

***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
March 16, 2025
Second Sunday in Lent***



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Dedication

The flower arrangement honors the brave citizens and supporters of Ukraine.

Prelude

Prelude on an Old Folk Tune

Mrs. H. H. A. Beach

("The Fair Hills of Eire, O")

[Amy Marcy Cheney Beach]

Prelude on an Old Irish Church Melody

C. V. Stanford

(ST. COLUMBA: "The King Of Love My Shepherd Is")

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Cathy Giannetti, Liturgist

Liturgist: Pause and take a deep breath---

Feel the power of that air within you. Let it go...

Take another breath...

Imagine that it is breath of God---given for you, that you might have life.

As you take your next few breaths, feel the strength and love of God entering your being...

Come, let us worship God.

*Hymn

"O Christ the Same"

No. 433

*Prayer of Invocation

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

All: God of mountains and valleys, of sunshine and moonlight:

You are present with us when we are in a crowd, when we are

alone, and at all times in between. Assure us of your presence,

and empower us to embrace difference in our world.

Strengthen us to be discerning of change to which you call us

and empower us in our daring to step out in that direction,

trusting that you never abandon us. 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

"God Be Merciful unto Us and Bless Us"

Philip W. J. Stopford

(Psalm 67)

Sunday School Dismissal

The Lead Deacon this month is Wendy Oliver assisted by Ralph Giannetti.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 16 th	10:00 am 11:15 am 11:30 am 3:00 pm	Worship / Sunday School Christian Education Meeting Marketing Committee Meeting Oure Pleasure Celtic Concert
Monday, 17 th	2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 18 th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Discussion Group Sloth & Diligence Administration Committee Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, 19 th	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	'The Chosen' Discussion Group Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 20 th	5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Board Of Deacons Virtual Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal Scout Troop 34 Meeting Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 22 nd	9:00 am	Intergenerational Sacred Dance Practice
Sunday, 23 rd	10:00 am 11:15 am	Worship / Sunday School Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, 25 th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	April Voice Deadline Discussion Group Wrath & Forgiveness Administration Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 26 th	5:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	'The Chosen' Discussion Group Cub Scout Meeting PFLAG Meeting
Thursday, 27 th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal Scout Troop 34 Meeting Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 29 th	9:00 am	Intergenerational Sacred Dance Practice
Sunday, 30 th	10:00 am 11:15 am	Worship / Sunday School Palm Sunday Processional Practice
Monday, 31 st	3:00 pm	Food Pantry Distribution
April		
Tuesday, 1 st	6:00 pm	Discussion Group Envy & Kindness
Wednesday, 2 nd	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	'The Chosen' Discussion Group Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 3rd	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal Scout Troop 34 Meeting Adult Choir Rehearsal

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O Christ the Same

1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es,
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears:
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide,
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main.

e - ter - nal Lord, the King of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing.

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love, in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

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 MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. John Barnard (1948-)

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O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en,
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies, and set the stars a - blaze,
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power,
 for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee.

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en,
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Morning Has Broken

Unison

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing.
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en.
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
 born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den.
 Praise with e - la - tion. praise ev - ery morn - ing.

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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 MUSIC: Gaelic melody; arr. David Evans (1874-1948)

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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.

WORDS: Irish hymn, 8th c.; tr. Mary E. Byrne (1880-1931); versed Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935)
 MUSIC: Irish melody; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)

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