

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cohasset, Massachusetts

November 3, 2024

Twenty Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
(green)

CENTERING THOUGHT

“We’re always right and we’re always wrong.”

Jin Kim

PRELUDE

J.S. Bach

Aria (alla maniera italiana) in A minor, BWV 989

WELCOME

Rick Kiehmeyer

*CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER (from psalm 139)

Leader: Where can I go from your spirit?

Many: Or where can I flee from your presence?

Leader: If I ascend to heaven, you are there,

Many: If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

Leader: If I take the wings of the morning

Many: And settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

Leader: Even there your hand shall lead me;

Many: And your right hand shall hold me fast.

ALL

We call to each other this morning with some of the most beautiful words in the Bible, words of radical hope, promise, and generosity. There is no where we go where God’s spirit of love is not already present. *Everywhere; every place; with everyone.* Heaven, of course, and even hell. Spirit of Love, open our hearts that we might find your love inside ourselves; open our minds that we might gently let go of whatever gets in the way; open our doors, that we might welcome people who are already in your embrace, whether we have seen them that way or not. *Amen.*

*HYMN #575

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

OFFERING

Words of Gratitude

Offertory Music

C. Gluck

Dance of the Blessed Spirits, Wq 30 – from Orpheus

*Doxology (No. 625) and Offertory Prayer

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

CHORAL ANTHEM

Lloyd Larson

"Come, Share this Feast of Love"

A Reading from *"Theology & Identity: Traditions, Movements, and Polity in the United Church of Christ"*

PSALM 139

REFLECTION *"What does the UCC believe? Part 4"*

PASTORAL PRAYER

INSTRUMENTAL RESPONSE

*HYMN OF PREPARATION #426

The Lord's Prayer

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Our church welcomes to communion people of all ages who know Jesus as the Christ and seek to follow in his ways.

INVITATION

This meal is a ritual we repeat after the manner of that first last meal Jesus shared with his followers, handed down and memorialized through the ages, and, as is our practice, one time monthly. Let not the repeating of this ritual be repetitive! May the familiar motions comfort us, but may we not be too comfortable that we sleep on the *challenge* this meal presents, and the infinite number of ways we can answer this challenge: how do we keep living in the face of death? Where is God – where is Love – in a world that shows out as Godless, Loveless?

***RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Leader: There is pain and sorrow in this passion and death of Jesus,

Many: We hold pain and sorrow as we hold this bread and drink

Leader: There is love and light, even in shadow and darkness,

Many: We lean into love, even when we can't see the path

Leader: To receive today, you must reach out to another, the one who serves

Many: Let us receive from and give to each other

Leader: May this meal fill us up: each of us and all of us,

Many: May we hold together, even when we pull apart.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

We give thanks for this time together, this table that meets us in death and holds us in life. We give thanks for this time to gather quietly, to be with our own deepest selves, to glimpse the places where death and life meet within each of our own lives. We give thanks for this time together, to relax our grips on what's broken between us, to lean into each other, to stretch toward something new and good. *Amen.*

***HYMN** Insert

The Taste of Bread & Wine

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

C. Debussy

Minstrels – from Preludes, Book One

Please be seated and enjoy the Postlude in silence as we prepare to go out for service in the world

*Please rise in body or spirit, as you are most comfortable.

Flowers this week are given by the Corry family in loving memory of a dear friend, Patrick Horgan.

Bridge Pastor	Jonathan Pierce
Music Director	Jin Kim
Organist	Konstantinos Papadakis
Host	Rick Kiehmeyer
Ushers/Greeters	Deacons
Reader	Doug Thompson
Fellowship	Diane Dooley & Susan Pritchard

Week at a glance

Day	Description	Time	Location
Sunday	Worship	10:00	Sanctuary
	Fellowship	11:00	Bates Hall
	<i>Reflections</i>	11:15	Bates Hall
Tuesday	Work Group 2	5:00	Bates Hall
	<i>Living with Loss</i>	7-9	Hingham Hist Soc.
Wednesday	Choir rehearsal	7:00	Bates Hall
Thursday	Crafty Ladies	9:30 am	Green Chair Room
	Mindfulness Plus		
Friday	<i>Reflection Circle</i>	9:30	Bates Hall