

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***FINAL HYMN #463 (v. 1,2,4) “Renew Your Church”**

Renew your church, our ministries restore:
both to serve and adore.

Make us again as salt through the land,
and as light from a stand.

‘Mid somber shadows of the night,
where greed and hatred spread their blight,
O send us forth with power endued.
Help us, God, be renewed.

Teach us your word, reveal its truth divine,
on our path let it shine.

Tell us your works, your mighty acts of grace,
from each page show your face.

As you have sent your Christ to save,
in love to triumph o’er the grave,
O let our hearts with love be stirred,
help us God, know your word.

Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind,
each and all—humankind!

Break down old walls of prejudice and hate,
leave us not to our fate.

As you have loved and giv’n your life
to end hostility and strife,

O share your grace from heav’n above,
teach us God, how to love.

***TAKE HOME**

“Listen when a prophet speaks, because G-D is talking.”

— Alejandro C. Estrada, author

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Largo

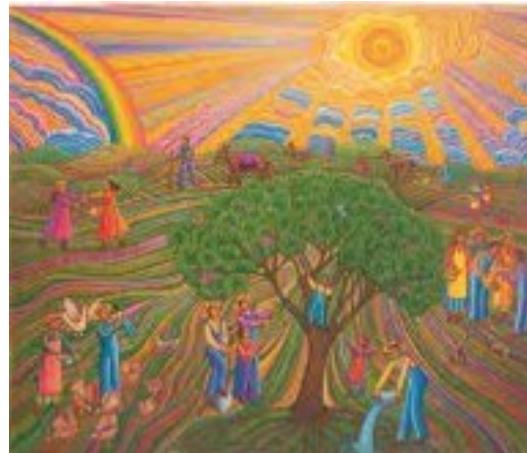
Handel

The flowers this morning are given by Roger Gauthier and Martha MacNaught in memory of Tanda Gauthier.

We thank those who serving during the service, especially Kim Goncalo, who is the Deacon, and Jean Gallipeau, who is the videographer.

We welcome today Stewart Armstrong as today’s musician while Vaughn Bryner is on vacation.

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**No matter who you are
or where you are on life’s journey
you’re welcome here.**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022

**A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
DISCOVERING OUR PROPHETIC VOICE**

AMICABLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Tiverton Four Corners

10:00 AM August 7, 2022

Welcome! We invite you into a time of preparation for worship. We invite you to unplug, turn off your phones, unwind from the past week, and focus your hearts on God's presence within, around, and between us all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

L: God is present.

C: All the time, everywhere.

L: Everywhere, all the time.

C: God is present.

PRELUDE Prelude #1 in C

Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Then I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, thus says God.

C: Send down the fire of your justice!

L: Your sons and Your daughters shall prophesy,

C: Send down the rain of your love!

L: Your old shall dream dreams, and Your young shall see visions.

C: Send down Your Spirit, breathe life in Your people!

L: In those days, I will pour out my spirit.

C: And we shall be people of God.

L: We give You thanks for all the ways that You bless our lives: the beauty and abundance of nature, the love of family and friends, the joy of knowing You and hearing Your word. Send Your Spirit during this time of worship so that we might dream your dreams and see visions of the world as You created it to be. Guide our thoughts and actions. Bring us closer to You so that we might do Your will and dwell in Your house forever. Amen.



***HYMN** #595 (v.1,2,4) "Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou hast won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

As Christians, we are called to be "transformers" in the world rather than "conformers" to it. This is exciting, albeit challenging, spiritual work because prophetic voices are not always welcome or heard. How do you see yourself using your prophetic voice to speak God's truth? Do you recognize a time when Amicable Church was a prophetic voice in the community?

ASSURANCE OF BLESSINGS

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE** #592 (v.2) "Every time I Feel the Spirit"

Refrain

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.*

Jordan River chilly and cold,
chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
runs to heaven and right back. *Refrain*

READINGS

Joel 2:28-32

Luke 4:16-30

MESSAGE

The Rev. Nancy Hamlin Soukup

SILENCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Amicable Congregational Prayer

GATHERING PRAYER: THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY MUSIC "Flying In the Air" from "The Snowman"

*DOXOLOGY (#46)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God whose face we seek to show;
Praise God with hands held out to share
With all God's children everywhere. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, bless these gifts and the givers that all might carry forward the ministry you intend here in our church and community, and wherever there is a need on the face of the earth. Amen.

HYMN #420 (v.1,3,5) "I Come with Joy"

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.