

Welcome! During the Worship Services

In worship, the people read the **bold print** and a liturgist reads the regular print. Worship guides or notations are *italicized*.

“†” indicates to please stand as you are able.

① Prayer for Transformation

Gracious God, You have given us the gift of Your sacred Word. We find meaning and help when we read the holy Scriptures. Reveal Your way to us. Direct our life path to adhere to Your teaching and to live following the example of Christ. When we stray, bring us back. When we cannot see the road less traveled, grant us courage to trust “Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” Amen.

Based on Psalm 119:105

② Vision Statement

It is our vision to be a community of faith as loving and considerate of persons as Jesus; as devoted to justice as the Old Testament prophets; as responsive to truth as science; as beautiful as art; as intimate as the home; and as indispensable as the air we breathe.

Based on the Founders’ Statement of the Congregational Church in Lee, MA, 1778

Our Liturgists in Worship Today Are

8:00 Cindi-Ross Bell
9:30 Kate Norton
11:00 Rae Batch

Worship in the Chapel 8:00 a.m.

Gathering Music
“Partita on ‘Hymn to Joy” John Barr

Welcome † **Passing the Peace**

Prelude
“Holy Ground” arr. K. Christopher

Opening Prayer

† **Hymn**
“Comen Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire” UMH #603

Prayer for Transformation ① Liturgist

Children’s Time
Hymn
“I’m Goin’ a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing” (v. 1&4) UMH #333

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem
“Lord God of Abraham from ‘Elijah” F. Mendelssohn
Matt Giallongo, soloist

Singing Into Silence
“Alleluia” TFWS #2014

Prayers for Others

Scripture Exodus 31:18; 34:1-5

Offering
Prayer of Dedication Liturgist
Offertory
“Lord of the Dance” arr. Joel Raney
Matt Giallongo, piano; Karen Stoodly, organ
† **Doxology** UMH #95

† **Hymn**
“Thy Word is a Lamp” UMH #601

Scripture 2 Timothy 3:16-17
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“Do You Know What You Believe About the Bible?”
Rev. Cynthia Paquette

Vision Statement ② Liturgist

Faith and Service Moment Janet Krech

† **Hymn**
“Jesus Loves Me” UMH #191

† **Benediction**

Postlude
“Toccata on ‘A Charge to Keep I Have” G. Young

Worship in the Sanctuary 9:30 a.m.

Gathering Music
“Partita on ‘Hymn to Joy” John Barr

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Opening Prayer

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“Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire” UMH #603

Prayer for Transformation ① Liturgist

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The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem
“If My People Will Pray” arr. Keith Christopher
Sanctuary Choir

Singing Into Silence
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Prayers for Others

Scripture 2 Timothy 3:14-15

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“Thy Word is a Lamp” UMH #601

Scripture Romans 15:4-5
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“I Don’t Know What I Believe About the Bible”
Rev. Charles Murry

Vision Statement ② Liturgist

Faith and Service Moment Janet Krech

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† **Benediction**

Postlude
“Toccata on ‘A Charge to Keep I Have” G. Young

Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.

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This Week at First Church

Sunday, May 21, 2017

- 8:00 AM **Classic Worship Service** Chapel
- 9:30 AM **Classic Worship Service** Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Samaritan Sunday School Class Parlor
- 9:30 AM Serendipity Sunday School Class
..... Village Commons
- 9:30 AM Upper Room Sunday School Class
..... Upper Room - Rm 235
- 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School Youth Basement
- 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School.....
..... Village Classrooms
- 10:30 AM Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation
Brunch..... Parlor
- 11:00 AM **Classic Worship Service** Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Crosswalk Class Wesley Commons
- 11:00 AM Open Hearts Sunday School Class
..... Village Commons
- 12:00 PM Al Staggs Is Martin Luther...Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 PM Youth Group Year End Party
..... The Mathews' Home
- 5:30 PM **Pause Service**Chapel
- 5:30 PM Samaritan Class Potluck..... Parlor

Monday, May 22, 2017

- 8:00 AM Preschool South Entrance
- 9:00 AM Moms' Group..... Gathering Place
- 7:00 PM Theology on Tap Old Chicago, Old Town
- 7:00 PM Adult Faith Formation Committee
..... Gathering Place
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting Fellowship Hall 1 & 2

Tuesday, May 23, 2017

- 8:00 AM Preschool South Entrance
- 8:55 AM Worship Staff Meeting ... Wesley Commons
- 9:00 AM Moms' Day Out South Entrance
- 9:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Parlor
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting Wesley Commons
- 1:30 PM Circle Vashti..... Parlor
- 4:00 PM Bible Study..... Gathering Place
- 6:00 PM Bookmobile Orientation.....
..... Outside and Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 PM Church Council Village Commons

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

- 8:00 AM Preschool..... South Entrance
- 9:00 AM Organ Practice – Karen Stody... Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM Scheduling Team Gathering Place
- 10:30 AM Kids' Closet Sorting..... Gathering Place
- 12:00 PM Noon Book Study
Reading for the Common Good Parlor
- 1:30 PM Clergy Meeting Gathering Place
- 3:00 PM Kids' Closet..... Kids' Closet
- 7:00 PM Church Foundation Board Meeting
..... Conference Room
- 7:00 PM Book Study *Reading for the Common Good*
..... Wesley Commons

Thursday, May 25, 2017

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study.....
..... The Egg & I, South College Avenue
- 8:00 AM Preschool..... City Park
- 9:00 AM Moms' Day Out..... South Entrance
- 9:00 AM Organ Practice – Karen Stody... Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Circle Lois..... Parlor
- 5:30 PM Stover Street Stompers Parlor
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Den 4 Meeting Club 56
- 6:00 PM Cub Scouts Den 7 Meeting Room 225
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal..... Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts Den 3 Meeting
..... Wesley Commons
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts Den 5 Meeting . Artisan Avenue
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts Den 6 Meeting Corner Café
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts Den 12 Meeting
..... Village Commons
- 7:00 PM Cub Scouts Pack 98 Meeting
..... Fellowship Hall 1 & 2

Friday, May 26, 2017

- 9:00 AM Moms' Day Out South Entrance
- 9:00 AM Organ Practice – Karen Stody... Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Organ Practice – David Adkins.... Sanctuary

Saturday, May 27, 2017

- 9:00 AM Kids' Closet Kids' Closet

Sunday, May 28, 2017

- 8:00 AM **Classic Worship Service** Chapel
- 9:30 AM **Classic Worship Service**Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Samaritan Sunday School Class ... Parlor
- 9:30 AM Serendipity Sunday School Class
..... Village Commons
- 9:30 AM Upper Room Sunday School Class
..... Upper Room - Rm 235
- 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School.....
..... Village Classrooms
- 11:00 AM **Classic Worship Service**Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Crosswalk Class Wesley Commons
- 11:00 AM Open Hearts Sunday School Class
..... Village Commons

Monday, May 29, 2017

Church Office and Building Closed for Memorial Day



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May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Today's Sermon:
"I don't know what I believe about THE BIBLE"

Sunday Worship Services:

CLASSIC WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. in the Chapel
9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary

Pause

**A Contemplative Evensong Service
with Holy Communion
5:30 p.m. in the Chapel**