

Season after Pentecost 2018

October 7 through November 18



As the church year winds down we celebrate World Communion Sunday, Reformation Sunday, and the Feast of All Saints. All of them remind us that as Christians, through baptism we are united by Christ and called out to be the Church Universal. The cover photo is that of a church in Tellippallai, Sri Lanka. Originally built by the Dutch in 1658, according to tradition, our own Edward Warren (1786-1818) rode into town on a horse and preached in the church on October 15, 1816. Heavily damaged in 1990 during the Sri Lankan civil war, it has been restored by refugees from the town, now scattered across the world. Today it again serves the congregation of our mission partner the Church of the American Ceylon Mission.

Welcome to the season after Pentecost at First Church in Marlborough



We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the
worship, service, and program life of First Church!
This booklet will be your guide for Sunday Worship through November 18

NEW TO FIRST CHURCH?

- ❖ We are delighted that you are here and we hope you will be blessed as you worship with us. If you wish, please sign the Guest Book located by the main door of the sanctuary.
- ❖ We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship and conversation.
- ❖ Feel free to ask the Deacons any questions regarding today's service.
- ❖ Please turn off all cell phones when in the Sanctuary. Men please remove your hats.
- ❖ Large print Bibles and hymnals are available in the Narthex.
- ❖ Individual listening devices for improved sound are also available from a Deacon.

WORSHIP

- ❖ The hymns are found in the purple 'Glory to God' Hymnal.
- ❖ The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God. As the Bulletin Headings remind us, the center of our worship is the Word – by which we mean both Scripture and also the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. When Scripture is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. It is this Living word that is the center of everything we do in worship. We listen for the Word of God. We respond in song, affirmation of our faith, prayer, and the giving of our gifts and dedication of our lives, and then God sends us back into the world to live out our faith, looking for God's work all around us. In the Sacrament of Holy Communion, we encounter the real, active, living presence of the same Living Word, Jesus Christ, our faithful Saviour.
- ❖ Music in worship, like our prayers is a thanksgiving offering to God. We invite you to sit and listen to the closing music as you end today's worship.

CHILDREN

If your infant or child needs care or you feel might become disruptive during the worship service, please be comfortable to leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in the Nursery on the first floor.

WHY A BOOKLET?

- ❖ **In an effort to 'GET GREENER' this worship booklet is designed to be used and re-used each Sunday through November 18th.** Please leave it in the pew or in the basket in the Narthex as you depart the service UNLESS you wish to take one home. **Just an FYI....this new Sunday Bulletin booklet for Sept 2 through 30, along with the green Weekly Worship sheets, saved us 1,952 printing impressions and corresponding sheets of paper versus the same five weeks in 2017!**
- ❖ A PDF of the bulletin is on our website (www.firstchurchnet.com). Click 'Monthly Worship Bulletin'.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude "Pastorale" ~ G. Handel **James Duncan**

Greetings, Announcements, Flowers **Lay Leader**

Introit "Jesu, Jesu" **Chancel Choir**

Call to Worship *Please stand.* **Lay Leader**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

All: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

One: The Spirit is here;

All: The promise of God.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn "O for a Closer Walk with God" **#739**

Call to Confession **Lay Leader**

One: Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Savior Christ says to all who follow him. If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. Come unto me, all who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest. So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbors, and intend to live a new life following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this holy sacrament to strengthen you. Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

All: Almighty God, creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance **Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem**

One: Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ, our merciful high priest. Amen.

All: Thank you, Father, for forgiveness. We come to your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.

Act of Praise To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God who we adore
Be Glory as it was and is, and shall be evermore.

Prayer of the Day *Please be seated after the Prayer.*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Scripture Psalm 26 (*read together*) **Lay Leader**
The Letter to the Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12

One: The Word of God for the people of God. **Lay Leader**
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Siyahamba" ~ South African Freedom Song **Chancel Choir**

Gospel Reading The Gospel According to Mark 10: 2-16 **Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem**

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the Church

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

Prayer Response "O Thou Who Hearest Every Heartfelt Prayer" **Chancel Choir**

Pastoral Prayer

Service of Giving

Offertory

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication *Please stand.* **#606**

FEASTING ON THE WORD

*We invite everyone who wishes to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior to partake of the bread and the cup. All are welcome at God's table. It is our custom to eat the bread and drink the cup together, symbolic of our unity in the body of Christ our Lord. **Gluten-free bread is in paper baking cups. The cup is juice, not wine.***

Hymn of Preparation *Please stand.* "Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven" **#511**

Invitation to the Table and Silent Time of Centering *Please be seated.*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Is the Father with us?

All: **He is.**

One: Is Christ among us?

All: **He is.**

One: Is the Spirit here?

All: He is.

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver. From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, and remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors, and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. #552

Words of Institution

Almighty God, owner of all things, We thank you for giving up your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation. On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks; he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me". Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life evermore and therefore we joyfully proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. (sung twice) #553

One: We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

All: We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.

Prayer of Consecration

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and on these your gifts of bread and wine.....through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns and is worshipped and glorified with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever.

All: Amen, Amen, Amen. #554

One: This is the feast of victory.

All: The lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

The Lord's Prayer

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Service of the Bread

The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

Service of the Cup

The cup of salvation which we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Dismissal *Please stand.*

One: All our problems

All: we send to the cross of Christ.

One: All our difficulties

All: we send to the cross of Christ.

One: All the devil's works

All: we send to the cross of Christ.

One: All our hopes

All: we set on the risen Christ.

One: Go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

#440

Benediction

Sung Response

"We Will Go Out with Joy"

#539

(the chancel choir will sing one time through then the congregation will repeat it)

"We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Postlude

"Alleluia" ~ W. Mozart

James Duncan

Note on our Worship Today: The liturgy itself was from our Reformed brothers and sisters in the Anglican Church of Kenya. It's based on the historic structure of the Anglican liturgy, but the Kenyan church contextualized it for its congregations, in turn helping congregations around the world gain a deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith. The Dismissal is based on an ancient litany of the nomadic Turkana ethnic group, from the north of Kenya. The people three times sweep their arms towards the cross, the only place in heaven and on earth which can cope with all our problems, difficulties, and the devil's works. The physical sensation of movement, and the whole congregation joining in with it are very moving.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

A Word for All Ages**Rev. Jon Wortmann****Scripture**Psalm 90 (*read together*)**Lay Leader**

The Gospel According to Mark 10: 17-31

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

Lay LeaderAll: **Thanks be to God.****Anthem**

"Blest Are They" ~ David Haas

Chancel Choir**Gospel Reading**

The Letter to the Hebrews 4: 12-16

Rev. Jon Wortmann*Children proceed down to Sunday School***Sermon****Rev. Jon Wortmann****Sermon Hymn**

"Crashing Waters at Creation"

#476

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the Church

Joys and Concerns, Time of Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)*First Church uses the Debts/Debtors version, but please use any version you are most comfortable with.***Service of Giving***The second collection this week is in honor of World Communion Sunday celebrated last week, and will go to the Christian Theological Center in Sri Lanka whom we are supporting through Global Ministries.***Offertory****Doxology and Prayer of Dedication** *Please stand.***#606**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD
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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dismissal *Please stand.*

One: Let Us Bless Our God.

All: **God's Name Be Praised.****Hymn**

"Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"

#722**Benediction****Sung Response**

"We Will Go Out with Joy"

#539**"We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!"****Postlude**

"Triumphant Finale" ~ T. Bliss

James Duncan with Sarah Shaw, Trumpet

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude "Ave Verum" ~ W. Mozart **James Duncan**

Greetings, Announcements, Flowers **Lay Leader**

Introit "In Thee is Joy" arr. Ellen Jane Lorenz **Joyful Ringers**

Call to Worship *Please stand.* **Lay Leader**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The earth is God's, and all that is in it.

All: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

One: The Spirit is here;

All: The promise of God.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" **#159**

Call to Confession **Lay Leader**

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Silence

All: Almighty God, creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance **Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem**

One: Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ, our merciful high priest.

All: Amen.

Summary of The Law ~ The Gospel According to Matthew 22: 37-40 **Lay Leader**

One: Our Lord Jesus said:

All: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

One: This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

All: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

One: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Prayer of the Day *Please be seated after the Prayer.*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

A Word for All Ages

Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem

Scripture Psalm 91 (*read together*)

Lay Leader

The Letter to the Hebrews 5: 1-10

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

Lay Leader

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Aria" ~ Derek K. Hakes

Joyful Ringers

Gospel Reading The Gospel According to Mark 10: 35-45

Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem

Children proceed down to Sunday School

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem

Sermon Hymn "By All Your Saints Still Striving"

#325

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the Church

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

"Seek Ye First"

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Service of Giving

Offertory "How Can I Keep From Singing" ~ arr. Arnold Sherman

Joyful Ringers

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication *Please stand.*

#606

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD
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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dismissal *Please stand.*

One: Let Us Bless Our God.

All: God's Name Be Praised.

Hymn "The Church of Christ in Every Age"

#320

Benediction

Sung Response "We Will Go Out with Joy"

#539

"We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Postlude "Fanfare" ~ arr. Kevin McChesney Diane Burke and Sarah Shaw, handbell duet

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude “Lyric Prelude” ~ F. Chopin **James Duncan**

Greetings, Announcements, Flowers **Lay Leader**

Introit “Psalmite Deo” **Chancel Choir**

Call to Worship *Please stand.* **Lay Leader**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The earth is God’s, and all that is in it.

All: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

One: The Spirit is here;

All: The promise of God.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” **#624**

Call to Confession **Lay Leader**

One: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Silence

All: Almighty God, creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance **Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem**

One: Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ, our merciful high priest.

All: Amen.

Act of Praise To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God who we adore
Be Glory as it was and is, and shall be evermore.

Prayer of the Day *Please be seated after the Prayer.*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD**A Word for All Ages****Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem****Scripture** Psalm 46 (*read together*)
Excerpts from Luther's 95 Thesis**Lay Leader****One:** The Word of God for the people of God.**Lay Leader****All:** **Thanks be to God.****Anthem** "How Firm a Foundation" ~ John Rutter**Chancel Choir****Sermon Text** The Letter to the Hebrews 7: 23-28
*Children proceed down to Sunday School***Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem****Sermon****Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem****RESPONDING TO THE WORD****Apostles Creed** *Please stand.***One:** Let us confess the faith of our Baptism**All:** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.****Sermon Hymn** "By Gracious Powers"**#818****Prayers of the Church**

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

"Ubi caritas"

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer*First Church uses the Debts/Debtors version, but please use any version you are most comfortable with.***Service of Giving****Offertory****Doxology and Prayer of Dedication** *Please stand.***#606**

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dismissal** *Please stand.*

One: Let Us Bless Our God.

All: **God's Name Be Praised.****Hymn** "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" #275**Benediction****Sung Response** "We Will Go Out with Joy" #539**"We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!"****Postlude** "A Trumpet Tune" ~ G. Clarke
James Duncan
Sarah Shaw, trumpet**95 thesis by Martin Luther**

Written originally in Latin and, according to legend, nailed to the doors of the castle church in Wittenberg, Germany, the 95 thesis by Martin Luther, were an invitation to a theological dispute. By the Grace of God they were a spark that ignited the Reformation - 501 years ago, on October 31, 1517. Here are some (with their number):

1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent" (Matthew 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.
37. Any true Christian, whether living or dead, participates in all the blessings of Christ and the church; and this is granted him by God, even without indulgence letters.
62. The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.
63. But this treasure is naturally most odious, for it makes the first to be last. (Matthew 20:16)
92. Away, then, with all those prophets who say to the people of Christ, "Peace, peace," and there is no peace! (Jeremiah 6:14)
93. Blessed be all those prophets who say to the people of Christ, "Cross, cross," and there is no cross!
94. Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their Head, through penalties, death and hell.
95. And thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace. (Acts 14:22).

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude "Prayer at Sunrise" ~ L. Smith **James Duncan**

Greetings, Announcements, Flowers **Lay Leader**

Introit "Kyrie eleison" **Chancel Choir**

Call to Worship *Please stand.* **Lay Leader**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The earth is God's, and all that is in it.

All: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

One: The Spirit is here;

All: The promise of God.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn "Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers" **#362**

Call to Confession **Lay Leader**

One: The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Silence

All: Almighty God, creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance **Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem**

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All: Amen.

Act of Praise To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God who we adore
Be Glory as it was and is, and shall be evermore.

Prayer of the Day *Please be seated after the Prayer.*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

Scripture	Psalm 24 (<i>read together</i>) The Gospel According to John 11: 32-44	Lay Leader
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One:	The Word of God for the people of God.	Lay Leader
All:	Thanks be to God.	

Anthem	“Like a River In My Soul” ~ arr. Tim Osiek	Chancel Choir
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Sermon Text	The Revelation to John 21: 1-6	Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem
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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the Church

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

“Kum ba Yah”

Pastoral Prayer

Chancel Choir**Stewardship Moment****Service of Giving**

Offertory

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FEASTING ON THE WORD

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Hymn of Preparation <i>Please stand.</i>	“Here, O Our Lord, We See You”	#517
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Invitation to the Table and Silent Time of Centering *Please be seated.*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give our thanks and praise...
who forever sing to the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. #552

Words of Institution

You are holy, O God of majesty.... Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life evermore and therefore we joyfully proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. (sung twice) #553

Prayer of Consecration

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and on these your gifts of bread and wine...through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns and is worshipped and glorified with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever.

All: Amen, Amen, Amen. #554

The Lord's Prayer

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Service of the Bread

The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

Service of the Cup

The cup of salvation which we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Accomplished and concluded, Christ our Lord, is the mystery You have ordained. We have tasted Your death, shared in Your resurrection, and been filled with Your unending life. Stay with us now, that in the strength of Your presence and truth we may all go through our journey and at its end see You face-to-face in the glory of the eternal Trinity, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD
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Dismissal *Please stand.*

One: Let Us Bless Our God.

All: God's Name Be Praised.

Hymn "For All the Saints" #326

Benediction

Sung Response "We Will Go Out with Joy" #539

"We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Postlude "Choral Song" ~ S. Wesley **James Duncan**

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude “Intermezzo” ~ G. Young **James Duncan**

Greetings, Announcements, Flowers **Lay Leader**

Introit “Dona Nobis Pacem” **Chancel Choir**

Call to Worship *Please stand.* **Lay Leader**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The earth is God’s, and all that is in it.

All: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

One: The Spirit is here;

All: The promise of God.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn “For the Healing of the Nations” **#346**

Call to Confession **Lay Leader**

One: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Silence

All: Almighty God, creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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All: Amen.

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Be Glory as it was and is, and shall be evermore.

Prayer of the Day *Please be seated after the Prayer.*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

A Word for All Ages **Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem**

Scripture Psalm 127 (*read together*) **Lay Leader**
The Letter to the Hebrews 9: 24-28

One: The Word of God for the people of God. **Lay Leader**
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem “Living Planet” ~ Jay Mankita **Children’s Choir**

Gospel Reading The Gospel According to Mark 12: 38-44 **Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem**
Children proceed down to Sunday School

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem**



HONORING OUR VETERANS AND THE BRANCHES THEY SERVE

Bringing in the American Flag *Please stand.* **Richard Rowell, Army**

We ask that all Veterans & family members of Veterans stand as their military branch candle is being lit so we may recognize you and say Thank You for your sacrifice and service.



Candles Being Lit By:	Military Branch Representing:
Betty Christensen	Air Force
Cliff Fenton, Sr.	Army
Steve Powers	Coast Guard
Peter Nott (Navy)	Marines and Navy
George Pellerin	National Guard
Christina Rowell (ROTC)	Auxiliary Nurses, Doctors and Medics

Never forgotten are the men and women POW and MIA.

May we always keep all Veterans in our hearts.

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE SERVING

*** Taps** *Please stand.* **Sarah Shaw and Melissa Purnell, Trumpet**

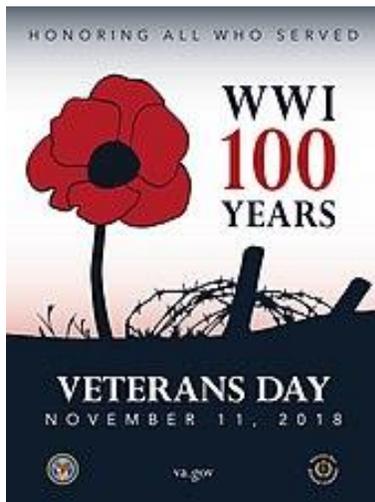
RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the Church
Joys and Concerns
Time of Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (Sung)
First Church uses the Debts/Debtors version, but please use any version you are most comfortable with.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dismissal** *Please stand.*

One: Let Us Bless Our God.

All: **God's Name Be Praised.****Hymn** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" #354**Benediction****Sung Response** "We Will Go Out with Joy" #539**"We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!"****Postlude** "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" ~ T. Chesterson **James Duncan**

This year is the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War I. Beginning on 24 July 1914, politician and generals gloated it would be "over by Christmas." By the time the armistice on the Western front was declared, it claimed over 19.1 million military and civilian fatalities, and another 21.2 million wounded soldiers. Countries like Austria-Hungary and dynasties like the Hapsburgs, and Romanovs who ruled Europe for hundreds of years were deposed. Belgium and parts of France, Poland, and Russia were destroyed. Serbia, where the war started lost between 17% and 25% of the population.

The first Armistice Day celebration was held by King George V on the morning of November 11, 1918 at the grounds of Buckingham Palace. It set the pattern of commemorations for decades to come. In 1919 South African Sir James Percy FitzPatrick proposed a two minute time of silence: the first one is for all the casualties, the second for the survivors. Armistice Day is not observed in Germany, where instead since 1952 the Sunday closest to November 16, is a day of "people's mourning" (Volkstrauertag).

Though it is hard to imagine, World War II broke out only 20 years later.

Come, Prince of Peace!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude “Andante Grazioso” ~ W. Mozart **James Duncan**

Greetings, Announcements, Flowers **Lay Leader**

Introit “O Worship the King” (excerpt) ~ arr. Cynthia Dobrinski **Joyful Ringers**

Call to Worship *Please stand.* **Lay Leader**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The earth is God’s, and all that is in it.

All: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.

One: The Spirit is here;

All: The promise of God.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn “What Wondrous Love Is This” **#215**

Call to Confession **Lay Leader**

One: The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence.

Silence

All: Almighty God, creator of all, you marvelously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbors. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; remake us and lead us by your Spirit, the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Assurance **Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem**

One: Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you, as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in his kingdom and keep you upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ, our merciful high priest.

All: Amen.

Summary of The Law ~ The Gospel According to Matthew 22: 37-40 **Lay Leader**

One: Our Lord Jesus said:

All: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

***/One:** This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

All: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

One: On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Prayer of the Day *Please be seated after the Prayer.*

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

A Word for All Ages and Baptism

Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem

Scripture Psalm 16 (*read together*)
 The Letter to the Hebrews 10: 11-25

Lay Leader

One: The Word of God for the people of God.
 All: **Thanks be to God.**

Lay Leader

Anthem “Thankful” ~ arr. Sandra Eithun

Joyful Ringers

Gospel Reading The Gospel According to Mark 13: 1-8
Children proceed down to Sunday School

Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Kaz Bem

Sermon Hymn “The Days Are Surely Coming”

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the Church

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Prayer Response “Wonderful Words of Life”

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Stewardship Moment**The Lord’s Prayer****Service of Giving**

Offertory “Celtic Farewell” ~ arr. Linda Lamb

Joyful Ringers

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication *Please stand.*

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BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD
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Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dismissal *Please stand.*

One: Let Us Bless Our God.

All: **God’s Name Be Praised.**

Hymn “The Right Hand of God” (choir will sing verse one)

#332

Benediction

Sung Response “We Will Go Out with Joy”

#539

“We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. We will go out with joy in the Spirit; we will go out with God. Alleluia! We will go out with joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!”

Postlude “Toccata” ~ G. Young

James Duncan

What's Happening at First Church

Bible Study is held on Tuesday mornings at 10am with Pastor Kaz in Classroom 7. The current program is on The Gospel According to Luke.

Music ~ Sing with the Chancel Choir (rehearsals 7pm on Thursdays) or Ring with the Joyful Ringers Handbell group (rehearsals 7pm on Mondays). Music is also part of the Sunday School curriculum at First Church. Our children share their talents with the congregation periodically throughout the year during our worship service (their next date is November 11). The leaders to contact for these groups are listed on the back page of this bulletin.

Service and Volunteer Opportunities

~ **Our Father's Table:** during the months of October (the 16th) and November (date to be determined), First Church will be serving dinner for Our Father's Table in downtown Marlborough. Please check the green weekly Worship Information sheets for details or see Carol MacEwen.

~ The **Worcester Fellowship-sponsored "Thursday Café"** reopens on October 4th and runs weekly through the end of June. This is a program held at All Saints Church in Worcester where a food and clothing are provided to homeless guests who stop by. There is an enormous need for new men's and women's cotton socks, new men's boxer shorts (sizes S-M-L) and new women's underwear (sizes 5 through 7). If you feel inspired to donate any of these clothing items to Worcester Fellowship, please see Sue Pellerin or email her in the church office.

Fellowship

~ **Women's Fellowship** meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month usually at 6:30pm in Parish Hall (during January and February they meet for lunch meetings/programs at noon).

~ **Men's Fellowship** meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 11:30am in Classroom 7.

~ **Join us after worship for Coffee Hour** and spend time with members and friends of First Church.

Community Partners

~ **"One Step at a Time"** grief support meetings are held here on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Join our peer-led support group where members share experiences, resources and strategies from their own grief journeys as we cope with the loss of a loved one from drugs/alcohol. For more info please see Kathy Leonard.

~ **OUT Metrowest** runs three different programs in Framingham. The 2nd Wednesday of the month is Nexus, a group for LGBTQ and Allied middle-schoolers; the 3rd Wednesday of the month is Umbrella, a group for trans and gender non-conforming high schoolers; and every Thursday, a drop-in for all LGBTQ middle and high schoolers. Please see www.outmetrowest.org for more information on times and address.

~ **Early Risers Fresh Start Group** is an Alcoholic Anonymous fellowship whose only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking. Meetings are held here on Saturday mornings in Parish Hall from 6:45am-8:30am. Additional daily meetings are held nearby at 33 Main Street, Sunday through Friday from 6:45am -7:45am.

Contacting First Church

FIRST CHURCH CARES AND CONCERNS

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact the church office at 508-485-6297 or email Pastor Kaz at kdebem@gmail.com.

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Please note the church office is closed from October 16 through November 6 and phone messages will be checked daily.

Pastor Kaz Office Hours ~ Mondays at The Coffee Loft on Lincoln Street from 9:00am - Noon (or by appointment at other times)