

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2022
Communion
9:45 AM

PRELUDE *Reflection* Beaumont
Offertoire Boellman

INTROIT *Instruments Waken and Publish Your Gladness* Buxtehude

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Christopher Lyman Waldron

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come! Come, all you who are seeking God.
Come! Come, to this place of protection and comfort

Many: And discover that God is seeking us!

One: We rejoice to have God find us here -

Many: As we come seeking God!

One: Come! Come, to experience God's joy when we come together.

All: Here in this sanctuary are together

We come to find the fullness of God!

*HYMN *#680 O God of Every Nation*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Thank you, Holy One, for this opportunity to meet you in this place of worship. We come to this new day together in this sanctuary space, carrying all kinds of feelings, emotions and expectations. Here, in your presence, let your Spirit move us to a place of rejoicing in which new hopes abound. We know you come seeking us. We will bring ourselves to celebrate the gift of your caring Spirit. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please Lord, we also pray for: Those suffering from the effects of flooding, fires and war; healing and comfort for Olive Barrett, Marcia Bibeault, John Glore, Michael Martens, Bev Poole, Muriel Porter, Lois Walsh.

PRAYER RESPONSE *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

CALL TO OFFERING

UNISON OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, As we come together dedicating this space in worship, we too come bringing these resources that we dedicate to your work in the world. May these grow and be put to good use in this community so that we might live into the mission that you call us to. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

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Luke 15:1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Through the words of scripture God spoke to our ancestors and speaks to us anew.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays

Berger

SERMON

Rev. Chris Lyman Waldron

THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Source of Wholeness, we confess that sometimes our goals don’t align with yours, and we get lost. At times, we have pursued power, knowledge, and wealth instead of you, who are the source of all. We know that you are the

balm we need, and we turn ourselves towards you. You are steadfast in your love and justice. Help us to be the same, help us to be a balm to others as you are to us. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in union)

“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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

BLESSING THE ELEMENTS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison)

God, we thank you for bringing us together at the table today. We thank you for this taste of your promise that is being revealed in us and through us. Thank you for being love, for being the shepherd that seeks us, for being the light along our path. Send us out into the world, to live into your example, seeking justice and abundance for all. Let us celebrate your love and faithfulness and work together with all people to bring your beauty on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*HYMN

#558 Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Chris Lyman Waldron

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C major

Buxtehude

USHERS

Gail Palmer & Linda Dempsey

COMMUNION

Joanne Dickey & Judy Raymond

COFFEE HOUR

Flower Ministry

ALTAR FLOWERS

*In loving memory of Jean McKenzie,
our Mom and Nana, from Pam, Nancy and family.*

Today

Church Council after Worship

Crafters-Monday Sept. 12th

Monday September 12 at 10am at church for our next session.

If you have any of the trees for the Christmas garland
please bring them so we can get those completed.

See you then!!

Altar Flowers/Tower Lighting

We have openings for Altar Flowers & Tower Lighting forms in the Stage

Room or feel free to call the office

781-326-5050 or allinchurch@gmail.com

PLEASE HELP US TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

The Allin Church Knitting Group and Missions Team are sponsoring a collection of personal care items to be given to our veterans. Jo-Ann McDonagh has made several drawstring bags, which we will fill with our collected items and deliver to patients at the West Roxbury Veterans Administration Hospital. During September and October, we will be collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, white crew socks, small notepads, combs, brushes, soap, hand wipes and deodorant to put in these bags.

Please leave your collection items in the bins near the Bullard Street door and the High Street door in the narthex. Thanks for your help!

NEWS FROM OUR TRANSITION TEAM

We are excited to let you know that the Transition Team has begun the search process for a settled pastor. The Transition Team performs its work before the Search Team begins locating and meeting with candidates. The primary mission of the Transition Team is to complete a detailed Church Profile, including historical information, demographic information, and a description of the congregation's aims, intentions and hopes for a new settled pastor.

The Church Profile becomes the primary “help wanted advertisement” that candidates will first review. We anticipate the needs assessment and completion of the Church Profile to complete by the end of October. At that time, the Transition Team will turn over the process to the Search Team with a celebratory milestone meeting.

As this is a collaborative process, we invite and encourage you to share your thoughts in any of the following ways:

- Join us for a small focus group immediately following church on 9/18, and 9/25
- Join us for a Zoom session on Monday, 9/12 (Depending upon interest, we are happy to schedule a second Zoom session)
- For the focus and Zoom sessions, we have developed questions to encourage conversation.
- Call any Transition team member (Ann Cronin 617-327-3923, Bob Drake 781-838-2641, Nancy LaBier 339-206-0141, Cedric Kam, Jean Martens, Keith McCown)
- E-mail any Transition team member (Ann Cronin - ann.cronin3@gmail.com, Bob Drake - bobdrake45@gmail.com, Nancy LaBier - nlabier@verizon.net, Cedric Kam, Jean Martens, Keith McCown)

We are thankful for the thoughtful guidance of Keith, our Chairperson, and Pastor Chris.

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