

***Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
September 20, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost***



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Jack Baptist — Sexton***

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation

Prelude *Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich* Dieterich Buxtehude
("Praise God, Christians, all together") Johann Gottfried Walther

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

A.J. Renoni, Liturgist

Liturgist: Our inheritance as children of God is the praise of God and God's glory.

People: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Liturgist: The mystery of God's will is a holistic in-gathering.

People: Praise God all creatures here below.

Liturgist: The in-gathering into God's good pleasure of all things on earth and in heaven.

People: Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Liturgist: This is the Word of truth, the good news of salvation.

People: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*Hymn

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

No. 56

*Prayer of Invocation

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

All: Our God, may we, gathered in this place at this time, make a living song of praise to you. Not in denial of questions and doubts that are real, but in celebration and in awe of the greater affirmation that you are Lord. So may our living be our singing, and may our singing transform our living – in this place, at this time, and in places and times to come. This, our joyful song we raise, in the name of Jesus, the Christ. 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

"Sing Praise to the Lord"

C.H.H. Parry, arr. Robert Hobby

Blessing of the Backpacks

*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** "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" No. 464

Scripture Romans 12:9-21 NT pg. 153

Sermon "The First Rule of Christian Club" Rev. Dr. Will Sencabaugh

***Hymn** "Christ Be My Leader" No. 453

***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 *Allegro* (Organ Concerto in B-Flat) J.G. Walther, after Torelli

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.

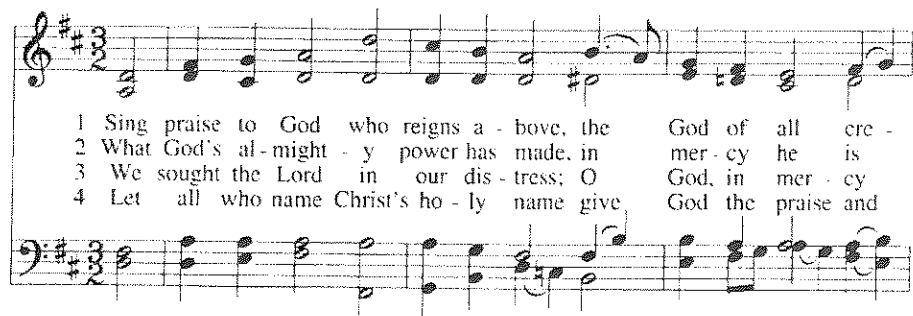
Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 20 th	10:00 am	Worship/Sunday School Blessing of the Backpacks
Monday, 21 st	2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 22 nd	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting Administrative Committee Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, 23 rd October Voice Deadline	10:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Communion Visitation Meeting Prayer Workshop Session 2 Board of Deacons Zoom Meeting Cub Scout Meeting PFLAG Meeting
Thursday, 24 th	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 27 th	10:00 am 11:15 am	Worship/Sunday School Church Council Meeting
Monday, 28 th	3:00 pm	Food Pantry Distribution
Tuesday, 29 th	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting
Wednesday, 30 th	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Prayer Workshop Session 3 Cub Scout Meeting
October		
Thursday, 1 st	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, 4 th	10:00 am	Worship/Communion/Sunday School
Tuesday, 6 th	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting
Wednesday, 7 th	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 8 th	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 9 th	2:30 pm 6:00 pm	Crafternoon & Color Our World Young Adult Open Mic
Saturday, 10 th	6:00 pm	Coffee House & Open Mic

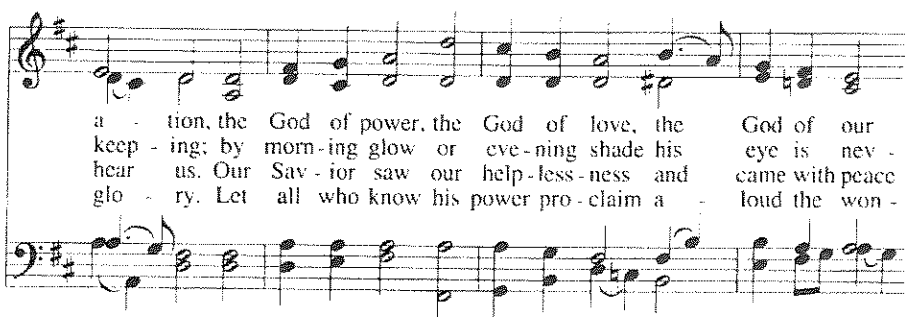
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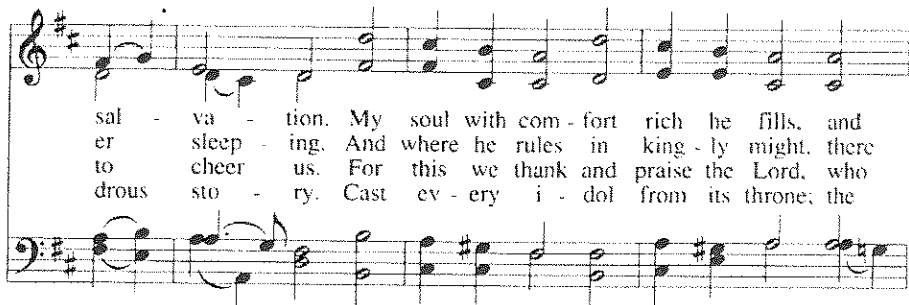
Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above 56



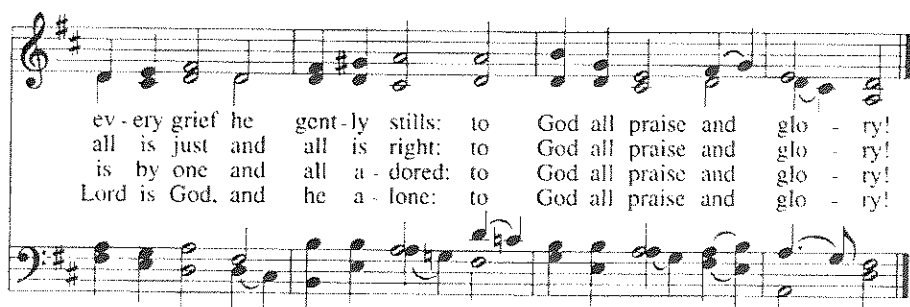
1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2 What God's al - might - y power has made, in mer - cy he is
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 4 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly name give God the praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his eye is nev -
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with peace
 glo - ry. Let all who know his power pro - claim a loud the won -



sal - va - tion. My soul with com - fort rich he fills, and
 er sleep - ing. And where he rules in king - ly might, there
 to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who
 drous sto - ry. Cast ev - ery i - dol from its throne; the



ev - ery grief he gent - ly stills: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 all is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 is by one and all a - dored: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry!

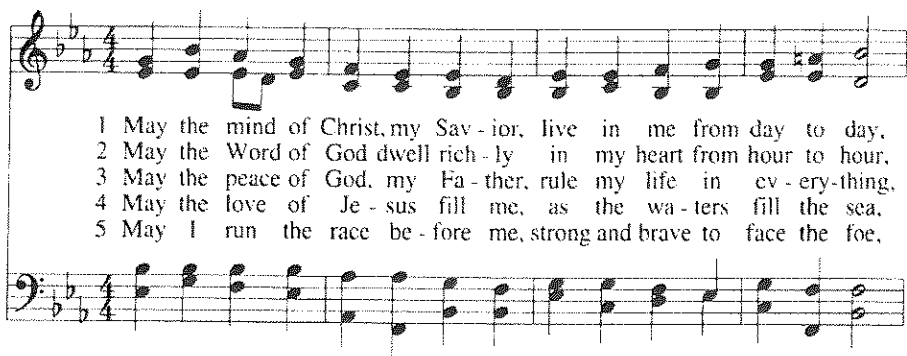
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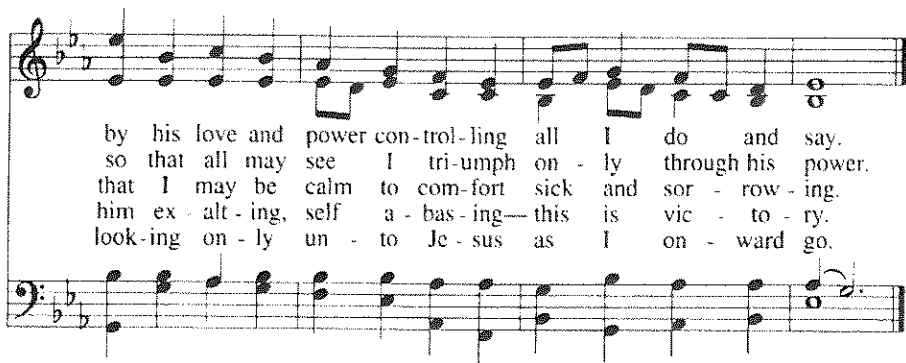
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464 May the Mind of Christ, My Savior



1 May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, live in me from day to day,
 2 May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
 3 May the peace of God, my Fa - ther, rule my life in ev - ery - thing,
 4 May the love of Je - sus fill me, as the wa - ters fill the sea,
 5 May I run the race be - fore me, strong and brave to face the foe,



by his love and power con - trol - ling all I do and say.
 so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his power.
 that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.
 him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing—this is vic - to - ry.
 look - ing on - ly un - to Je - sus as I on - ward go.

WORDS: Kate B. Wilkinson (1859-1928)
 MUSIC: A. Cyril Barham-Gould (1891-1951)

ST. LEONARDS
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Christ Be My Leader

Unison

1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;
 2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth.
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;

safe through the dark - ness, for he is the Way.
 drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the Truth.
 death can - not hold me for he is the Life. Nor

Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care,
 Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand,
 dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can

dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 doubt can - not daunt me: in Je - sus I stand.
 touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-)

MUSIC: Irish melody; harm. Carlton R. Young (1926-)

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