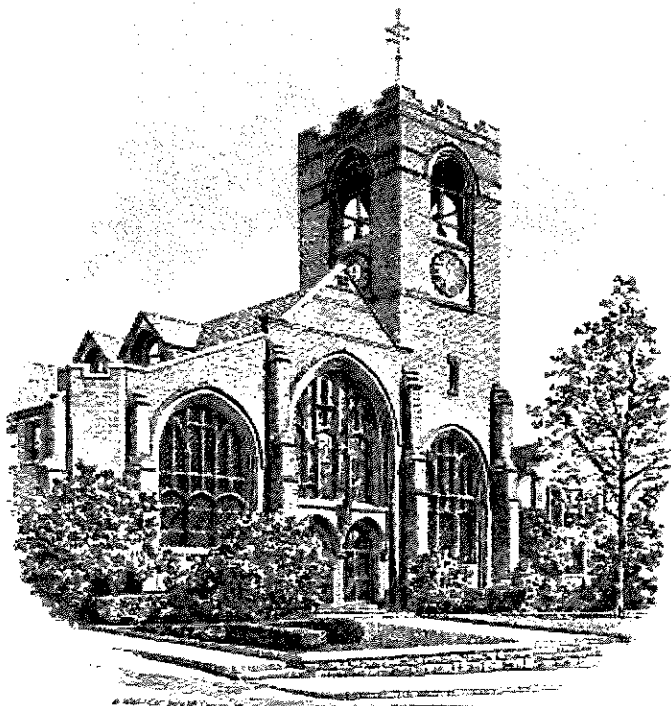


***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
September 21, 2025
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost***



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Prelude

“Come, Thou Fount”

arr. Joseph M. Martin

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship:**

Heather Carey, Liturgist

Liturgist: Come forward, people of God, to turn back. Advance in discipleship to retreat from sin.

People: Empty your hands and heart of worldly distractions that they may be filled with the good things of God.

Liturgist: The Creator desires no less than this – that we lose ourselves as we have been shaped by the world.

People: That we might be found, reborn, as God’s children!

***Hymn**

“Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

No. 459

***Prayer of Invocation**

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

All: God of heaven, God whose will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven, we praise your name because it is not your will that one should be lost, but that all be gathered together in one body in Jesus Christ. Receive us as your children; remold, remake us so that your image, reflected in our lives, might shine the brighter as a beacon so that others might find you as well. These things we pray in your 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

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Joe Cox

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		
*Hymn	“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”	No. 457
Scripture	Luke 16:1-13	NT p. 77
Sermon	“Adversity Stimulates Creativity”	Rev. Dr. Will Sencabaugh
*Hymn	“Christ Be My Leader”	No. 453
*Benediction		
Response	<i>“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”</i> 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.	<i>No. 711, vs. 1</i>
Postlude	<i>Allegro</i> (Symphony IV, movement 1)	William Boyce

*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.*

The Lead Deacon this month is Karen Slawson assisted by Nancy Tariot.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 21 st	10:00 am	Worship / Sunday School
Monday, 22 nd		October Voice Deadline
Tuesday, 23 rd	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Rev. Will at Burgundian Book Study – The First Paul
Wednesday, 24 th	6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Cub Scout Meeting PFLAG Meeting
Thursday, 25 th	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Board of Deacons Zoom Meeting Rev. Will at Skyroc Troop 34 Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 27 th	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Sacred Dance Practice Uno Tournament & Dinner
Sunday, 28 th	10:00 am 11:15 am 11:15 am	Worship / Sunday School Church Council Meeting Discussion Group “The Chosen”
Monday, 29 th	3:00 pm	Food Pantry Distribution
Tuesday, 30 th	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Rev. Will at Burgundian Book Study – The First Paul



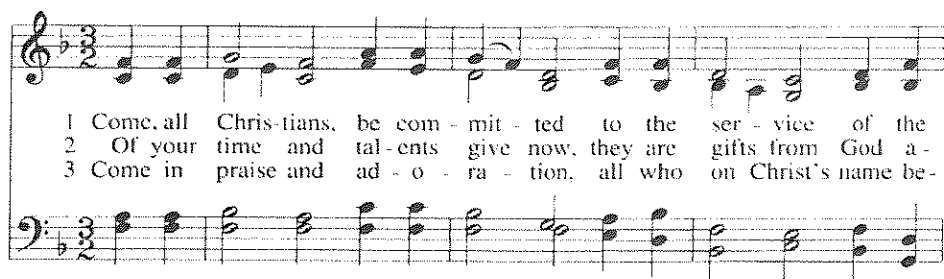
The Outreach & Missions Committee and The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be collecting knitted/crocheted winter hats and “Ditty Bag” items for the New England Seafarers Mission October 12-26, 2025 in the Narthex. Our goal is to assemble 24 complete “Ditty Bags.”

Uno Tournament & Dinner Saturday September 27th

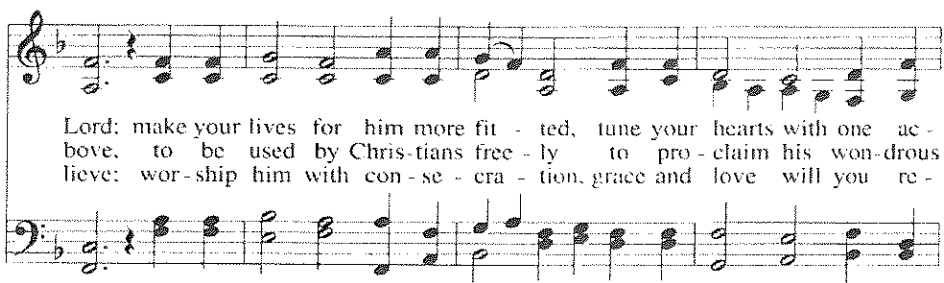
FOR SENIORS - Transportation available from GATRA
If you are a senior citizen, you may schedule a ride to and/or from church . You need to reserve your seat before Thursday, and the cost is \$1.75 each way. You need to be registered with GATRA - documents are on web page (www.GATRA.org/dial-a-ride) under ADA & Senior transportation. And you may phone them at 508-823-8828.

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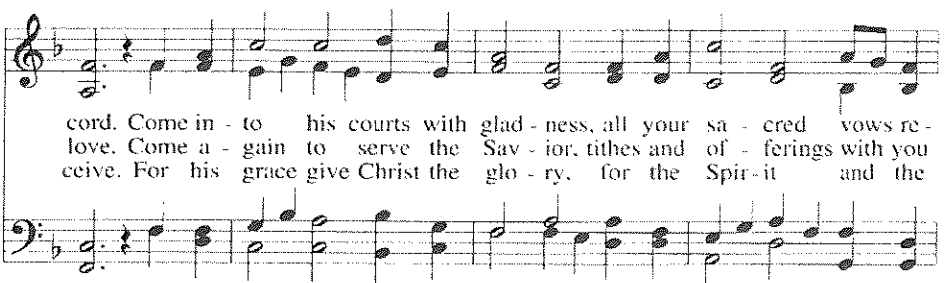
459 Come, All Christians, Be Committed



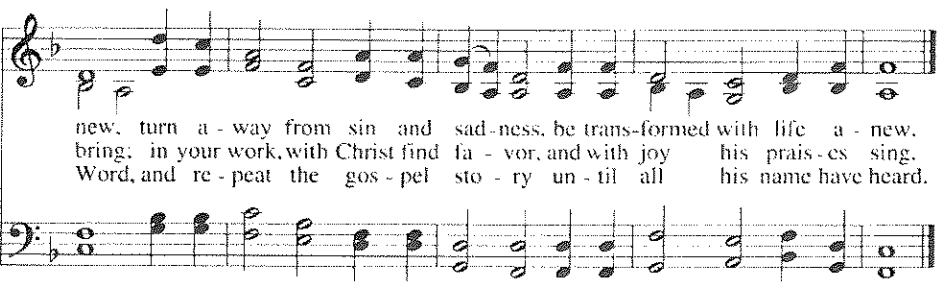
1 Come, all Chris-tians, be com - mit - ted to the ser - vice of the
 2 Of your time and tal - ents give now, they are gifts from God a -
 3 Come in praise and ad - o - ra - tion, all who on Christ's name be -



Lord: make your lives for him more fit - ted, tune your hearts with one ac -
 bove, to be used by Chris-tians free - ly to pro - claim his won - drous
 lieve: wor - ship him with con - se - cra - tion, grace and love will you re -



cord. Come in - to his courts with glad - ness, all your sa - cred vows re -
 love. Come a - gain to serve the Sav - ior, tithes and of - ferings with you
 ceive. For his grace give Christ the glo - ry, for the Spir - it and the



new, turn a - way from sin and sad - ness, be trans - formed with life a - new.
 bring: in your work, with Christ find fa - vor, and with joy his prais - es sing.
 Word, and re - peat the gos - pel sto - ry un - til all his name have heard.

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BEACH SPRING

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457 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

D D G D

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart, in my heart;

A Bm G D G/D D

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart.

G D Bm

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

D A7 Bm G D

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart.

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.

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-)

MUSIC: Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young (1926-)

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