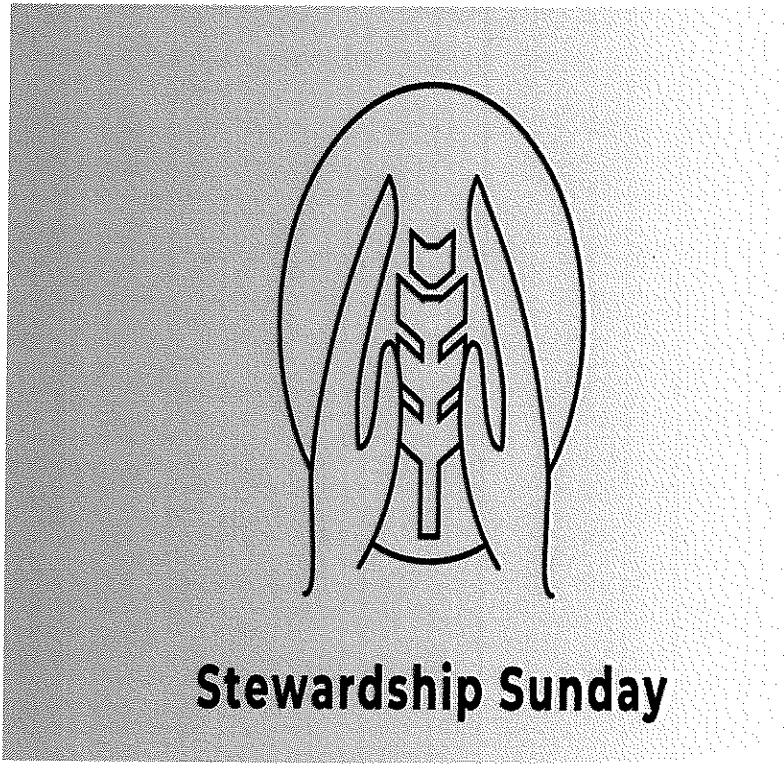
Second Congregational Church of Attleboro
United Church of Christ
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Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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We are an Open and Affirming Congregation

Prelude "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" Sebastian Temple
Arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 127) A.J. Renoni, Liturgist

Liturgist: Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

People: Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.

Liturgist: In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat.

People: The Lord grants sleep to those God loves. They will not be put to shame.

***Hymn** "Like a River Glorious" No. 435

***Prayer of Invocation**

Liturgist: Let us pray together.

All: Lord, we praise you and thank you for meeting us here. While our surroundings were built with human hands, we acknowledge that the stone, mortar, wood and brick are nothing compared to the work you want to do in and through us. In coming here this morning we acknowledge our desire to learn more about how you want our lives to be built. May we be open to building your church, building community and building your kingdom on Earth. May it continue in this hour of worship. 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 "Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace" Craig Courtney
("The Prayer of St. Francis")

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of Joys and Concerns of the People

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

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		David Renoni
***Doxology**	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	No. 34
***Prayer of Dedication & Consecration of Pledges**		
***Hymn**	"Seek Ye First"	No. 349
Scripture	Matthew 6:19-21, 25-34	NT pg. 11
Sermon	"Where is My Real Treasure?"	Tara Tetreault
***Hymn**	"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"	No. 581

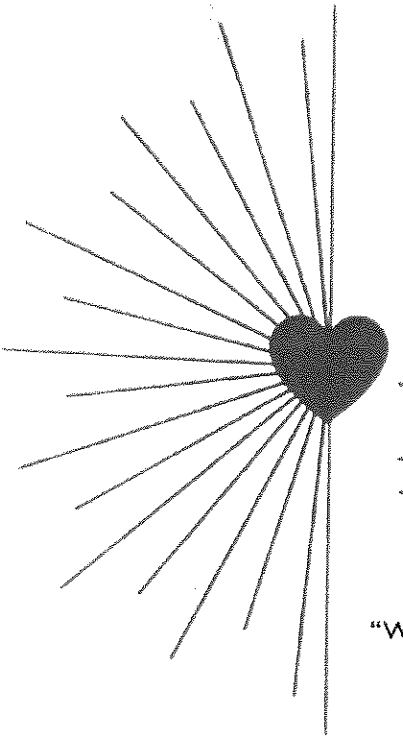
***Benediction Response**

"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	Organ Concerto in B-flat, Op. 7, No. 6	G. F. Handel

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



THERE OUR HEARTS WILL BE

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
– Matthew 6:21

The book of Joel stands out among the minor prophets. While it carries familiar themes of warning, judgment, and hope, Joel never tells us exactly why a prophetic word is needed or what the people have done wrong. There is no named king, no historical moment pinpointed, no clear sin to blame.

Instead, Joel describes a locust plague. What begins as a natural disaster ripples outward into hunger, poverty, and despair. Joel's message invites us to see not only this ancient tragedy but every place—near and far—where communities are brought low by disaster, violence, injustice, or exploitation.

In the face of uncertainty, destruction, and grief, Joel's insight is strikingly simple: God does not demand offerings the people do not have.

Instead, the prophet calls them to offer themselves; he invites them into a communal reorientation toward compassion, solidarity, and shared commitment.

Perhaps you are part of a congregation in crisis. What would it look like for you to seek God and one another in honest lament, trusting that God can work through your shared care?

Perhaps you are part of a congregation with a wealth of resources. How might you be called into solidarity, recognizing that suffering is rarely felt equally and that God's people are to notice, respond, and stand with those most affected?

Joel reminds us that God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and rich in steadfast love, while inviting us to trust that God's mercy creates room for hope and a path to flourishing for all.

CONSIDER YOUR GIVING AS A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME.

Annual Income	Monthly Income	2%	3%	4%	5%	10%
20,000	**1,667**	33	50	67	83	167
25,000	**2,083**	42	63	83	104	208
30,000	**2,500**	50	75	100	125	250
35,000	**2,917**	58	88	117	146	292
40,000	**3,333**	67	100	133	167	333
45,000	**3,750**	75	113	150	188	375
50,000	**4,167**	83	125	167	208	417
60,000	**5,000**	100	150	200	250	500
75,000	**6,250**	125	188	250	313	625
100,000	**8,333**	167	250	333	417	833
125,000	**10,417**	208	313	417	521	1042
150,000	**12,500**	250	375	500	625	1250
200,000	**16,667**	333	500	667	833	1667

On average, Americans give 2% of their income to charity. Giving even 1% more of our annual income would be transformative for our congregation and other organizations doing good in God's world. Thank you for prayerfully considering your commitment!

The Lead Deacon this month is Ed McCarthy assisted by Neil Grainger.

Meetings and Activities

Sunday, 8th	10:00 am	Worship/Sunday School
Tuesday, 10th	6:00 pm	Book Study "Inspired: Slaying Giants…"
	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting
Wednesday, 11th	6:30 pm	The Chosen Group Discussion
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting
Thursday, 12th	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Community Citizenship
	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Advent Prayer Group at Immanuel Lutheran Church
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday, 13th	2:30 pm	Crafternoon
	2:30 pm	Color Our World
	6:00 pm	Youth Open Mic
Saturday, 14th	9:00 am	Sacred Dance Practice
	10:00 am	Walking Group at LaSalette
	6:00 pm	Coffee House & Open Mic
Sunday, 15th	10:00 am	Worship/Sunday School
	11:15 am	Hanging of the Greens Rehearsal
Monday, 16th	2:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting
	7:00 pm	Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 17th	5:30 pm	J&J Pajama Storytime Party
	6:00 pm	Troop 34 Meeting
	7:00 pm	Administrative Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 18th	10:00 am	Communion Visitation Meeting
	6:30 pm	Cub Scout Meeting
	6:30 pm	The Chosen Discussion Group
Thursday, 19th	6:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 21st	9:00 am	Sacred Dance Practice
	10:00 am	Walking Group at LaSalette

Thank you for participating in the Holiday Fair!

Join the Walking Group on Saturday November 14th at 10am at LaSalette

Advent Evening Prayer at Immanuel Luther Church – The Ancient Practice of Waiting & Watching – 3 week event beginning Thursday November 12th at 7pm, and continuing on Monday November 23rd & Thursday December 10th.

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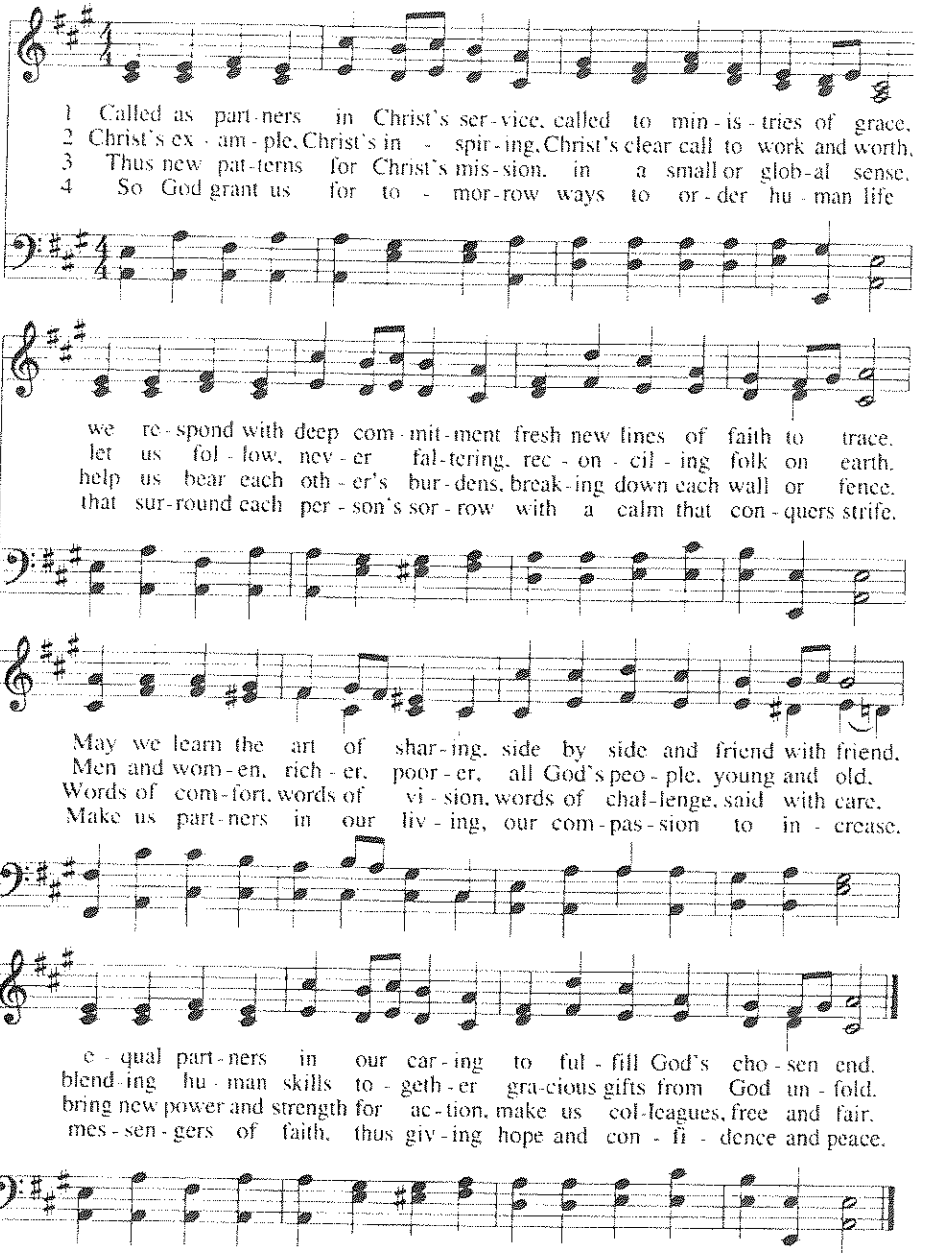


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