

CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual "*Neighbors In Need*" offering will be received today.

SMALL ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY, Saturday, November 3rd in the large parking lot on the west side of the church. A small fee will be charged to dispose of your items.

Sunday, October 14th **DEACONS' MEETING** at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 17th **COMMUNITY MEAL** 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 18th **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**
7:00 p.m. SHARP

Saturday, October 27th **HARVEST YARD SALE**
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

BUILDING USE POLICY: To avoid potential scheduling conflicts, all requests for use of the church building or grounds should be **FIRST** cleared with the Church Council in order that Bob Oliver can record them on the calendar which is posted on the bulletin board outside of the minister's study.

Intentional Interim Minister: Rev. Teri Motley

Ministers – The Congregation

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United Church of Christ

*"Building Faith, Nurturing Community,
Welcoming All"*

An Open and Affirming Community of Faith



488 Essex Ave
Gloucester MA 01930

*No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are On Life's Journey,
You Are Welcome Here*

October 14, 2018 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10:00AM

Please gather quietly respecting those who are using this time for prayer and quiet reflection.

+ = As You Are Able, Please Stand.

GATHERING: "*CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD*"
Setting By Joel Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (PLEASE SEE INSERT):

+ HYMN #22 "*LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING*"

+ PRAYER OF INVOCATION (UNISON): **O God, help us deal with our stuff! Some of us are weighed down with possessions. We have things in our closets, our attics, and our basements. We have things tucked away in boxes we haven't opened in years, "because we might need it" or "our children may want it" and still we acquire more. And yet, we know that there are those in our communities who can fit all their worldly possessions in a shopping cart. O God, we need your forgiveness and your guidance. Help us "right-size" our attachment to possessions and things so we can walk unburdened, in trust, to do your work. Amen**

+ HYMN #734 "*GLORIA PATRI*"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (PLEASE SEE INSERT)
PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)

+ HYMN #65 "*GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY*"

SCRIPTURE: MARK 10: 17-31

SERMON: "*HOW BIG IS A NEEDLE'S EYE ANYWAY?*"

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: "Prelude in G from WTC" J.S. Bach

+ SUNG RESPONSE: HYMN #34:

"PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow: Praise God all creatures here below: Praise God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

+ BLESSING OF OUR GIFTS (UNISON): **Generous God, we thank you for all that we have – for all of it comes from you. We gratefully return a portion of what we have to you. May our giving liberate us from the burdens of possessions. May our gifts support the work of this church, as we bring generosity and sharing to this community. Amen.**

+ HYMN #84 "*O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST*"

+ BLESSING AND BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE):

Leader: We have worshipped God together;

People: Now we go forth into the world, refreshed, renewed, and challenged.

Leader: May the spirit which blessed us here

People: Guide and refresh us in each day, until we meet again.

All:Amen

+ HYMN #614 "*LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH*"

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE; Based on Psalm 22)

Leader: With the ancient Psalmist we cry to you, O God, when we are beset with troubles: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?

People: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

Leader: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel

People: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them.

Leader: To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame.

People: I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

Leader: For you did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; you did not hide your face from me, but heard when I cried to you.

People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD.

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

All: For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Let us offer our prayers to God, who is abundant in every good gift. Let us pray for the church, this church and all churches, that the gospel would be firmly planted in all communities.

People: Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Leader: Let us pray for a fruitful harvest of grain from the fields and for a healthy global economy, for a fair and just distribution of the world's goods.

People: Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Leader: Let us pray for justice to prevail, that those in need would be cared for, the oppressed be freed, and the courts be governed with truth.

People: Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Leader: Let us pray for the healing of all who suffer with pain and illness (especially), that they may be restored to good health and well-being.

People: Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Leader: Let us pray for those inside and outside this congregation who may have questions of faith. May they find a hospitable welcome and experience your presence in their inquiry.

People: Hear us, O God; your mercy is great.

Leader: Let us pray in thanksgiving for every gift we celebrate today, (especially)

All: Hear us, O God; your mercy is great. Grant us wisdom in our asking, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.