

***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
October 12, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost***



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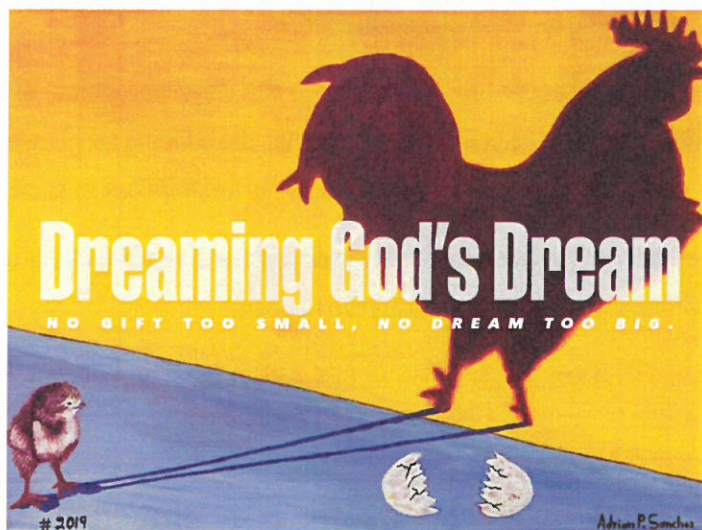
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We are an Open and Affirming Congregation

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The Church as Innkeeper

"All humanity are our neighbors."

St. Augustine of Hippo

The familiar Parable of the Good Samaritan tells the story of the Priest and the Levite who walked past a person in the ditch and the Good Samaritan who stopped to help. We often overlook another character in the story: the innkeeper. The Good Samaritan brought the wounded person to the inn, where the innkeeper nursed them to health until the Good Samaritan returned.

Saint Augustine, reflecting on this parable, highlights the unique role of the innkeeper, who provided a place where healing could happen. What would it mean to understand our congregation as an "inn" for Good Samaritan work? Can we see our community as a place where healing happens?

The innkeeper's role included managing resources, ensuring the inn's readiness, and extending mercy and help – roles we mirror when we care for one another and open ourselves up to caring for those in our community.

Focusing on the innkeeper can also challenge the ways we operate our building. Having a building is not the point of church. Rather, the building serves as a tool of our ministry. A church facility matters only because it can *facilitate our mission*.

Your gifts to our congregation help us provide a place of healing in our community, an "inn" where Good Samaritan ministry can happen.

**CONSIDER YOUR PLEDGE AS A PERCENT
OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.**

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	1,667	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	2,083	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	2,500	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	2,917	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	3,333	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	3,750	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	4,167	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	5,000	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	6,250	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	8,333	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	10,417	208	313	417	521	1042
150,000	12,500	250	375	500	625	1250
200,000	16,667	333	500	667	833	1667

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity.
Giving even 1% more of annual income to charity would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in our community.



Dreaming God's Dream

NO GIFT TOO SMALL, NO DREAM TOO BIG.

Prelude

“He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought”

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Glenn Weidner

***Call to Worship:**

Michelle Grainger, Liturgist

Liturgist: A voice is raised, a call is heard. When God is praised in song and word.

People: Through centuries was forged this chain. This moment seize. This treasure gain.

Liturgist: This call we hear to praise the Lord. No chain we fear, nor threat of sword.

People: Delays our cause. We come, though awed. One Christ, One cross, One Lord. One God.

***Hymn**

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

No. 87

***Prayer of Invocation:**

Almighty and Most High, we seek to abide in the shadow of your love. We trust you to be our refuge and our sanctuary. Deliver us from the snares of this world. We need no armor but your faithfulness. Abide with us in trouble and trial; rescue us. Abide with us in this hour and the hours ahead. Receive our prayer this day. 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

“Down to the River to Pray”

arr. Mary McDonald

Sunday School Dismissal

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** "Take My Life and Let It Be" No. 466

Scripture 1 Timothy 6:6-19 NT p. 200

Sermon "If I Were a Rich Man" Rev. Dr. Will Sencabaugh

***Hymn** "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" No. 549

*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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Neil Harmon

*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.*

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The Lead Deacon this month is Charlie Oliver assisted by Wendy Oliver.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 12 th	8:30 am 10:00 am 11:15 am	Outreach & Missions Committee Meeting Worship / Sunday School Christian Education Committee Meeting
Monday, 13 th		Columbus Day – Office is closed
Tuesday, 14 th	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Meet Rev. Will at Burgundian Book Study – The First Paul
Wednesday, 15 th	10:00 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Communion Visitation Meeting Cub Scout Meeting The Chosen Discussion Group
Thursday, 16 th	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Board of Deacons Meeting Meet Rev. Will at Skyroc Troop 34 Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal Boy Scouts Committee Meeting Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 18 th	9:00 am 9:00 am 2:00 pm	Sacred Dance Practice Jack & Jill Fall Festival Attleboro Downtown Trick or Treat



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.

HELP WANTED! BYLAW REVIEW TEAM. PLEASE CONTACT TARA TETREAUULT AT (508) 801-8417 OR EMAIL: tetreaulttjh@gmail.com

THE CHOSEN (SEASON 5) DISCUSSION GROUP, WEDNESDAY 10/15 AT 7PM

JACK & JILL FALL FESTIVAL, SATURDAY 10/18 AT 9 AM

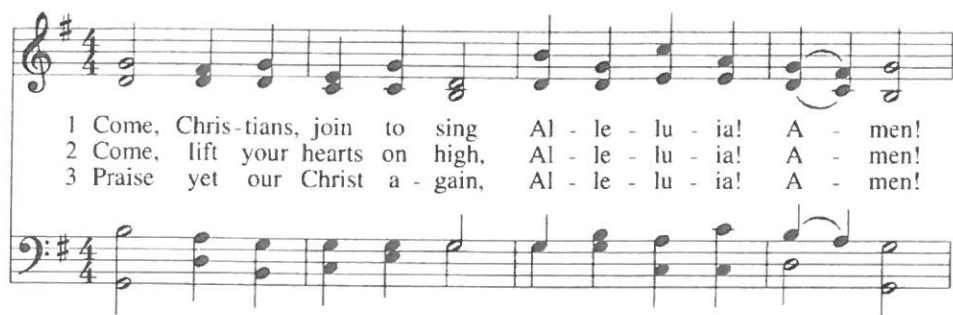
ONE PLUS ONE PIZZA PARTY, SATURDAY 10/25 AT 5 PM

HOLIDAY FAIR, SATURDAY 11/8 AT 9AM – WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS!

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.

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

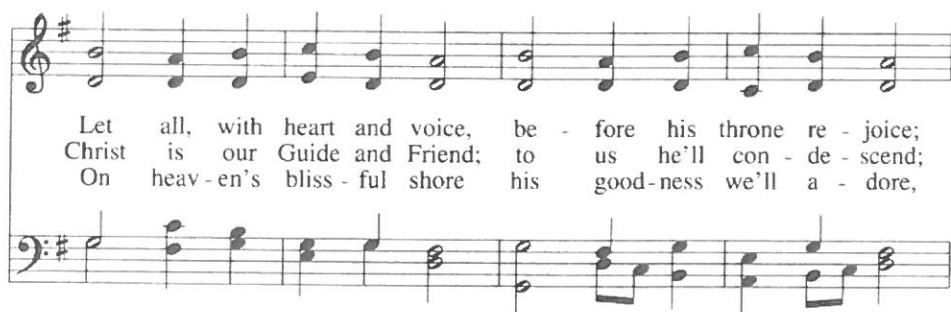
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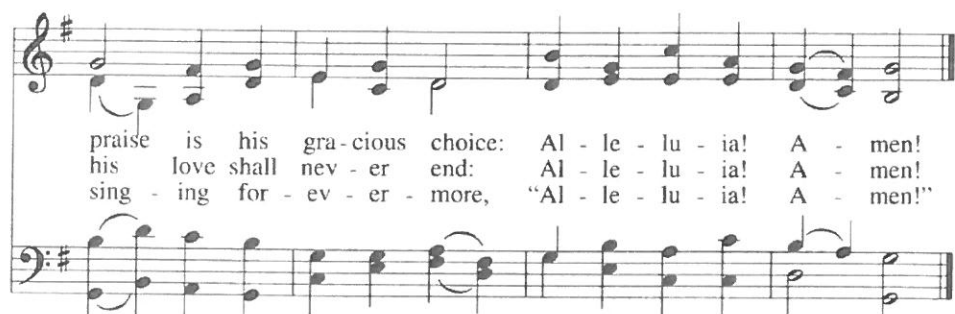
1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

WORDS: Christian H. Bateman (1813-1889)
 MUSIC: Spanish melody; arr. David Evans (1874-1948)

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Take My Life and Let It Be

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1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
 2 Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 3 Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 4 Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its

Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move
 ful for thee; take my voice and let me sing
 ges for thee; take my sil - ver and my gold,
 treas - ure store; take my - self and I will be

at the im - pulse of thy love, at the im - pulse of thy love.
 al - ways, on - ly, for my King, al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 not a mite would I with - hold, not a mite would I with - hold.
 ev - er, on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879)
 MUSIC: Henri A. César Malan (1787-1864)

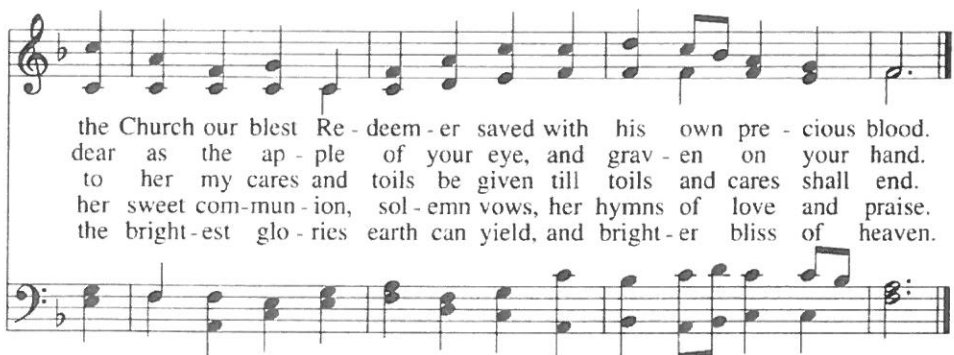
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I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

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1 I love your king - dom, Lord, the house of your a - bode,
 2 I love your Church, O God— her walls be - fore you stand,
 3 For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers as - cend,
 4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways,
 5 Sure as your truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given



the Church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
 dear as the ap - ple of your eye, and grav - en on your hand.
 to her my cares and toils be given till toils and cares shall end.
 her sweet com - mun - ion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
 the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

WORDS: Timothy Dwight (1752-1817), alt.; para. Psalm 26:8
 MUSIC: Aaron Williams' *New Universal Psalmist*, 1770

ST. THOMAS
 S.M.