* Benediction and Blessing First Church President

L: Go into the world in peace.

P: Jesus Christ is victorious over all the powers of this earth.

L: You are free to live and die with courage,

*Rev. Ashton: Trusting in God your strength, and the Holy Spirit
your comfort. Amen.*

* Response "Let There Be Peace on Earth" No. 308

* Postlude Rosemary Valentine

** Please stand as you are able*

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify.

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.
You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.
You judge people and nations by your righteousness will declared
through the prophets and apostles.
In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen
Savior,
you have come to us and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.
You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and
races.
You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism
and eat at his table of victory.
You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.
Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

