



***First Congregational Church of Walpole, UCC***  
**October 24, 2021, Ukama Sunday, 10 a.m.**

*To divide and rule could only tear us apart,  
In everyman chest, there beats a heart*

*—Bob Marley, Zimbabwe*

***A special note to all from Amy and the choir:***

*We're very excited about all the music we'll be sharing on Sunday from our sister church in Chiredze! For folks in the sanctuary, there'll be an insert with all the information, words, and music you'll need -- and I'll also be sending it around as a special email on Saturday complete with back history and links to all sorts of online/YouTube performances, not just for those who Zoom, but for everyone to explore and enjoy. Watch for it! :)*

**PRELUDE**

*Akuna Zina Kunga Jesu*

-- Kathy Yardley, Flute

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MUSICAL INTROIT**

*Uyai Mose*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Psalm 34)

Leader: I will bless God at all times;  
whose praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in God; let the humble hear and be glad.  
O magnify God with me. We will exalt God's name together.**

Leader: I sought God, who answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.  
Look to God, and be radiant;  
so your faces shall never be shamed.

**People: This poor soul cried, and was heard by God,  
and was saved from every trouble.**

Leader: The angels of God surround those who fear the Holy One;

God's angel delivers them.

**All: O taste and see that God is good;  
happy are those who take refuge in God.**

**HYMN\***                      *O Worship the King*                      TWC #29

- 1) O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
- 2) O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
- 3) Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
- 4) Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND CONFESSION (unison)\***

Holy One, enlarge my heart, that it may be big enough to receive the greatness of your love.  
Holy One, stretch my heart, that it may take into it all those, who with me around the world,  
believe in Jesus Christ. Then stretch it again that it may take into it all those who do not know  
Christ, but who are my brothers and sisters because I know him. And stretch it still, that it may  
take in all those who are not lovely in my eyes and those hands I do not want to touch.  
Enlarge my heart, O God, through Jesus Christ, my Savior. Amen

*[An Opening Prayer (Africa) From Janet Morley, Bread of Tomorrow, Orbis Books]*

**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**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (Trespases)

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**UNISON PRAYER** (from Zimbabwe)

Open my eyes that they may see the deepest needs of the people; move my hands that they may feed the hungry; touch my heart that it may bring warmth to the despairing; teach me the generosity that welcomes strangers; let me share my possessions to clothe the naked; give me the care that strengthens the sick; make me share in the quest to set the prisoner free. In sharing our anxieties and our love, our poverty, and our prosperity, we partake of your divine presence . . .

**PASTORAL PRAYER** (Choral Amen)

*(adapted from A Procession of Prayers, ed. John Carden, c. 1998 by World Council of Churches Publications)*

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:** Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Mark 10:46-52

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

**SUNG RESPONSE** (2 Times)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
And a light unto my path

**SERMON**

**HYMN\*** *Ndi Mwari Uri Bako -- God Is Our Cave*

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Uri nJira Yakanaka*

**DOXOLOGY\*** (Old Hundredth)

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)\***

God of All Good, our gifts we bring to you. May they be multiplied and blessed, as the fish and the loaves were. Little though our offering is, but meaningful in love, may it be. May they be received as tokens of our love. Amen

*(Zimbabwe; from Maren Tirabassi's Gifts of Many Cultures)*

**HYMN\*** *Akuna Zina Sera Jesu*

**BENEDICTION\***

## **BENEDICTION RESPONSE "GO NOW IN PEACE" \***

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**      *Hakuna Zita Sera Jesu*

\*Those who are comfortably able, please stand.

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following people: **Phyllis Pickering, Sue Durgin, Don Schulte, Bob Rhodes.**

Please contact Jane Vesper with your prayer requests at 603-756-4075.

### **Members living in retirement homes.**

**Patsy Campbell, Gina Nason, Rick Prentiss, Virginia Putnam**

Maplewood, 201 River Road, Westmorland, NH 03467

Our sister church in Chiredzi, Zimbabwe

## **Birthdays**

Curt Congdon 10/24, Cindy Westover 10/26, Peggy Graves 10/28, Sue Krebs 10/29

## October 24, 2021, Scriptures

### **Job 42:1–6, 10-17**

Then Job answered the LORD:

“I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’

Therefore, I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

‘Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me.’

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;

therefore, I despise myself,  
and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

### **Mark 10:46-52**

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So, throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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