



First United Methodist Church

"Come as you are, we mean it!"



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 2, 2022



THANK YOU
for joining us in
worship today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Events

This week's Schedule:

Sunday, 10/02:

10am: Worship

Monday, 10/3:

NO Office Hours

6:30pm: Council Meeting

Wednesday, 10/5:

3:30pm: EspresSoul (coffee with the Pastor)

6:30pm: Bible Study

Friday, 10/7:

2-6pm: Carol's Closet

5pm: Rosilda's kitchen

Sunday, 10/9:

10am: Worship

MARK THE DATE:

Monday, 10/10:

Indigenous People's Day (

A.k.a. Columbus Day) -

Office closed

Monday, 10/17:

6:30pm: Movie Night—"The Way"

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

As you wait, food for thought

As two pieces of wax fused together make one so he who receives Holy Communion is so united with Christ that Christ is in him and he is in Christ.

Cyril of Alexandria

WELCOME

HYMN

“Is He Worthy?”

Andrew Peterson / Ben Shive © Junkbox Music, Capitol Cmg Genesis, Vamos Publishing—CCLI # 5074717

Do you feel the world is broken?

(We do)

Do you feel the shadows deepen?

(We do)

But do you know that all the dark won't stop

The light from getting through?

(We do)

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)

Is a new creation coming? (It is)

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? (It is)

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Refrain:

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He was David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy of this?

He is

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)

Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)

And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever those He loves? (He does)

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? (He does)

(Refrain)

From every people and tribe

Every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God

To reign with the Son

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Of all blessing and honor and glory

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?

Is He worthy of this?

He is! He is! He is! He is!

He is worthy, He is worthy

Of all blessing and honor and glory

He is worthy, He is worthy

Of all blessing and honor and glory

He is worthy of this

He is

PRAYER TIME

Sharing of Prayers, Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

PASSING OF THE PEACE

READING

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:9-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

We do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Mark 10:13-16

People were bringing children to him in order that he might touch them, and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

SERMON

"One With Us"

Pastor Sabina

HYMN AND OFFERING

“O Come to the Altar”

Wade Joye / Christopher Brown / Mack Brock / Steven Furtick © Be Essential Songs—CCLI # 5074717

Are you hurting and broken within?
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling

Oh, what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen
(Repeat)

Refrain:

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Oh, what a Savior
Isn't He wonderful?
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen
Bow down before Him
For He is Lord of all
Sing Hallelujah, Christ is risen
(Repeat)
(Refrain x 2)

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today, there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for
joy
From the ashes, a new life is born
Jesus is calling
(Refrain)

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you found

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord our God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen

COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

“Graves Into Gardens”

Christopher Joel Brown / Steven Furtick / Tiffany Joann Hammer © Be Essential Songs, Bethel Music Publishing, Maverick City Publishing Worldwide, Brandon Lake Music—CCLI # 5074717

I searched the world
But it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise

And treasures that fade
Are never enough

Then You came along
 And put me back together
 And every desire
 Is now satisfied
 Here in Your love

(Refrain)

*Oh, there's nothing better than You
 There's nothing better than You
 Lord, there's nothing
 Nothing is better than You*

I'm not afraid
 To show You my weakness
 My failures and flaws
 Lord, You've seen 'em all
 And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain
 Is the God of the valley
 There's not a place

BENEDICTION

Your mercy and grace
 Won't find me again
(Refrain)

You turn mourning to dancing
 You give beauty for ashes
 You turn shame into glory
 You're the only one who can

You turn graves into garden
 You turn bones into armies
 You turn seas into highways
 You're the only one who can
 You're the only one who can
(Refrain x 2)

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Enter to worship, Depart to serve

Week of October 2, 2022

New prayers are highlighted in red

Confidential Prayer requests should be sent to
Pastor Sabina at
pastorsabinaterrades@gmail.com

FOR THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH,
its members and mission
For those who seek God or a deeper knowledge
of Him

FOR THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,
its members and its mission
For the New England Conference, Bishop
Devadhar and his family, Districts, and in particular
the Commonwealth West District and Superintendent
Megan Stowe and her family.
For all pastors and their families, as well as local
congregations.

FOR THE WELFARE OF THE WORLD
For peace, justice, goodwill among nations, the
well-being of all people, our nation, and all in
authority.
For those serving in the armed forces.

FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER, or are in need or
trouble, for all people on the margins of society,
the broken, the forgotten.

For the poor, the addicts, people suffering from
mental or physical illness, the homeless, the refugees,
the immigrants, the unemployed, the shut-ins,
the hungry, the oppressed and those in prison.

For justice for all people suffering from violence,
prejudice or discrimination based on their race,
religion, sexual orientation, gender, ability, age,
culture, background, physical appearance, behaviors.

For those who grieve, especially the families and
friends of the 1,000,000+ victims of Covid 19.

For the people of Ukraine.

For the people of Pakistan, Puerto Rico, **Florida**,
and other areas suffering from climate change.

FOR THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF SOUTHBRIDGE, its members
and its mission.

For our ministries and the people we serve.
For Graham, who will be baptized on his birthday, October 3rd, by full immersion
For **Cheryl and her family, her daughter Hannah and son-in-law, and her newborn grandson**, healing and hope
For **Cathy H.**, recovering from surgery
For **Patti and her family** as the first anniversary of Tonya's death is approaching.
For **Ana, her daughter Idalia, her sister, Mikki**, and her family as they deal with cancer
For **Laurie C. and her family**, as they grieve the loss of Laurie's brother, Robert.
For **Laurie A. and her son**, strength and comfort
For **Trey's family and friends**
For **Helen, for her father**, for her own healing
For our shut-in, **Phyllis**
For **Gayle**, healing
For **our congregation**, discernment, wisdom

FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

For **Christine's sister, Cathy**, healing
For **Jen's friend, Bridgett**
For **Patti's coworker, Chris**
For **the friends we have been helping at the Worcester "tent city"**, housing, employment, and hope
For **John and Cindy Booth**, healing
For **Frank and his family** as his baby sister enters the last stage of her battle with cancer
For **Felix, Patti's coworker**, healing
For **Cheryl's sister**, healing
For the **Southbridge and neighboring towns and communities**

IN THANKSGIVING FOR:

Our partners in ministry:

- * The Center of Hope
- * 2nd Chance Animal Shelter
- * Faith Fellowship, Pastor David Arruda, Corlis and their congregation.
- * The First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury
- * Charlton City UMC for their Bread Ministry.
- * The Sturbridge Federated Church and Holic Turnbow for their ongoing financial support and many donations.
- * The Lancaster Food Bank



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A large family (with changing table),
 multi-gender restroom is located downstairs next to the kitchen.

Worship: Sunday at 10am (outside during the summer)

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 6:30pm

EspresSoul (Coffee with the Pastor): Wednesdays at 3:30pm

Free Meal: Fridays at 5pm