

***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
May 3, 2026
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Communion***



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We are an Open and Affirming Congregation

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Prelude

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Ed McCarthy, Liturgist

Liturgist: Faith may not be looking up, but looking out.

People: Faith may not be knowing answers, but asking questions.

Liturgist: Faith may not be judging righteousness, but loving the fearful.

People: Faith may not be doctrine memorized but risk taken.

All: Let us entrust ourselves to faith in God.

***Hymn**

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

No. 48

***Prayer of Invocation**

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

All: God above and below, God before and behind, God within and without, unfurl our tightly sealed minds, our carefully tended expectations, our protectively closed communities. Unfold us. Release us from our prison of assumptions, and agendas, and plans. You tell us, again and again, through mysteries and prophets, through miracles and strangers, through dreams shattered and hope reborn that we only see in part, through a cloud of unknowing. Help us claim the courage to stop looking for you only where we have found you in the past, and to trust your new and startling appearance wherever we glimpse it, or think we do. 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

“Grace”

arr. Mark Hayes

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.

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

Offertory

***Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 34

*Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Acts 7:55-60 NT pg. 120

Sermon "I Wrote This Sermon Last Night" Rev. Dr. Will Sencabaugh

Gathering Hymn "As We Gather at Your Table" No. 695, Verse 1

Sunday School Arrival

Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Grape juice is substituted for wine. The communion bread is gluten free.

Communion Prayer

Minister: Christ be with you,

People: And also, with you.

Minister: Let us lift up one another.

People: Let us lift up one another to God.

Minister: Let us give thanks to God who is still speaking and listening and interacting with creation.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Minister: Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

Minister: We remember that on the night... "Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us that, as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

All: In the fellowship Christ gives us, we offer ourselves to you, eternal God, and give thanks that you have called us to serve you. Amen.

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Wine

Minister: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Minister: Let us pray together.

All: Holy and Forgiving God, we thank you that we have experienced your love and grace at this table. May we take what we have seen, heard and tasted and may it give us the strength to forgive those who truly need to stand in your grace. May our hearts be healed as we forgive others. In your name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn** "I Then Shall Live" No. 372

***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 in C Major, BWV 547

J. S. Bach

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

The Lead Deacon this month is Nancy Tariot assisted by Ralph Giannetti.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 3 rd	10:00 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:15 am	CE Committee Meeting
	6:00 pm	Confirmation Class
Wednesday, 6 th	6:30 pm	The Chosen Discussion Group
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 7 th	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 8 th	2:30 pm	Crafternoon & Color Our World
	6:00 pm	Young Adult Open Mic
Saturday, 9 th	8:00 am	Church Work Day
	6:00 pm	Coffee House Open Mic All Ages
Sunday, 10 th	8:30 am	O&M Committee Meeting
	10:00 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:15 am	Uke Group
Monday, 11 th	6:00 pm	J&J Art Show & Open House
Wednesday, 13 th	10:00 am	Communion Visitation Meeting
	6:30 pm	The Chosen Discussion Group
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 14 th	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal



Saturday May 9th, 8am – 12 noon

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 48

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der, O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.
 MUSIC: Welsh melody; harm. John Roberts (1822-1877)

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I Then Shall Live

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1 I then shall live as one who's been for - giv - en;
 2 I then shall live as one who's learned com - pas - sion;
 3 Your king - dom come a - round and through and in me.

I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid. I know my
 I've been so loved that I'll risk lov - ing, too. I know how
 your power and glo - ry, let them shine through me; your hal - lowed

name is clear be - fore my Fa - ther; I am his child, and
 fear builds walls in - stead of bridg - es; I dare to see an -
 name, oh, may I bear with hon - or, and may your liv - ing

I am not a - fraid. So great - ly par - doned, I'll for - give an -
 oth - er's point of view. And when re - la - tion - ships de - mand com -
 king - dom come in me. The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with

oth - er; the law of love I glad - ly will o - bey.
 mit - ment, then I'll be there to care and fol - low through.
 hon - or, and may you feed a hun - gry world through me.

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MUSIC: Jean Sibelius (1865-1957); arr. Hymnal 1933

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