

First Baptist Church in Needham

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Worship and Prayer Resource

Sunday, October 4th

2020

(or whenever you are so led to pause, reflect, and pray)

Lighting the Candle of Life

You may wish to light a candle or use the photo above as a focus for this time.

ALL: We light the Candle of Life - a candle that represents community, spirit, and the fullness of all of life - birth and death and all the transitions in between and beyond.

Scriptures for this Week

Choose as many of these scriptures to accompany you throughout the week as you would like. You may choose to read one a day, or focus on one for the entire week. What stands out as you read them? What word or idea “shimmers” for you? Are there themes or ideas of connection between the scriptures, or that speak to particular circumstances you are experiencing? Where do you find good news in these passages?

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm 80:7-15

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46



Song of Response O Sacred Head Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

This hymn is most often sung during Holy Week, particularly on Good Friday, when we commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus. What does it mean to hold the wounding of the sacred image of God at other times of the year, and throughout our living, as we see those made in God's image - our siblings, our neighbors around the world - suffering due to injustices and disregard for their care and well-being? What does it mean to sing this in the midst of a pandemic that has claimed more than a million lives worldwide, or at the sight of racial injustices and racially motivated violence toward black and brown folks in our world, or in recognition of the image of God in the created world itself crying out for change and restitution as we continue to spiral forward into a potentially irrevocable climate crisis? What pain and suffering is felt, what rending of the divine fabric of created beauty and miracle is witnessed - by human and divine hearts together - each time the image of God is wounded! Sing, read aloud, or listen to, "O Sacred Head Now Wounded", as sung by Nathan Drake, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I81JgRQLAwY>.

Verse 1:

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown:
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine;
yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

Verse 2:

What thou, my Lord, has suffered was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

Verse 3:

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Verse 3 (as sung):

The joy can ne'er be spoken above all joys beside,
within thy body broken I thus with safety hide.
O lord of life! desiring thy glory now to see,
beside thy cross expiring I breathe my soul to thee.

Prayers of the People

Enter into this time in song. If you don't know the tune, let the words be the doorway to your prayer.

Sung Prayer

Hear My Prayer, O Lord

BENZENHAFER

arr. Holly C. Benzenhafer

Hear my prayer, O Lord. Hear my prayer, O Lord.

I am asking, hear my prayer, O Lord.

Prayerful Meditation

“...prayer and meditation can be thought of as the creation of a mental space in which the energies of dreaming and the concerns of waking life are invited to meet each other and to have a mutual, open-ended conversation.”¹

*Enter into prayer trusting that God who
walks beside you in your waking
also accompanies you through your dreaming - keeping vigil, ever present.*

We Hold in Prayer...

*Many of this week's prayers are requests from members of our congregation in the past week. **If you have general or specific prayer requests - joys as well as concerns - to share** please contact Holly or Daryn to pass them along.*

As a community of faith gathered in Spirit when we cannot be in person as we are accustomed, we offer our hearts and voices in prayer where we are, entrusting the Spirit's moving among us and responding far beyond our individual reach and influence...

We continue to pray **for our congregation** as we begin an intentional process of discernment about **the future of First Baptist Church in Needham** - as we listen and **seek God's will and the movement of the Holy Spirit** through shared story and conversation with ministry partners, community partners and one another. We ask for **your blessing, Holy One, in this process**. Help us to **show up and participate fully, to be good and**

¹ Kelly Bulkeley, *Transforming Dreams: Learning Spiritual Lessons from the Dreams You Never Forget* (New York: John Wiley & Sons, 2000).

considerate listeners and careful with our words. Help us to receive clarity, and to move forward into a new iteration of ministry knowing that you have always called us into a newness of life and being. Help us to move into that way of being together **without fear or trepidation, unhindered** by what we find comfortable or customary, what is expected or assumed. **Open our hearts to your wide and generous realm of possibility** and give us the **wisdom and strength to move forward into our next Creative Calling** as our process kicks off on **October 4th ... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...**

We give thanks for **Ernie Steeves**, for his **life and witness** in the world. **Happy birthday, Ernie!** We continue to pray for Ernie, **for his healing and for his inner peace.** God, we ask your blessing during **this time of shifting treatments.** As Ernie meets with his immunologists we pray for their **wisdom and discernment** as they and Ernie work toward a treatment plan that allows **for an enjoyable quality of life ... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...**

With Barbara, we give thanks for **opportunities and hobbies**, like coloring, that fill the time and give us joy and meaning ...**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...**

We pray for **Sherry Wile** who was recently laid off from work and begins in her quest for new employment. For Sherry and for **all of those unemployed and looking for meaningful work**, we ask **your guidance and accompaniment** in their journey ... **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...**

We give thanks that **John and Dianne List** are doing well and that **their family** is well. We pray for **their continued peace and health** in this time, and offer prayers for them as they too **navigate recent unemployment ... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...**

We continue to hold **Helen** in our hearts as **she heals from treatments for cancer.** God, **bless her recovery** - give her **strength and energy** as she moves through each day ... **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...**

God, **we acknowledge the hypocrisy and double standards** that exist within individuals and systems of the Christian witness, in churches, and communities of faith in our country and around the world. We pray you will **give us the heart to call out the wrong we see, the hypocrisy we witness,** and hold it accountable. God **we ask your forgiveness** when harmful, irresponsible, or hypocritical behavior is allowed to persist and continue

without so much as a mention. We know **that is not who we are called to be as followers of Jesus and as people who seek your will and your good** for humanity and our created world. God, we ask for **your truth and justice to prevail, and for the good news of your love to be lived out in everything that we do as Christians** - each one of us - and collectively at



First Baptist Church in Needham and beyond. **For all the folks that have become disillusioned by the actions and judgmental hypocrisy of faith leaders and communities of faith, and have left the faith as a result, or been hurt by people in the church, we repent and ask for healing** for the hearts of those **injured and brokenhearted**, and we pray for **accountability for the leaders and those who have discredited the witness and name of Jesus Christ ... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...**

With Anthony and Clif we give thanks **for the comfort and joy of Filipinno treats and good things to eat that remind us of memories, connections and relationships we have the world over ...Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...**

We continue to pray for healing for **Trevor Parsons**. We pray **the doctors and medical team can adjust his medication** so that it effectively treats his thyroid discomfort and improves his memory ... **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...**

With John List we remember in prayer former choir director, **Judy Currie**, who is struggling cognitively ... **Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...**

We give thanks **for the moments of care and companionship with friends and family** that we look forward to. **For weekly dinners and walks with his sons**, we celebrate with **Harry**, and **for our own routine moments of restoration** we give thanks ...*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...*

With Anne, we offer **gratitude for family**, be they near or far, that check in with us and offer their care and support. We give thanks especially this week **for Anne's brother Blake**, who sends love from California. **For the love and joy** he has brought to Anne's life since just before her sixth birthday - her little birthday present, we give thanks. We also express our **gratitude for his continued safety and well being** in the midst of wildfires in California. **For all those affected by the fires, and for those first responders tasked with quelling them**, we pray for their **safety**, for their **resilience and wisdom** ...*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...*

With Andrew, we offer gratitude **for the beauty of fall**, for the gradually **changing leaves**, for the **fall flowers and blooms**, chrysanthemum and sedum ...*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...*

With Andrew, we offer prayers for **Wren and Baby Carmen** who are in the process of navigating travel possibilities. **For the complications of travel during COVID-19**, and for the added adventure of **traveling with a little one**, we ask **your guidance and patience** as they plan and seek to determine what is feasibly possible ... *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...*

Holy One, we pray **with all those who are having to adjust to virtual mechanisms and tools** - to their blessings and also their frustrations. With **Bev**, we **lament the frustrations of telemedicine**, and for the **insecurity** we can sometimes feel without the personal connection or visit to our physicians and medical resources. With the **Stylianopoulos family**, we give **thanks for virtual visits** to the doctor for routine wellness checks that allow us to stay home when we are well. With **Zoomers** we offer **gratitude for the ability to easily meet** with folks from across the world with the click of a button and to see them and share in community with them. **Also with Zoomers**, we share the **frustrations of tech challenges and malfunctions, of lost connections and ZoomBombers**. With TABCOM we offer **gratitude for a successful virtual Annual Gathering** and for the ability to pull off **Missionworks (Oct 17th)** in the midst of COVID-19, albeit online, and we **give thanks for the churches that have found their ministries and outreach grow exponentially due to online worship formats**. **For the joys and sorrows of navigating this new virtual reality**, we ask your **patience**, your **wisdom** and your **peace**, while sharing in

gratitude for the **new possibilities** it allows for us ... *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...*

With Andrew we hold **Wren** in prayer as **she looks for new housing**, and we **pray for a good option** to come along ... *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...*

With Elaine, we pray for her **nephew** as he faces an **upcoming trial in court**. God, we pray for the **wisdom and discernment of all involved**. We pray that the **truth** would be made known, and that a **just resolution** to his cause would be the outcome ... *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...*

With Clif, John and Dianne, we pray **for a friend** who is currently **in jail and awaiting trial**, as he has been for two years. God we pray that you will **remind him that he is not alone** and that **you are with him** in the midst of this difficult situation. We pray that **your truth is revealed** and that **it guides the result of the trial and all outcomes to follow** ... *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...*

With Liz, we pray for friend **Lisa Hobart** who is **in need of a kidney**. For her continued **patience**, and **that a viable donor** would be found ... *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...*

We give thanks that **Andrew's brother in law**, had **successful surgery** last week, to remove a disconnected pacemaker wire that was contributing to a great deal of discomfort for him. **Jesse** has made a **swift recovery**, and for that we are grateful. For **Jess Turner's** healing we continue to pray and also **that he will not do too much too soon** ... *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...*

For **the family of Nyvia Colón Carrasquillo** we pray. Nyvia passed away in August; her family will gather for a memorial service this coming Sunday. We ask that you would **comfort them in their sadness and offer them strength**. We also pray for Nyvia's aunt, **Quinín Veléz Rivera**, a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain, who was **admitted to the hospital before Nyvia's passing as the result of a significant stroke**; she has not yet been informed of her niece's death. We know, Holy One, that **you are holding both Nyvia and Quinín in your everlasting love and faithful provision**. We ask your **peace for Quinín and for the family** as they discern how best to break this difficult news to her. We also pray that **Nyvia's memory would be a blessing** to those she leaves behind ... *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...*

Along with Liz, we continue to pray for **Rascal's** recent diagnosis of a gland condition that has been making him ill, and offer **gratitude for the medication** he is on that seems to be treating his infection ... ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow ...***

With Pastor Daryn, we give thanks for all the **neighborhood support of our church's building restoration project**. We hope for a **favorable outcome from Town Meeting** (with a third of our base project cost provided by the Town of Needham's CPC funding). We are so **grateful for all the folks that have shown their encouragement and enthusiasm** towards the preservation of First Baptist's historic building, a town landmark. We offer **gratitude for all of our wonderful neighbors in Needham ...Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...**

We give thanks that **Liz and her canine companions, Rascal and Maxwell,** are **doing okay after a run-in with a swarm of yellow jackets** last week. We give thanks that they did not suffer any adverse reactions to the stings, and that they were not significantly harmed ...***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...***

God, we offer gratitude **for our gathering of worshipers Thursday,** and for their **named gratitude for the reassurance of your presence with us in difficult and dry times in our lives**. We give thanks **that you pour out your love and peace to our hearts** through the love and support of family and friends, through the inner strength we miraculously find within, through music, through signs of life beyond death, through opportunities of connection, in the beauty that surrounds us. **For all the ways that you seek us out and make yourself known to our hearts** - even in the most unexpected of ways - like water from a rock ...***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow...***

We pray for **Andrew** who is **being tested for COVID-19** this week after a couple of weeks of not feeling himself and a sore throat. We pray **for a sure result,** and **hope it is negative,** but be it positive, we **pray he receives the proper rest and healing** he needs to overcome ... ***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...***

With Liz we give thanks **for new art projects** and for the fortunate circumstances **when another's trash becomes our treasure**. For a **neighbor's discarded windows** that have become a canvas of life-giving joy

for Liz's artistry, we offer gratitude ... ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow ...***

With the **beauty of creation**, with the trees and grass, the flowers and shrubs, with the animals and all that rely on the abundance of the rivers and lakes for their sustenance, God, **we pray for rain! ... Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...**

We hold in prayer, along with Pastor Holly, a **Prentiss, MS family** who **suffered a house fire** in recent weeks. We give **thanks that no one was home** when the blaze occurred and **pray for them as they recover** from the trauma of this ordeal and move through restoring or parting from the

pieces of their lives that were lost in the flames ... ***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...***



With Dorothy, we offer gratitude for the **calls and worship resource** each week, and for the **photos** therein ... ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow ...***

God, we ask your **mercy upon us** when the mistakes and misgivings of our minds, hearts and bodies lead to irrevocable consequences that cause others, and our world, more pain. **Have mercy on us** when we abuse our power and privilege, when we misjudge, or when our biases and prejudices cloud our vision and corrupt our action. We pray for

our divided communities, **unite us in your love and mark us with repentance and humility** so we can seek the change we need to heal. Again, help *all of us* seek and be ready for the **transformation** that needs to come for justice and peace to reign in the hearts and systems we create ... ***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...***

For yet another week we pray that **the stain of racism that exists on the fabric of our nation and the tendencies toward discrimination and**

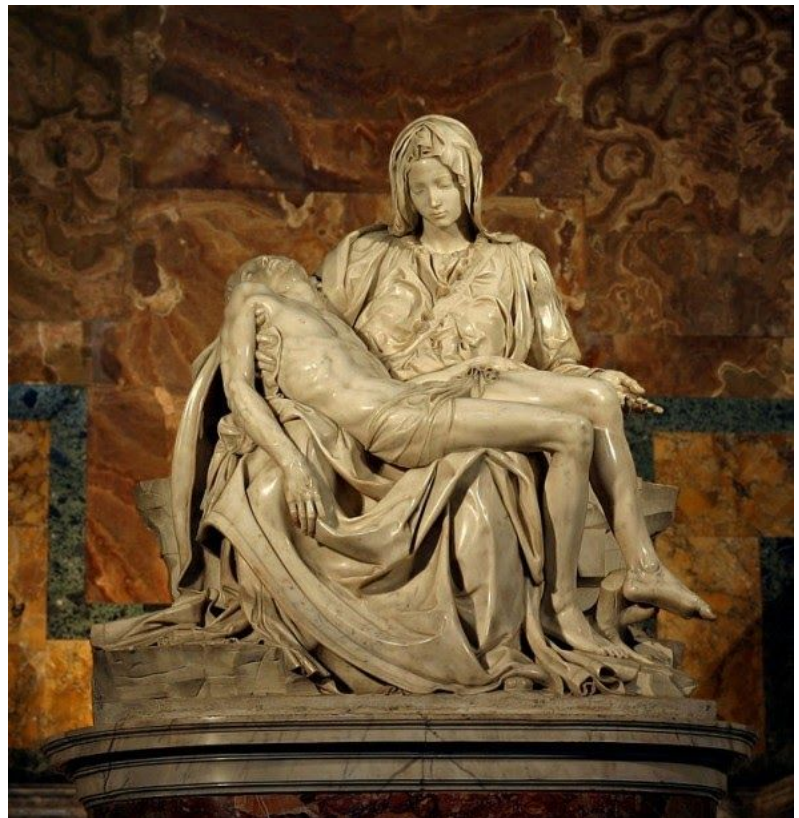
dehumanization in our world would be eradicated. Give us the strength to overcome these sins ... *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...*

With Anne, Louise, Dorothy, and Barbara, we offer **gratitude that our families are doing well** and pray for the health and happiness of everyone in our congregation ... *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...*

With Dorothy, we pray that **everyone will take extra precautions this year for their safety and well being and for that of others around them**, and get vaccinated against the flu while continuing to wear masks and socially distance. The more careful we are, the better our outcomes will be. We pray for the **resilience and persistence of our efforts** to keep one another safe and healthy ... *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...*

With Pastor Holly, we pray for **Deborah and James Earl Dickens and Deborah's mother, Pattie Estes**, who were all **recently diagnosed with COVID-19** that they contracted as a result of attending church services in Prentiss, MS. **For all the folks of Prentiss Baptist Church** (where Holly attended as a child) **who may have been infected**, we pray for **their ability to fight this virus**. For Deborah, James Earl and for Pattie, we ask that **your healing power be with them and that they are given the strength they need to recover** as they move beyond day twelve of their infection with continued symptoms ... *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...*

As **our country** surpasses 200,000 deaths from COVID-19, and as **our world** marks its millionth, we pray **for all those lives lost** - that their memories would be a blessing to those who knew them, and that **their families and friends** would find the comfort and healing they need to live through their grief. **We mourn the passing of so many. We pray for an end to this cycle of illness and pray you will grant us the will to do our part in curtailing its course.** God



where we have fallen short in our response - individually and as a nation - **we repent and ask your forgiveness** for any intentional or unintentional ways that we have been responsible for the deaths or suffering of others ... *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...*

With Anne, Bev, and so many others, **we pray for an end to Coronavirus**, and **that a treatment that is reliable and safe will be found**. God we acknowledge that sometimes good things take a while, but we also hope for it to surprise us with a timeline that is shorter than expected ... *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer ...*

In Orthodox and Catholic Christian traditions, it is particularly customary to honor Mary, the mother of the Divine, as a Holy figure of special renown and intimate connection to Christ. It is understood in those traditions that those who go on to be with God make up a great host of the church triumphant that continue to pray for and with us, on behalf of us and our world. We lift up our prayers each week with the hope that God will hear and hold them. Our Orthodox and Catholic siblings in Christ pray for the same, and also hope and pray that their ancestors and the saints that have gone before will continue to do their special part in co-creating the kingdom of God with us, the church militant here on Earth. It is a beautiful tradition of honoring the legacy of those to whom we owe our faith, and an acknowledgment that we are still in communion with them across the divides of time and space. **This week, we honor the longstanding Christian tradition of praying to and with Mary, the mother of Jesus.** With the words of **Pope Francis's own prayer for our world in the midst of Coronavirus**, we pray:

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health
of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,

and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

For the prayers of our hearts that you, Holy One, know even when words cannot hold them...*Hear my prayer, O Lord...*

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins as we forgive

those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Offering

*During this time of offering, consider going right now to <https://www.fbcneedham.org> (Take Action) to complete your offering or **continue to support the ongoing ministry of the church** by writing your check to the church office and preparing it to mail to: **First Baptist Church in Needham, 858 Great Plain Avenue, Needham MA 02492.** Please indicate it is your offering or pledge on the check. Let this act be a spiritual practice woven in within your worship. **World Missions Offering!** Throughout the month of September, we are collecting a directed offering to support American Baptist*

missionaries and the work of International Ministries. See the enclosed materials and give on our website by clicking Take Action and specifying Missions Donation.

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

Benediction

(Speak these words of benediction knowing that you are part of a loving community of faith. If you lit a candle at the beginning, you may wish to blow it out now.)

One: Our blessing to one another is that we are here for one another, that we are with one another, that we celebrate and remember one another along the journey.

ALL: We extinguish the Candle of Life, but the Light continues to shine within us. As we pass the peace we carry the Light of the Candle of Life from this hour into this world and beyond, offering peace, hope and light wherever the journey leads.

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another in peace as we prepare for the journey ahead.



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Announcements

Our ministry at FBC Needham continues!

With the gradual re-opening of the Needham Children's Center DayCare, our church office has re-opened for our Office Manager, Robin Bevilacqua. We are encouraging limited visits to the church building, and all who visit are required to mask, sign-in, and socially distance. If you need to speak with Robin, please call ahead if you can. Pastoral and other church staff are working from home. Office voicemail and email are being checked regularly. If you have a pastoral concern, contact Pastor Daryn or Pastor Holly by email, phone, or text.

Creative Callings

Collaboration, Innovation, and Prophetic Witness



Boston University School of Theology
Center for Practical Theology

If you have questions about Creative Callings, or how you can best support First Baptist in our participation, please contact Pastor Daryn, pastordaryn@fbcneedham.org.

You should have received information about Creative Callings in last week's newsletter and you will receive a packet of information and guidance this week specific to Creative Callings. Our first congregational conversation will be held this Thursday, October 8th at 6:30pm. We will be joined by discernment coach, Rev. Mark Slaughter, from Vibrant Faith Ministries as part of our journey. Join us on Oct 8th as we gather in community to begin this long awaited process! The Zoom link and password are in the newsletter you should have received. If you do not have it,

please contact Pastor Daryn and she will make sure you have access to the online gathering. The first video from one of our ministry partners will be posted Sunday, Oct 11th, on our Creative Callings congregational page.

Do You Need Washable Masks? Be Kind Needham Masks for Seniors is a local organization making washable fabric masks available to local senior residents *for free*. Your health and safety in the weeks and months ahead is paramount, and having reusable, washable masks aids sanitation, is environmentally friendly, and is cost-effective. If you or a senior you know need masks, please contact Pastor Daryn or Pastor Holly.

Needham Community Council continues to provide necessary resources and food to individuals in need of their services. If you or someone you know are in need of reaching out to them or if you want to learn how you can best volunteer to help at this time, go to their website at:
<http://needhamcommunitycouncil.org>.

Please note: They ARE NOT accepting drop-off donations at this time due to safety protocols. Financial donations are greatly appreciated and needed.

Newsletter Check out our most recent issue of our Newsletter, *InSpire*. There you will find important information about worship, Creative Callings, stewardship and financial giving, as well as our upcoming capital campaign and building and organ restoration projects. There is a lot happening at FBC Needham this fall and I encourage you to actively participate in the life-giving ministry and discernment taking place in our community. To receive a copy, email
churchoffice@fbcneedham.org.

Worship with Us on the Lawn!

We are moving Worship to Sunday mornings at 10am

Sunday Worship - on the lawn beginning Oct 4th at 10am!*

***Sunday, October 11th, our church will worship with FBC Newton via Zoom**

(Pastor Daryn is preaching).

We will then gather again for **outdoor worship on the lawn on October 18th** and going forward.

~ Reservations Required for Worship! ~

Preregister to attend at the following link: www.fbcneedham.org/worship-ministries

We are delighted to creatively navigate this interesting moment in our lives of faith. Just a word of anticipation, this worship experience will not be traditional! Due to evidence that suggests group singing and collective responses to be unsafe, we will be experimenting with other forms of praise - drumming, streamers, clapping, etc. We trust that our praise, in whatever form it takes, will be glorifying and pleasing to God so long as we are also committed to the forms of praise God most cares about - care and justice for our neighbors (Isaiah 58, Amos 5:21-24). And in keeping with our care for you, we will continue to mail out and post online (www.fbcneedham.org) our At-Home Worship Resources.

We are stressing the health and well-being of everyone, so please understand **social distancing and mask wearing are a requirement for all participants!** Mingling before and after worship is discouraged. If you have been sick or are not feeling well, stay home. If you are in a vulnerable population and have underlying health conditions, or do not feel safe joining, please do not feel pressured to attend; God is with you wherever you are. Please do what feels right and safe for you and for others. If we realize we cannot accomplish this worship experience in a safe manner that upholds the dignity and health of all gathered, we will cancel until another time presents itself.

We will NOT GATHER in the event of inclement weather (rain, snow or if the forecast calls for temperatures below 55 degrees fahrenheit). In the event of poor weather we will gather via Zoom. **Zoom links for worship can be found on the password protected member page of our website (www.fbcneedham.org).** The password for our community

is in the fall newsletter and/or email you should have received. Please do not share our community Zoom links on social media or with others you do not know or trust.

Do not share our password for our church webpage with anyone beyond our church community as there is contact information provided in our online directory that others may not appreciate being shared. Thank you for understanding. Blessings to you all!

As always, if you have questions or concerns about anything, or prayer requests you would like held by our community, contact Pastor Daryn, pastordaryn@fbcneedham.org or Pastor Holly, pastorholly@fbcneedham.org, or our church office: Robin Bevilacqua, churchoffice@fbcneedham.org.

MISSIONWORKS! October 17th - Behold, the Time is Now!

“Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, ‘In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

There will be three sessions this year:

First session 9:30 AM to 11 AM

Second session 1 PM to 2:30 PM

Third session 6:30 PM to 8 PM

(People can participate in one, two or all three sessions as is comfortable for them)

Featured church ministries & their missionaries: Rev. Julie Flowers and FBC Beverly, Rev. Dr. Chery and Source of Light Church in Somerville, & Rev. Willie Bodrick and 12th Baptist (our Keynote speaker)

A full schedule and official flyer will be distributed soon! Keep a lookout for more information and join as you are able. A Zoom link will be provided for each session. For more information, please contact Rev. Christine Keddy, keddy@tabcom.org.

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