

Call to Worship: (Psalm 105: 1-8)

(Leader) ¹ The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;

**(All) The Lord has established the world;
it shall never be moved.**

(Leader) ² Your throne was established long ago;
you are from everlasting!

(All) ³ **The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods have lifted up their roaring.**

(Leader) ⁴ Mightier than the thunder of many waters,
mightier than the waves of the sea,
the Lord on high is mighty!

(All) ⁵ **Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house
O Lord, for evermore.**

Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Vs. 1,2,3 #496 UMH

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn

with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Bible Reading: Matthew 25: 14-30 MJ

Parable of the Talents

¹⁴ "For it is just like a man who was *about* to take a journey, and he called his servants together and entrusted them with his possessions. ¹⁵ To one he gave five [talents], to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he [made a profit and] gained five more. ¹⁷ Likewise the one who had two [made a profit and] gained two more. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one went and dug a *hole* in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ "Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ And the one who had received the five talents came and brought him five more, saying, 'Master, you entrusted to me five talents. See, I have [made a profit and] gained five more talents.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful *and* trustworthy over a little, I will

put you in charge of many things; share in the joy of your master.’

²² “Also the one who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you entrusted two talents to me. See, I have [made a profit and] gained two more talents.’ ²³ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful *and* trustworthy over a little, I will put you in charge of many things; share in the joy of your master.’

²⁴ “The one who had received one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a harsh *and* demanding man, reaping [the harvest] where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter *seed*. ²⁵ So I was afraid [to lose the talent], and I went and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is your own.’

²⁶ “But his master answered him, ‘You wicked, lazy servant, you knew that I reap [the harvest] where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter *seed*. ²⁷ Then you ought to have put my money with the bankers, and at my return I would have received my *money* back with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent away from him, and give it to the one who has the ten talents.’

²⁹ “For to everyone who has [and values his blessings and gifts from God, and has used them wisely], more will be given, and [he will be richly supplied so that] he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have [because he has ignored or disregarded his blessings and gifts from God], even what he does have will be taken away. ³⁰ And throw out the worthless servant into the outer darkness; in that place [of grief and torment] there will be

weeping [over sorrow and pain] and grinding of teeth [over distress and anger].

This is the Word of God for the people of God

ALL: Thanks be to God

Youth Message: “What Did You Do With Your Money?” **Ann Burnham**

Sermon: “Show Me The Money!” **Ann Burnham**

Hymn: “*I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*”
(vs. 1-4) **#2153 TFWS**

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

Holy Communion Invitation:

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness.

Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

Confession and Pardon (All):

We confess that we are not so different from those who welcomed Christ into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday yet later shouted 'Crucify him!' or remained silent in the face of injustice.

We have betrayed you too, Lord Jesus by our sins both secret and known. Yet you died for people like us, and you rose on the third day that we might be redeemed. For the sake of Jesus Christ, do not hold our sins against us.

Jesus Christ, our King of glory, we have not been outspoken for you. We have not called for your death, but neither have we shouted of your greatness, nor expressed delight in the salvation you have won for us. Help us to see your glory, draw us closer to you that we may become more faithful and more joyful servants of the King.

(All) We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

The Peace –

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

Trusting in the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit upon each of us, we hear anew the sacred story in the letter Paul wrote to the people of ancient Corinth:
For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (I Corinthians 11.23-26, NIV)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (All)

BREAKING THE BREAD

Leader: Because there is one loaf, We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

A great feast is prepared for us— the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ. God's grace overflows for us— the cup of promise and blessing that we share in Christ the Lord. Come to the table. Come to the feast.

(after receiving Communion) Prayer (All)
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy
mystery in which you have given yourself to
us.

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

God Moments: (Joys & Concerns) MJ

Pastoral Prayer: Ann Burnham

Sharing of Our Gifts:

Doxology: # 95 UMH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Special Music: Kyle Akin

Announcements: MJ

Closing Hymn: "Make Me a Servant"
#2176 FWS

Make me a servant
Humble and meek
Lord let me lift up
Those who are weak
And may the prayer
Of my heart always be
Make me a servant
Make me a servant
Make me a servant today

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Blessing: Ann Burnham



Birthday Wishes

November 7th- Bob O'Roak
November 8th- Richard Grant
November 21st- Loretta Bruffee

December 1st- Rick Velez
December 12th- Lee O'Roak
December 18th- Ted Burnham
December 25th- Jesus of Nazareth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 19th- Worship with our friends at Oak Point
Tuesday, November 28th- Church Conference at 7:00pm in church as well as ZOOM. Try to be
at the church by 6:45. ZOOM link will be sent out the day before.

Wednesday, November 29, Thursday, November 30 and Friday, December 1- Fair set-up at 10am.

Saturday, December 2nd- Christmas Fair from 9-2. We are looking for baked goods and items for Nearly New, Grandma's Attic and workers. See Jody Battistini (508-947-8285).

Sunday, December 3rd- First Sunday of Advent

LAY SERVANT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Counter</u>	
11/19/23	Ann Burnham	MJ S	Bill G	Bill G	MJ S	Oak Point/Communion
11/26/23	Dave Dextraze	Paul B	Jody B	Kevin O	Paul B	
12/3/23	Ann Burnham	Susan R	Donna T	Linda M	Susan R	
12/10/23	Susan Scott	Linda M	Nancy E	MJ S	Bob R	



Thank you for worshipping with us today! Please join us again next Sunday.

Come as a stranger, leave as a friend.

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