

***BENEDICTION** (hearing and receiving God's blessing)

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (music that closes a worship service)

Prelude

Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

NOURISH

Come one, come all (and bring your friends and neighbors too!) to our new mid-week collaborative evening event with First Congregational Church of Milton:

A time to grow community and deepen friendships for all ages, including our new kids' program *Wacky Wednesday*, a time of fun, silliness, and the chance to make a big mess at church.

Adults will have the opportunity to engage with each other in wide ranging conversations about faith and life.

Dinner at 6:00PM Program 6:45-7:30PM

Suggested donation of \$5-10/person with a \$20 max per family for dinner. (More if you can; less if you can't.)

*First and Third Wednesdays at First Congregational Church
(10/5, 10/19, 11/2, and 11/16)*

*Second and Fourth Wednesdays at East Congregational Church
(9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9)*

Collaborative Volunteer Crews (to work together at each church) are active now! See Pastor Shelly, CE Director Beth, or Dwight, or Janice, to jump in and lend a hand!

COFFEE HOUR WILL BE POSSIBLE WHEN...

TODAY, coffee and a little bite will be available in the Narthex following worship. On October 16, we plan to return to Fellowship Hall and expand the selection of tasty nibbles.

For this to work, there must be volunteers to cleanup.

A sign-up sheet is available today.

PLEASE NOTE: In the event any week is **not** covered for clean-up **ahead of time**, coffee will **not** be available that week.

While coffee is in the Narthex, at least one person is necessary for cleanup. On the return to Fellowship Hall, a minimum of two people is required to cleanup.

THANKS IN ADVANCE for all who will make this possible!

READING CHANGES LIVES | REQUESTS FOR THE ROOSEVELT

The school library at the Roosevelt K-8 will soon reopen for the first time since the pandemic began in March 2020. A number of volunteers from East Church continue to work to ready the space, the shelves, and most importantly, the books, for Wednesday October 5 when class days return to the library.

Two critical needs have been identified for the library for this fall:

1. **volunteers** to staff the library every other Wed. from 8:30am to 1:00pm (in one, two, or more hour increments; please see Janice P.)
2. **funds** to purchase new books (some replacements and some to expand the small, curated collection)

The list of 50 specific books we hope to purchase will cost approximately \$800.00. Most books needed range in price from \$10.00 to \$25.00. Donations of any amount are greatly appreciated. Please be sure to clearly designate your donation for "Roosevelt Library Books" by noting this on the memo line of your check. (And in case you're wondering, we do have ample books already for Trick-or-Treat for Books, so our one monetary appeal for books this fall is for the Roosevelt.)

Thank you for your ongoing support of this key Reading Changes Lives initiative.

PLEASE SAVE THESE DATES

Saturday, Oct. 1: Annual BLOCK PARTY with Friends of Crane Field and The Full Turn Band

Sunday, Oct. 16: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (immediately following worship) to receive and act upon a new, provisional governance structure.

Saturday, Oct. 29: TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR BOOKS

Sunday, Nov. 6: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (immediately following worship) to elect new congregational leaders, and receive additional FFP (Faithful Future Planning) Updates



OUR VISION

Drawn together the mystery of God and led by Christ,
we will grow in the Spirit
by engaging faith, embracing change,
and seeking justice for all.

OUR MISSION

Building and serving community in Christ's name.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AWE SUNDAY ALL AGES WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



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United Church of Christ
610 Adams Street
Milton, MA
www.eastchurch.org

Rev. Shelly Davis, Pastor
Lynn Salmonsen, Organist and Choir Director

THOUGHT FOR REFLECTION

"I never knew how to worship until I knew how to love."

—Henry Ward Beecher, 19th-century Congregational clergyperson, author, reformer and anti-slavery activist

The (*) is an invitation to rise in body or spirit as you are able. For Prayers and Responses in **BOLD** we lift our voices in unison.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE Bicinium and Aurelia

Behnke

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INVITATIONS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(words to grab our attention and get us to focus on God)

One: We have come together in the name of Christ, We look around and notice who is with us, extend our arms out wide and smile a greeting to all whom we see.

One: to offer our praise and thanksgiving, We lift up our hands high as an act of praise.

One: to seek the forgiveness of our sins. We hold out our hands in front of our body – palms up – ready to receive.

One: to hear and receive God's holy word, We arrange the upward facing palms of our hands in front of our body, shaped as a 'V' formation like the open pages of a book

One: and to pray for the needs of the world, We put our own hands together, palm to palm and fingers pointing upwards, as for prayer.

One: That by the power of the Holy Spirit, We link thumbs and gently 'flap' our fingers as wings, imitating a dove – a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

One: We may give ourselves to the service of God and one another. We put both of our hands across our heart and then move them outward in a gesture of self-giving.

*HYMN (a song in praise or honor of God)

[Enter, Rejoice, and Come In](#)

Black 73

*OPENING PRAYER (connecting with God and one another)

A TIME OF RECONCILIATION

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Jesus taught his disciples to pray for forgiveness and to forgive each other.

Now its our turn.

Please join your voices with mine.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (praying to God for forgiveness)

Dear God,
I know that sometimes I say things
that I wish I could take back.
Please God, forgive me.
I know that sometimes I hurt other people.
Please God, forgive me.
I know that sometimes I hurt you, God,
by not paying attention to you,
or saying or doing things that hurt you.
Please God, forgive me.
Forgive us our debts, sins, and trespasses,
as we forgive others.
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God's grace and forgiveness are gifts for us to receive, even here and even now.
Thanks be to God!

*A SIGN OF UNITY AND RECONCILIATION

We stand and greet one another and offer signs of the peace of Christ, through the Zoom chat and in our building.

WE ENCOUNTER THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

ANTHEM (a song of praise or devotion)

Now, on Land and Sea Descending
Vesper Hymn from 1818

Burkhardt

SCRIPTURE (hearing God's word read from the Bible)

[Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16](#)
[Exodus 20: 1-5a, 8-11](#)

NRSV p. 548 OT
NRSV p. 66 OT

MESSAGE (words spoken about the scripture and our lives)

We are Church When We Worship

Pastor Shelly

*HYMN (a song in praise or honor of God)

[All People That on Earth Do Dwell](#)

Black 7

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

WORDS OF GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY (a song of praise or devotion)

I Feel the Spirit Moving
Emily Tweedy, soprano

Arr. Hayes

*DOXOLOGY (praise to God)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.

PRAYER TIME (talking with and listening to God)

WE SHARE OUR JOYS, SORROWS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Initially, in silence, we fill the Zoom chat and the green prayer cards in our pew racks with our prayers.

The prayer cards will be collected in the building and those prayers and the ones in the chat will be woven together for all to share.

WE ACCLAIM THE GOODNESS OF OUR GOD

God is good. All the time.
All the time. God is good.

PASTORAL PRAYER (words of prayer by a pastor)

OUR LORD'S PRAYER (saying Debts and Debtors)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We have come to know God and the kingdom of God by many different names and images. Please use the ones that speak from your heart today. (e.g. Father, Mother, Creator, God...Kingdom, New Earth, New Realm, Kin-dom...)

*HYMN (a song in praise or honor of God)

We are Marching in the Light of God
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',
Siyahamba, ekukanyen' kwenkos',
Siyahamba, siyahamba, oh,
Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'.
Siyahamba, siyahamba, oh,
Siyahamba ekukanyen' kwenkos'.

We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, ooh,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, we are marching, ooh,
We are marching in the light of God.

We are singing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are marching . . .