

The Congregational Church of Westborough

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

West Main & Church Streets, Westborough, Massachusetts

Children's Sunday

"FOLLOW ME..."

June 11, 2017



WELCOME

Pastor Paul Sangree

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mallory Walker and Maggie Fox

God of creation, we thank You for all the gifts You have given us, and given us to share, throughout this Sunday School year.

We praise You for giving us life, for giving us love, and for the ability to share Your love throughout the world.

As we come to the end of this Sunday School year, we voice our gratitude for the good things You have done in us and through us, and we praise You for all who have shared in the missions and work of this year. We ask you to bless them in Your love and give them refreshment and peace this summer.

Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit. Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion, and bless us, according to Your will. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God, our Father, may we love You in all things and above all things. Place in our hearts a desire to please You and fill our minds with thoughts of Your Love, so that we may grow in faith together. Let your love shine through us in the love we have for one another, and in the love we bring to the world.

LORD'S PRAYER (Debts)

OPENING HYMN #16

"Come, Thou Fount of
Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise to thee an altar; hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it from thy courts above.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:16-20

The Message

Passing along the beach of Lake Galilee, Jesus saw Simon and his brother Andrew net-fishing. Fishing was their regular work. Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass." They didn't ask questions. They dropped their nets and followed.

TIME WITH DISCIPLES

Wendy Reardon

SONG

"You Are Holy"

Led by Joyspring

Men - Start	Women - Echo
You are holy You are mighty You are worthy Worthy of praise I will follow I will listen I will love you All of my days	You are holy You are mighty You are worthy Worthy of praise I will follow I will listen I will love you All of my days
I will sing to And worship The King who is worthy I will love and adore Him And I will bow down before Him And I will sing to and worship the King who is worthy And I will love and adore Him And I will bow down before Him	You are Lord of Lords You are King of Kings You are mighty God Lord of everything You're Emmanuel You're the great "I AM" You're my Prince of Peace Who is the Lamb You're the living God You're my saving grace You will reign forever You are Ancient of days You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End You're my Saviour, Messiah, Redeemer and friend

(Both)

You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You.

TIME OF CELEBRATION

CELEBRATING OUR MENTORS

OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

“A SAILBOAT’S BLESSING”

God of boundless love, at the beginning of creation your Spirit hovered over the deep. You called forth every creature, and the seas teemed with life. Through your Son Jesus Christ, you have given us the rich harvest of salvation. Bless this boat, its equipment and all who will use it. Protect them from the dangers of wind and rain and all the perils of the deep. May Christ, who calmed the storm and filled the nets of his disciples, ring us all to the harbor of light and peace. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:35

“And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”

COMMISSIONING OF: THE YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP TO ST. VINCENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Paul Sangree

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

[1]

I'm trading my sorrows
I'm trading my shame
I'm laying them down for the joy
of the Lord

[2]

I'm trading my sickness
I'm trading my pain
I'm laying them down for the joy
of the Lord

[chorus]

We say

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord
Amen

[chorus]

[bridge]

I am pressed but not crushed
persecuted not abandoned
Struck down but not destroyed
I am blessed beyond the curse for
his promise will endure
And his joy's gonna be my
strength

[bridge 2]

Though the sorrow may last for the night
His joy comes with the morning.

[1], [2], Chorus x2

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we give and serve in your name, with great joy. We hate what is wrong and hold tightly to what is good. We love each other with real affection. We will do all that we can to live in peace with everyone. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

BENEDICTION

We pray thankfully for the world and all who are in it; We pray because of the hope that is within us, and because of a faith in the ultimate triumph of the human spirit; We pray because of our love for Creation, and because of our trust in God. We pray, above all, for peace throughout the world.” Jane Goodall

COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL OUTREACH:

~We collected and donated Back-to-School supplies to area school children through PROJECT JUST BECAUSE of Hopkinton.

~We created a Haunted House in the church basement and raised funds for the Mission Trip

~The Great Pie Challenge Sale \$1050.00 raised at sale for Mission Trip Fund

~THE CURTIS FAMILY THANKSGIVING we donated over 100 pies!

~Curtis Family Volunteers! This year we delivered our pies AND we volunteered our time prepping bread for stuffing.

~The Christmas Pageant We had 62 “cast members and crew” in our pageant this year.

We were able to incorporate everyone’s talents and passions, whether acting, painting, using saws and drills, make-up, costumes, lighting, dancing and musicians...we did it all! And we managed to include all ages, 3 different stories...and do it all in an hour and ten minutes! The pageant was well attended and well received!

~We had a very successful Souper Bowl of Caring; we collected 3 large boxes of non-perishable food to donate to the Westborough Food Pantry. This was our 4th year participating as an official group in the “Tackle Hunger” national campaign.

~Our 5th Annual Mother’s Day Scholastic Book Fair: This year our books will be delivered in person to St Vincent by our Mission Trip Team!

~The Way of the Cross: Once again the Sunday School students and Youth Group created a meditative service for the congregation, complete with artwork from our CE lessons and storytelling from our Youth Group members.

~Community Easter Egg Hunt: The “hunt” was a big hit! Fun was had by everyone; we had many visitors enjoying the Easter Bunny and treats! The Youth Group kids hosted with their usual enthusiasm.

~AND...

WE BUILT A BOAT!?! ...What more can we say?

Many thanks to Nathan Tregger and Brett Borglund whom without their help we could have never done it!

The Mission Trip Team would like to thank our amazing congregation, family and friends for helping us to raise approximately \$25,000 for our mission trip to St. Vincent to volunteer with Hands Across the Sea. We are excited for our journey and look forward to sharing with you all that we have experienced upon our return!

I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful program year! Have a great summer and remember...



God is all around you. You just have to remember to look!

~In God's Grace, Love and Peace, Wendy~

Beth Dapolite and James McClung are Deacons of the day.

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS FOR JUNE 11, 2017

Continued Prayers: Justine and Lexi Lovely; Julia Zepeda, daughter of Dana and Linda Crawford during her pregnancy; Cathie Achorn's sister Linda Palatka; Dee Mumby (Cathie Achorn's mother); Helena Engberg

Prayer requests: You can place prayer concerns on the church's email distribution list at epayers@uccwestboro.org. If you would like a prayer request included in today's service, please let a Deacon know prior to the start of worship. Prayers will remain listed for 8 weeks. If you would like a prayer renewed, please call the church office.

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CALENDAR FOR JUNE 11th – JUNE 18th

Jun 11

10:00 AM

5:30 PM

Jun 12

9-11 AM

2:15 PM

7:30 PM

7:30 PM

Jun 13

7:00 PM

7:00 PM

Jun 14

9:30 AM

3:30 PM

7:00 PM

7:30 PM

Children's Sunday

Worship at the Beach

GSA/Vestry

Monday

PCC Board/Kerygma Room

GSA/Vestry

AA/Nursery

BSA Comm/Kerygma Rm

Tuesday

Trustees/Kerygma Room

Festival Ringers

Wednesday

Playgroup/Nursery

Journey Home Singers

Choir Rehearsal

JoySpring rehearsal

Jun 15

Noon – 6PM

2:30 PM

6:30 PM

Jun 16

Jun 17

8AM-Noon

Jun 18

10:00 AM

11:15 AM

Thursday

Farmer's Market

PCC/Fannie Forbes

BSA/Vestry

Friday (No Scheduled Events)

Saturday

All Church Work Day

Father's Day Sunday

Worship & Summer Story Time

Music Committee