

***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Communion***



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Prelude “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Joseph Martin

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** Wendy Oliver, Liturgists

Liturgist: As we gather, may we open our hearts to receive life.

People: We come with hope for renewal.

Liturgist: We confess the times when we fail to

People: ...love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Liturgist: We fail to see our neighbors in need.

People: Abiding God, also forgive us when we reject love

Liturgist: ...from others, and shut down completely.

People: In our confession, we pray your abiding love

Liturgist: ...be shown through the ways we love more fully.

People: Give to us your grace and restore to us

Liturgist: ...your love that is forgiven and fearless.

People: God, we desire for your loving Spirit

Liturgist: ...to renew and strengthen us daily.

People: In our time of worship, we come seeking to learn

Liturgist: ...and to draw closer to God. Come, let us worship!

Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” No. 68

Prayer of Invocation

Scripture John 15:1-17

Communion Meditation “How We Grow” Reverend Dr. Wayne E. Earl

The Sacrament of Communion

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass

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.

Hymn “Christ Be My Leader” No. 453

Benediction

Postlude *Menuet gothique* Léon Boëllmann

68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise to thee an al - tar, hith-er by thy help I've come;
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let thy good-ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee;

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise his name— I'm fixed up - on it— name of God's re - deem-ing love.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre-cious blood.
here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Christ Be My Leader

Unison

1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;
 2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;

safe through the dark - ness, for he is the Way.
 drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the Truth.
 death can - not hold me for he is the Life. Nor

Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care,
 Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand,
 dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can

dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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