

***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Communion***



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The flowers at the lectern are given for the glory of God to our daughter, Christina Renoni, on the occasion of her birthday, by Ralph and Cathy Giannetti.

Prelude "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Marianne Kim
arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** Charlie Oliver, Liturgist

Liturgist: We come here to learn to be witnesses...

People: ...although we did not walk with Jesus in Galilee.

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People: ...although we were not chosen by lot among the disciples.

Liturgist: We come here to learn to be witnesses.

People: It is enough that we heard the story from others. It is enough that we have been given the choice. With trembling hearts, we come here to learn to be witnesses.

***Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" No. 502

***Prayer of Invocation**

Liturgist: Let us pray together

All: Steadfast God, you are faithful to us to show us how to be faithful to you and to your ways. We are fragile and temporal, generation follows generation, your people are born and die, some come and stay and some turn away. Grant us steadfast souls; grant us unwavering vision. Enable us to rise to the tasks you set before us, to meet the challenges, to answer your invitation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Response "Gloria Patri" No. 734

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Anthem "Welcome to God's Love" Mark A. Miller

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Joys and Concerns of the People

Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray as Christ our savior has taught us.

All: 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.

Offertory

***Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 34

***Prayer of Dedication**

Scripture John 15:9-17 NT pg. 105

Sermon "My Friend, My Friend" Reverend Dr. Will Sencabaugh

***Hymn** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 473

Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Out of respect, grape juice is substituted for wine.

Communion Prayer

Minister: Christ be with you,

People: And also, with you.

Minister: Let us lift up one another.

People: Let us lift up one another to God.

Minister: Let us give thanks to God who is still speaking and listening and interacting with creation.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Minister: Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation... With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Minister: We remember that on the night... "Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us that, as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

All: In the fellowship Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Wine

Minister: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.
Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

Sharing of the Elements.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Let us pray together.

All: God of all the ages—thank you for the blessing of meeting us here at this table. We share in this sacrament as Jesus shared with his friends, in an upper room, two thousand years ago. May this sacred food inspire us as it has so many others, since that day. May this holy meal sustain us and give us the strength to serve our friends, our family, our neighbors in this community and throughout the world. Amen.

*Hymn "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" vs 1, 2 & 5 No. 90

*Benediction

Response

"Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

No. 711, vs. 1

Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
we give you thanks before our worship cease,
and now departing, wait your word of peace.

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major

C. S. Lang

If you are leaving the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly.

*Throughout the bulletin, when you see an * you are invited to stand if you are able.*

Be Thou My Vision

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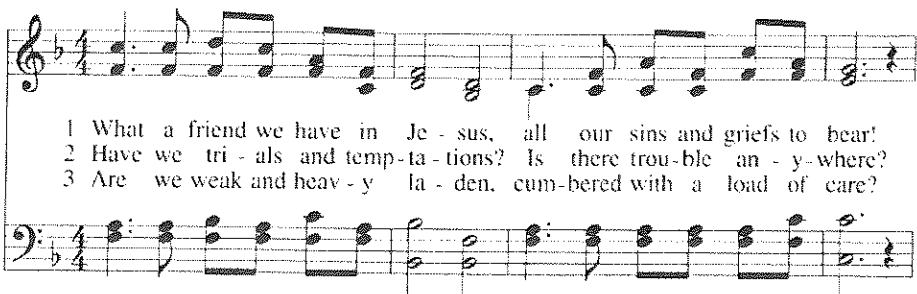
1 Be thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart:
 2 Be thou my Wis - dom, and thou my true Word,
 3 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won.

naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

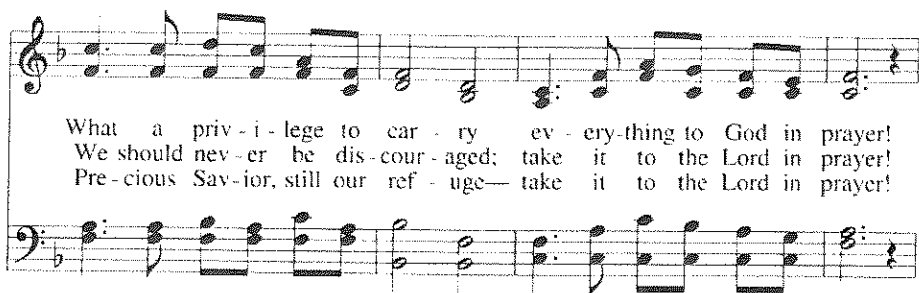
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light,
 high King of heav - en, my Treas - ure thou art,
 still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

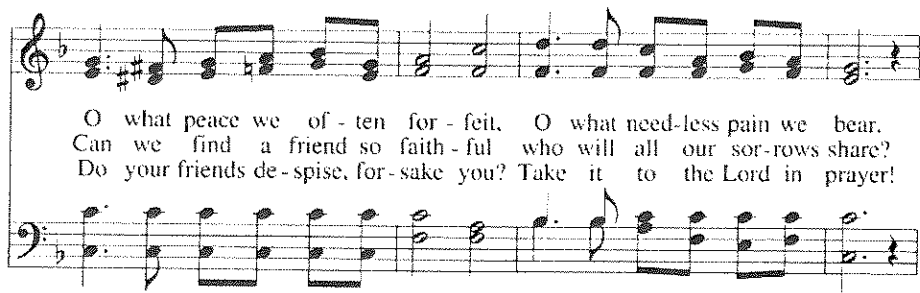
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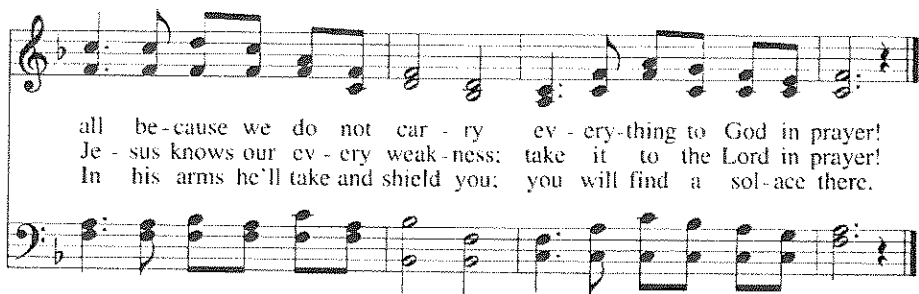
1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!



O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear.
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

90 Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

1 Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! Lov - er
 2 Je - sus! what a Strength in weak - ness! Let me hide my -
 3 Je - sus! what a Help in sor - row! While the bil - lows
 4 Je - sus! what a Guide and Keep - er! While the tem - pest
 5 Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in

of my soul; friends may fail me, foes as - sail me,
 self in him; tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing,
 o'er me roll, e - ven when my heart is break - ing,
 still is high, storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me,
 him I find, he has grant - ed me for - give - ness.

Refrain

he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 he, my Strength, my vic - tory wins.
 he, my Com - fort, helps my soul. Hal - le - lu - jah! what a
 he, my Pi - lot, hears my cry,
 I am his, and he is mine.

Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend! Sav - ing,

help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

The Lead Deacon this month is Marcia Weidner.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 5 th	10:00 am 11:15 am	Gathering Worship / Communion Christian Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 8 th	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Communion Visitation Team Meeting Cub Scout Pack 33 Den Meetings
Thursday, 9 th	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 11 th	8 to Noon 6 to 8 pm	All-Church Work Day – <i>Sign up at the Office</i> COFFEE HOUSE & OPEN MIC
Sunday, 12 th <i>Mothers Day</i>	10:00 am	Worship / Sunday School
Wednesday, 15 th	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Pack 33 Den Meetings
Thursday, 16 th	5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Board of Deacons Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 18 th	9 to Noon 7:00 pm	INDOOR / OUTDOOR YARD SALE! OURE PLEASURE SINGERS 40TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT
Sunday, 19 th <i>Pentecost</i>	10:00 am 2:00 pm	Worship / Sunday School Old Colony Association Annual Meeting
Monday, 20 th	2:00 pm 3 to 5 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Food Pantry Distribution Facilities Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 22 nd	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Pack 33 Den Meetings PFLAG Meeting
Thursday, 23 rd	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	June / Summer VOICE Deadline Bell Choir Rehearsal Administration Committee Meeting Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 25 th	12:00 pm	Music School Recital - Sanctuary

Women's Fellowship is holding our annual **INDOOR/OUTDOOR YARD SALE** on May 18th from 9:00 am to Noon. You may contact Sandy Saunders to sign up for your slot at the **YARD SALE**. There are still a few openings Please tell your friends and neighbors about it. There will be a snack bar and many of our usual tables including books, toys, jewelry, antiques & collectibles, Christmas, kitchen and Grandpa's Garage! Drop of your donations as soon as you can and contact Sandy or the church office if you have any questions.

THE FOOD PANTRY is in particular need of cereal and fruit juices. Please consider picking some extras up this week and dropping them off in the Parlor or at the church office/kitchen. *Thanks!*