

***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
January 18, 2026
Second Sunday after the Epiphany***



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Prelude "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" Spiritual, arr. Joel Raney

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship:** Joe Nuovo, Liturgist

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Liturgist: We gather together to claim and celebrate God present with us.

People: God's love brings us together as one people.

Liturgist: We gather together, confident that God will lead us and guide us.

**People: We are here to worship God, to whom be all praise and glory,
now and forever. Amen.**

***Hymn** "Community of Christ" No. 615

***Prayer of Invocation**

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

**All: God, we thank you that through Jesus you are creating a new
heaven and a new earth. This is good news for us and for our
world. We thank you for the call to be cocreators with you in
new expressions of justice, generosity, caring and compassion
that will lead to a sharing of peace and security. We recognize
that this vision is a work in progress, and so we pray that where
there are divisions and conflicts, where there is hurt or
misunderstanding, your Spirit will bring healing and
reconciliation. In your mercy, hear our prayer. 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 "Roll Down, Justice!" Mark E. 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**

***Hymn** "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" No. 590

Scripture Isaiah 49:1-7 OT p. 644
Sermon "Backlash" Rev. Dr. Will Sencabaugh

***Hymn** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" No. 729

***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 Variations on "Kum Ba Yah" John A.Behnke
Movement III: "Someone's Singing, Lord..."

*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 Wendy Oliver assisted by Nancy Tariot.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 18 th	10:00 am 11:15am 6:00 pm	Worship / Sunday School Uke Group Confirmation Class
Monday, 19 th	2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 20 th	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Book Study – Looking Backward Administration Committee Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, 21 st	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	“The Chosen” Discussion Group Cub Scout Pack 33 Meeting
Thursday, 22 nd	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Troop 34 Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 24 th	9:00 am 9:00 am	Sacred Dance Practice O&M Sorority Blankets
Sunday, 25 th	10:00 am 11:15 am	Worship/ Sunday School Church Council Meeting
Monday, 26 th	3:00 pm	Food Pantry Distribution Voice Deadline for February Edition
Tuesday, 27 th	6:00 pm	Book Study – Looking Backward
Wednesday, 28 th	6:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	“The Chosen” Discussion Group Cub Scout Pack 33 Meeting PFLAG Meeting
Thursday, 29 th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Troop 34 Meeting Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 31 st	9:00 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm	J&J Open House Sacred Dance Rehearsal Bingo Dinner

The Book Study Group is discussing “Looking Backward”

Tuesday, 1/20 at 6pm

The Chosen Discussion Group meets Wednesday, 1/21 at 6:30pm. Bring your friends or family members!

Annual BINGO Dinner is Saturday January 31st from 6-8pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the cross your own,
 2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church - 's door
 3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
 4 When men - ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,

live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
 and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor,
 cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world round;
 the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its sun;

the God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
 dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
 our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,

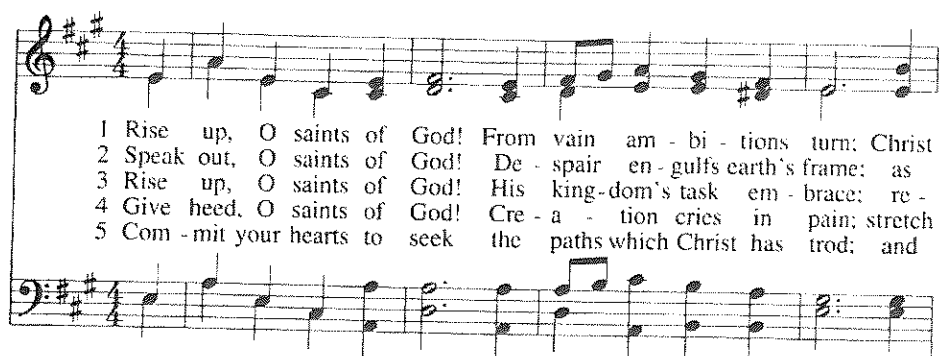
whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song,
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy,
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray (1931 -)
 MUSIC: Hebrew melody; arr. Meyer Lyon (1751-1797)

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Rise Up, O Saints of God!

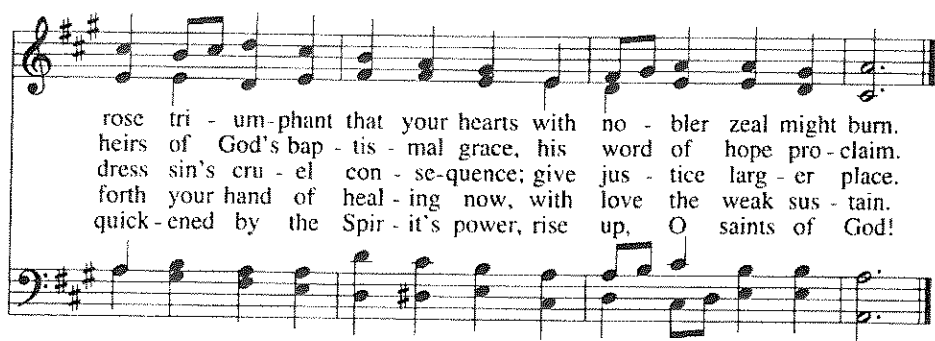


1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn; Christ
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame: as
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace: re -
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain; stretch
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod; and

WORDS: Norman O. Forness (1936-)
 MUSIC: William H. Walter (1825-1893)

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FESTAL SONG
 S.M.



rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim.
 dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 quick - ened by the Spir - it's power, rise up, O saints of God!

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Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring.
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chast - ening rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty;
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the lis - tening skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast, by thy might, led us in - to the light.

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea,
 come to the place for which our peo - ple sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

WORDS: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938), alt.
 MUSIC: J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

LIFT EVERY VOICE
 Irregular

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered.
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee.

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 thee: shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won,
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast,
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.