

***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost***



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Jack Baptist — Sexton***

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation

Prelude

“Meditation on a Folk Song”

Joseph M. Martin

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Jim Flaxington, Liturgist

Liturgist: We have come today to worship the Giver of Life.

People: We have come this day to give thanks to the Creator of all.

Liturgist: We have come today to worship Jesus, who gave his life for us.

People: We have come this day to sing praises to our Risen Savior.

Liturgist: We have come this day to worship the God who loves.

People: Come let us worship in spirit and in truth and in love.

***Hymn**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

No. 59

***Prayer of Invocation**

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

All: Gracious God, we are overwhelmed by the many ways you show us your love. We see it in the beauty of nature. We hear it in the laughter of children, and we feel it in a hug of a loved one. Guide those who have decisions weighing on their hearts. Bring wholeness to those whose lives are in strife. Heal those who need your special touch. Touch all of our lives in this time of worship so we can be extravagant givers in you 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 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” Caribbean melody, arr. Hal Hopson

*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** "The Gift of Love" No. 397

Gospel Reading Matthew 15:21-28 NT pg. 21

Epistle Reading Romans 13:8-14 NT pg. 153

Sermon "Churchianity 101" Rev. Dr. Will Sencabaugh

***Hymn** "Go Forth for God" No. 708

***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 *Toccata giocosa* Ian Hunt

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

The Lead Deacon this month is Deb Hawes assisted by Ed McCarthy.

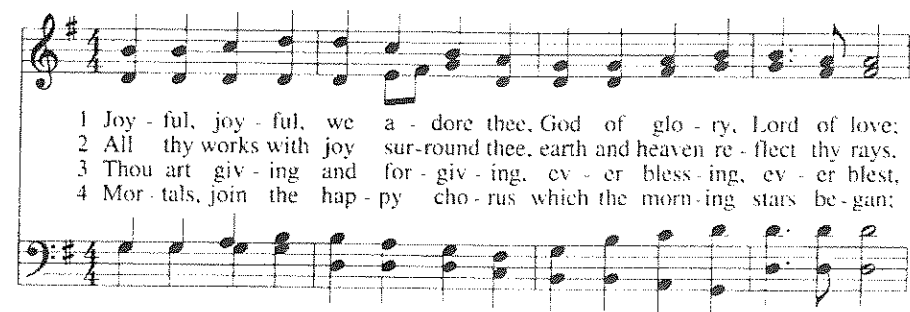
Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 13th Rally Day	8:30 am	O & M Committee Meeting
	9:30 am	Sunday School Registration
	10:00 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:00 am	Rally Day Celebration
Tuesday, 15th	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting
	6:00 pm	Prayer Workshop Introduction Session 1
Wednesday, 16th	6:00 pm	Prayer Workshop Introduction Session 1
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 17th	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 19th	8:00 am	First Baptist Church Yard Sale
	11:00 am	2026 Empty Bowls Fundraiser Newell Shelter, Capron Park
Sunday, 20th	10:00 am	Worship/Sunday School Blessing of the Backpacks
Monday, 21st	2:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting
	7:00 pm	Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 22nd	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting
	7:00 pm	Administrative Committee Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, 23rd October Voice Deadline	10:00 am	Communion Visitation Meeting
	6:00 pm	Prayer Workshop Session 2
	6:00 pm	Board of Deacons Zoom Meeting
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting
	7:00 pm	PFLAG Meeting
Thursday, 24th	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 27th	10:00 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:15 am	Church Council Meeting
Monday, 28th	3:00 pm	Food Pantry Distribution
Tuesday, 29th	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting
Wednesday, 30th	6:00 pm	Prayer Workshop Session 3
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting

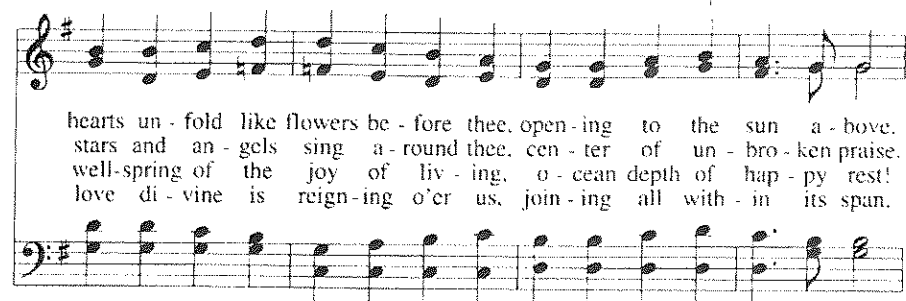
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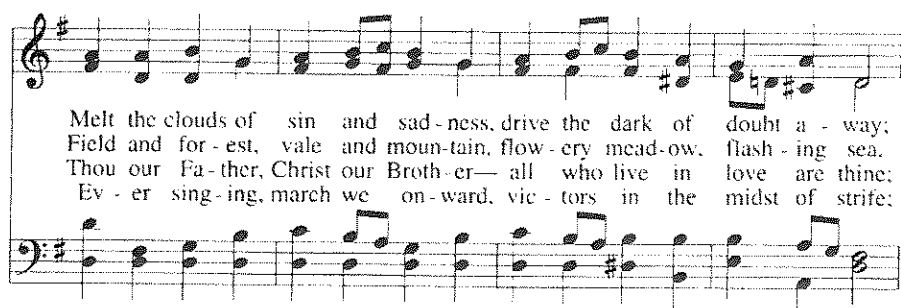
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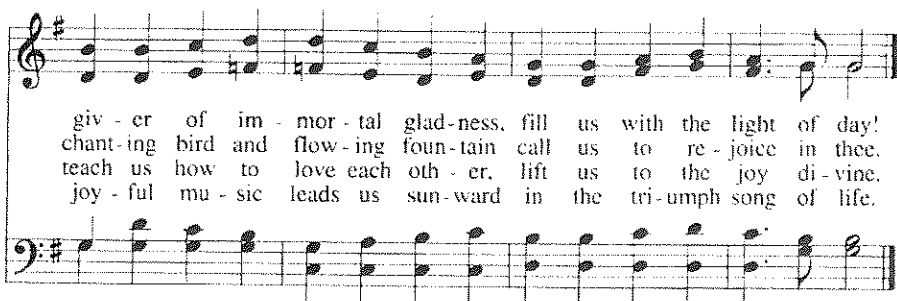
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove,
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise,
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all with - in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee,
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine,
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

HYMN TO JOY
 8.7 8.7 D.

The Gift of Love

Piano introduction in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, Am/G, and Am.

Vocal melody for the first line of lyrics. Chords are indicated above the staff: G, Am7, and G.

1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,

Piano accompaniment for the first line of lyrics. The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The dynamic marking *mf* is present.

Vocal melody for the second line of lyrics. Chords are indicated above the staff: Em, Am7, and D.

and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.

Piano accompaniment for the second line of lyrics. The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand.

WORDS: Hal H. Hopson (1933-)
 MUSIC: English melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson (1933-)

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GIFT OF LOVE
 L.M.

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and have not love, my words are vain.
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

as sound-ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange-ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

1, 2

Final ending

G Em C G

rit. *pp*

reserved.

Go Forth for God

1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace; be of good
 2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love; strength - en the
 3 Go forth for God, go to the world in strength; hold fast the
 4 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy, to serve God's

cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace, in God's good Spir - it
 faint, give cour - age to the weak; help the af - flict - ed;
 good, be ur - gent for the right; ren - der to no one
 peo - ple ev - ery day and hour, and serv - ing Christ, our

dai - ly to in - crease, till in the king - dom we see face to
 rich - ly from a - bove God's love sup - plies the grace and power we
 e - vil; Christ at length shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his
 ev - ery gift em - ploy, re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spir - it's

face. Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.
 seek. Go forth for God, go to the world in love.
 light. Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.
 power. Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

WORDS: J. R. Peacey (1896-1971)

MUSIC: Genetan Psalter, 1551; harm. C. Wintred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.

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