

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

ONLINE WORSHIP

July 12, 2020

Welcome

Prelude "Prelude on Nyland" by W. Barnett

Call to Worship *from Psalm 63*

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you.

People: My soul thirsts for you.

Leader: My flesh longs for you,

People: As in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life, I will praise you.

People: And I will bless you for as long as I live.

Hymn "God Reigns O'er All the Earth" Tune: TERRA BEATA [NCH #21]

1. God reigns o'er all the earth!

Green hills and valleys low,

The farms and towns in golds and browns,

God's grace and beauty show.

God reigns o'er all the earth,

Stone banks and spreading plains,

In rainbow hues – reds, yellows, blues –

Of streams and country lanes.

2. God reigns o'er human life!

Through youth and aging years,

In death, in birth, in grief, in mirth,

In all our hopes and fears.

God reigns o'er human life!

Our inspiration still.

Through all our schemes, in all our dreams,

We see God's reigning will.

3. God reigns o'er time and space!
In history's bygone days.
Christ's faithful folk in reverence spoke
To bring God earnest praise.
God reigns o'er time and space!
O'er galaxy and sun,
Through timeless years the cosmos hears
The heavenly music run.

4. God reigns! Emmanuel!
God with us every day,
in all our past and to the last,
our comfort and our stay.
God reigns! Emmanuel!
Let praise to Christ be sung!
God's presence here makes all things dear,
Let joyful bells be rung!

Unison Prayer of Confession *from the Book of Common Worship (1973)*

All: Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory be to God.

Time with Children

Lesson John 4:1-29

Sermon "The Water of Life" Rev. Dr. James Matarazzo

Brief Musical Interlude

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Music "Invocation" by T. Salomé

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Christ the Word made flesh born low
Praise Holy Spirit evermore
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" Tune: PILOT [Pilgrim #213]

1. Jesus, Savior, pilot me,
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass come from thee:
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!

2. As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
Boisterous waves obey thy will

When thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me!

3. When at last I near the shore,
And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest,
Then, while leaning on thy breast,
May I hear thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee!"

Benediction

Postlude "The Celebration of Life" by G. Davidson

*The flowers on the altar are given by Marion Harnois in memory of family members
that have passed.*