

***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
November 16, 2025
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost***



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Prelude

Variations on DARWALL'S 148th
(Come, Let Us Praise the Lord")

Charles Callahan

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship:

Erika Pearson, Liturgist

Liturgist: We praise you, gracious God, for your presence among us.

People: We come to offer thankfulness and praise.

Liturgist: Our God is great, and greatly to be praised.

People: We come to worship in community.

Liturgist: God watches over us all and is near to those who call.

People: We come with faith to celebrate God's presence.

All: Let us worship God.

*Hymn

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

No. 9

*Prayer of Invocation

With the psalmist and generations of believers before us, we come to prayer declaring, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised". God we offer our praise and thanksgiving as we experience the leading and guiding of your Spirit in worship. Help us to hear your word and may our response proclaim, "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised." 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

"Praise! Praise!"

G.F. Handel, arr. Patrick Liebergen

Sunday School Dismissal

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

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** "Come, Labor On" (See insert)
(UCC *New Century Hymnal*, No. 532)

Scripture 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 NT p. 194

Sermon "Don't be an Idle Idol" Rev. Dr. Will Sencabaugh

***Hymn** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" No. 574
(*Words for verses 2-4 are at the bottom of the page*)

***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

Prelude on DARWALL'S 148th Percy Whitlock
(*Six Hymn-Preludes*, No. 1)

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

The Lead Deacon this month is Deb Hawes assisted by Nancy Tariot.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 16 th	10:00 am 11:15 am 11:15 am 3:00 pm 6:00 pm	Worship / Sunday School Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal Uke Group Oure Pleasure Fall Concert Confirmation Class
Monday, 17 th	2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 18 ^h	6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	J&J PJ Storytime Book Study – The Battle for Christmas Administration Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 19 th	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	The Chosen Discussion Group Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 20 th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Troop 34 Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 22 nd	9:00 am	Sacred Dance Practice
Sunday 23 rd	10:00 am 11:15 am 11:15 am	Worship / Sunday School Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal Uke Group
Monday, 24 th	3:00 pm	Food Pantry Distribution December Voice Deadline
Tuesday, 25 th	6:00 pm	Book Study – The Battle for Christmas
Wednesday, 26 th	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 27 th	Happy	Thanksgiving

Oure Pleasure Fall Concert Sun. 11/16 at 3pm

Book Study Group Tues. 11/18 at 6pm

The Chosen Discussion Group meets Wed. 11/19 at 5:30 pm

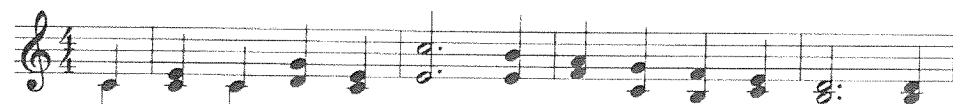
First Baptist Church “Rejoice in Hope” LaSalette event Tues. 12/2 at 6pm, RSVP
Rebecca Bears 781-985-5315

One Plus One Christmas Party Sat. 12/6 at 3pm

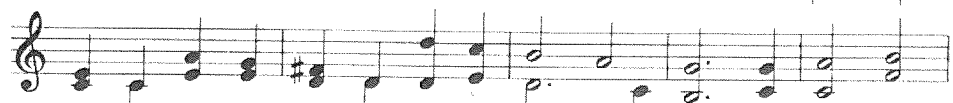
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Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

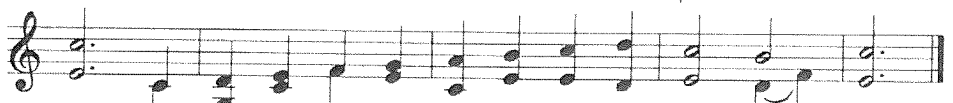
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1 Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God ac-claim, his
2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be-yond com-pare, the
3 In wor-ship bow the knee, our glo-rious God con-fess; the
4 Come, hear his voice to-day, re-ceive what love im-parts: his



great-ness tell a-broad and bless his sav-ing name. Lift high your
deep-est bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care. He all de-
great Cre-a-tor, he, the Lord of Right-eous-ness. He reigns un-
ho-ly will o-bey and hard-en not your hearts. His ways are



songs be-fore his throne to whom a-lone all praise be-longs.
crees, who by his hand pre-pared the land and formed the seas.
seen: his flock he feeds and gent-ly leads in pas-tures green.
best; and lead at last, all trou-bles past, to per-fect rest.



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Come, Labor On

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Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859, rev. 1863; alt.

Mat. 9:37-38; 20:1-7

1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stay i - dle on the har-vest plain
 2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;
 3 Come, la-bor on. A - way with gloom-y doubts and faith-less fear!
 4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west-ern sky,

while all a - round us waves the gold-en grain? And to each ser - vant
 to young and old the gos - pel glad-ness bear. Re - deem the time; its
 No one so weak but may do ser - vice here; Though fee - ble a - gents,
 till the long shad-ows o'er the path-way lie. And a glad sound comes

does the Sav-ior say, "Go work to - day."
 hours too swift-ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 may we all ful - fill God's righ - - - teous will.
 with the set-ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

Jane Laurie Borthwick, along with her sister, Sarah, was a member of the Scottish Free Church and translated many German hymns. English-born Thomas Tertius Noble was

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 Thomas Tertius Noble, 1918

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me 574

1 I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me (God can

use me) an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y -

where.) I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me

an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y - where.)

2 I'm gonna work...

3 I'm gonna pray...

4 I'm gonna sing...