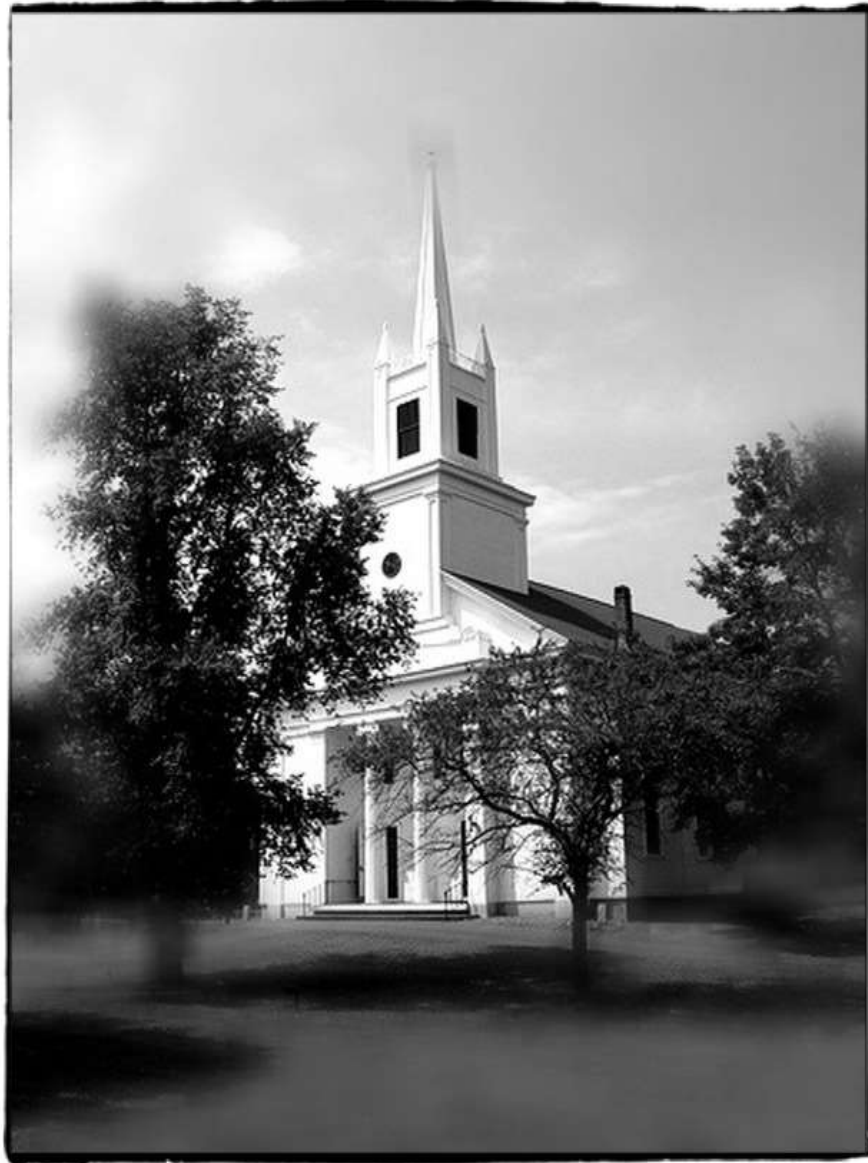


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ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 13, 2024
9:30 am

PRELUDE "Cwm Rhondda" John Hughes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Larry Atkins

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

OPENING HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA
HYMN #127 (MH) View page 5, all verses

CALL TO WORSHIP: Lay Reader, Duane Melling

Leader: O God, we come into your presence this morning
with confidence that you will meet us here.

All: Where there is sadness, bring joy;
Where there is tiredness, bring refreshment;
Where there is despair, bring a renewed sense of hope.
Let this place be a sanctuary,
a safe haven for us,
a home for holy words and songs and prayers
as we devote ourselves to you.
We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen

SHARING OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY *Deuxième Livre pour Orgue* No. 14 Yuri Dimmik

†THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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**

*You may substitute God/Her **You may substitute Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL- (MEET IN THE NARTHEX TO BE BROUGHT OVER)**

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23; Isaiah 40:6-8 Lay Reader, Duane Melling
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SERMON "A Chapter, Not the Story" Larry Atkins

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

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.

*You may substitute Creator/Mother/Maker, etc. as you choose in saying the prayer.

CLOSING HYMN
HYMN #378 (MH)

“Amazing Grace”
View page 6, verses 1, 2 and 6

AMAZING GRACE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Holy Manna”

William Moore

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23; Isaiah 40:6-8 (NRSVUE)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;^[a]

³ he restores my soul.^[b]

He leads me in right paths^[c]
for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^[d]

I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[f] shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.^[g]

⁶ A voice says, “Cry out!” And I said,^[a] “What shall I cry?” All flesh is grass; their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers; the flower fades, [[when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers; the flower fades,]]^[b] but the word of our God will stand forever.

ALL VERSES

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on

power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me
 jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou
 Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will

till I want no more; (want no more) feed me till I want no more.
 still my strength and shield; (strength and shield) be thou still my strength and shield.
 ev - er give to thee; (give to thee) I will ev - er give to thee.

VERSES 1, 2 and 6

Amazing Grace

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1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and
 6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 mor - tal life shall cease, I shall pos - sess, with -
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
 in the veil, a life of joy and peace.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Congregational Church of Topsfield Parish Care Ministry

Prayer List Contact:

Kim Itz at prayerlisting@topsfieldchurch.org or 978 887-6567.

Healing Scripture:

"And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick" Matthew 14:14

Healing Prayer:

Dear Lord, I ask you to turn this weakness into strength, suffering into compassion, sorrow into joy, and pain into comfort for others. May your servant trust in your goodness and hope in your faithfulness, even in the middle of this suffering. Let him be filled with patience and joy in your presence as he waits for your healing touch.

Please Pray For:

Maria Cecilia Guerra - Sister of José Guerra
Eva - Friend of Irina Günzel-Guerra from Norway
Doug McIlvaine - Member of CCOT
Doug Gruber - Brother of Susan Gruber
Jane Moyer - Member of CCOT
Diana Titus - Member of CCOT
Sean Enos - Son of neighbor of Jane & Bruce Jones
Cheryl Hopkins - Member of CCOT
Jennifer Smith - Friend of Martin & Christa in Vermont
Trish Hudson - Former member of CCOT
Kurt Nakanishi - Son of friend of Judi Gosbee
David Muise & Family- Family of Kim Itz
Jacob Itz - Son of Kim & Charlie Itz
Andrea Sommer & Family - Relatives of Irina Günzel Guerra
Mary Vernon Saunders - Cousin of Mary Jelinek
Joyce Talbot - Member of CCOT

Abby Bowling - Member of CCOT
Susan Gruber - Member of CCOT
Phil and Marilyn Knowles - Parents of Scott Knowles
GML - Friend of Judi & Gary Gosbee
John Kinhan - Member of CCOT
Danielle Redding - Daughter of Christy & Jim Redding
Kevin Goldenbogen - Former Youth Leader at CCOT
Bobby Duchano - Friend of Charles Mathison
Dorcas Gordon - Grandmother of Rasheed Townes
Mark Gosbee - Son of Judi & Gary Gosbee
Scott Bortzfield - Son of Ruth Bortzfield
Jack Whelan - Brother of Steve Whelan
Steve Hoover - Son of Carol & Fred Hoover
Phil Sinaikin - Friend of Krista & Martin Reikert
Mrs. Ping - Mother of friend of Kim Itz
Dennis Heslet- Member of CCOT