



First Congregational Church of Walpole, UCC

July 18, 2021, Eighth Sunday After Pentecost 10:00 a.m.

“Each of us is carving a stone, erecting a column, or cutting a piece of stained glass in the construction of something much bigger than ourselves.”

– Adrienne Clarkson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 23)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

**People: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.**

**All: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort
me.**

Leader: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

People: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

HYMN*Have Thine Own Way, Lord***TWC #584**

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray.
Power--all power--surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we know your Spirit as a fire in the belly, a light on our path, and warmth in our hearts. We wait for you to move among us. Wake us to your presence in our worship and every moment. But, we have sinned against you and other people by our thoughts and our thoughtlessness; by our actions and inaction; by our words and by our silence. Forgive us, we pray. Wake us to new and renewed life. Draw us closer to you, one another, and our better selves. Open our hearts to your love as we offer our silent confessions...

WORDS OF ASSURANCE**SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Trespases)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE (2 Times)

Psalm 119:105

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Micah 6:6-12; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader: For the Word in Scripture, for the Word among us,
for the Word within us:

All: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN

Blessed Assurance

TWC #514

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

[Refrain:]

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)

SERMON

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

(Old Hundredth)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, the Word in flesh born low;
Praise God above, you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God, we give thanks for the ability and opportunity to give. May we give cheerfully and find joy in your service. Help us realize that in giving we receive those things which truly satisfy. All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

TWC #574

Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your wandering children, lost, alone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the stumbling and the straying feet;
and feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungry ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things which you impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my heart shall overflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others
 so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

POSTLUDE

The Reverend Richard Malmberg, Pastor
Amy Cann, Music Director
Paul Looney, Zoom Director
Liturgy-Sue Krebs
Scriptures-Janet Wilson