

THE FIRST CHURCH OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

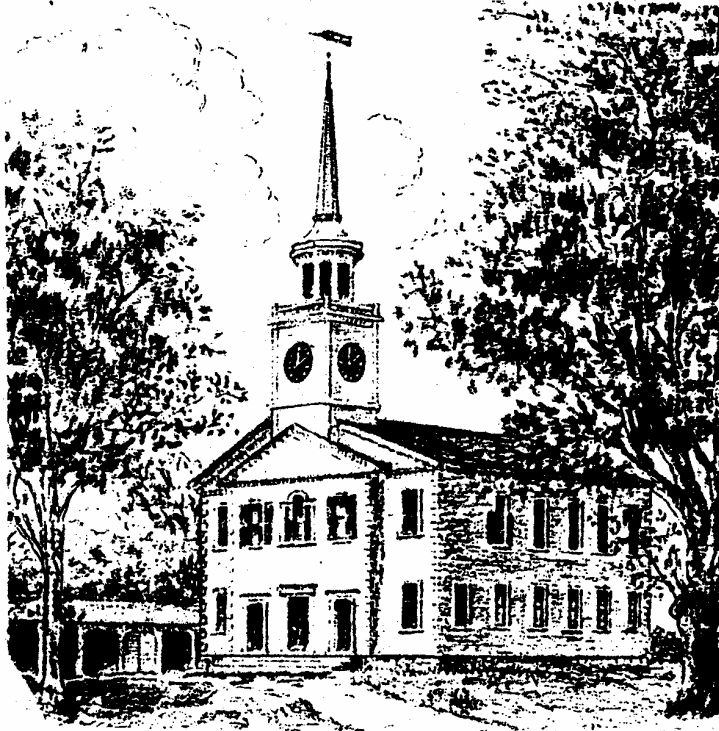
Unitarian Universalist Association and United Church of Christ

August 1, 2010 Service of Word and Sacrament 9:00 A.M.

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**WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS**

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**“We the members of The First Church of West Bridgewater united by the love of one another and guided by the teachings of Jesus, hold it to be our purpose to maintain a welcoming house for the worship of God; to teach and study the lessons of our faith, to develop programs for those in need; and to sponsor fellowship opportunities. All this we support in order to build a mutually sustaining and caring community of faith.”**

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Gathering Songs Rosemary Valentine

Welcome Rev. Ashton

Centering Music Rosemary Valentine

Choral Response “Spirit of the Living God” H No. 226

Call to Worship Kathy Turner, Deacon

L: Before we set out on our journey, we sought Wisdom in our prayer.

**P: And we will search for her until the end.**

L: From the first blossom to the ripening grape;

**P: Our hearts have delighted in Wisdom.**

L: From our youth we have followed Wisdom’s gentle footprint;

**P: In the footsteps of Wisdom we learned understanding,**

L: And call on our God, who will never abandon us.

**P: Let us worship God.**

Chalice Lighting Kathy Turner, Deacon

God is, as the fifteenth-century poet, Kabir knew, “the breath within the breath.” We light this candle to honor the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

Opening Unison Prayer Kathy Turner, Deacon

**Invisible we see you, Christ beneath us. With earthly eyes we see beneath us stones and dust and dross, fit subjects for the analyst’s table. But with the eye of faith, we know you uphold. In you all things consist and hang together: The very atom is light energy. The grass is vibrant. The rocks pulsate. All is in flux: turn but a stone and an angel moves. Amen.**

\* Hymn “God Marked A Line and Told The Sea” (Insert)  
(Tune to “We Gather Together” H. No. 552)

## Litany of Confession

L: O God, your fertile Earth is slowly being striped of its riches,

**P: Open our eyes to see.**

L: O God, your living waters are slowly being choked with chemicals,

**P: Open our eyes to see.**

L: O God, your creatures are slowly dying and your people are suffering,

**P: Open our eyes to see.**

L; God our maker, so move us by the wonder of your creation,

**P: So move us to grieve the loss of life.**

L: That we learn to walk with gentle footfall upon your world.

Response "Sanctuary" H No. 555  
*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.*

Scripture Psalm 107:1-9 H No. 688

## Pastoral Prayers

"Cares Chorus"  
*I cast all my cares upon you; I lay all my burdens down at your feet,  
and anytime that I don't know what to do; I cast all my cares upon you.*

*We pray for those in need of healing in mind, body, spirit and soul.*

Elsie Ashworth, Frederick Baker, Joe Bulu, Bill Ellison, Michelle English,  
Michelle Fenn, Mary Gibson, Helen Golder, Joan Green, Jeanette,  
Margaret Kaziun, Cathy Kelley, Karissa Manning, Barbara Metcalf,  
Jenna Rose Pratt, Carol Roppolo, Ruth Snow

*We are mindful of those who have died...* Former First Church member,  
Charles Donald Anderson, who died on Tuesday, July 27. A memorial service  
will be held here on Wednesday, August 3, at 11:00 a.m.

*We pray for peace . . .* Adam

*We remember...* Virginia, Barbara, Marietta, Phyllis, Rosemary's Family

*We rejoice...*

Silent Prayer... **The Lord's Prayer**

"Eagle's Wings"

*God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make  
you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.*

Scripture Luke 12:13-21 (Pew Bible Pg. 1009)

Sermon "In God We Trust" Rev. Ashton

## Offertory

Invitation Kathy Turner, Deacon  
We give Thee but Thine own, what e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
Let us receive our offerings and tithes.

Anthem Choir  
\* Doxology Verse 1: H No. 562  
Verse 2: tune of H No. 562

*God of our lives whose call comes clear  
Through Jesus Christ, your presence near,  
By Spirit led, your will we heed,  
Your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.*

\* Hymn "One Bread, One Body" H No. 525

Affirmation of Faith Sacrament of Communion  
**Merciful God, we thank you for inviting us to this table where we  
have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's  
gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and  
let us show forth your praise in our lives. Amen.**

\* Hymn "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" H No. 386

\* Benediction First Church President  
L: Deep peace of the running wave to you.  
**P: Deep peace of the flowing air to you,**  
L: Deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
**P: Deep peace of the shining stars to you,**  
Rev. Ashton : Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

\* Congregational Response "Let There Be Peace" H No. 308

\* Postlude Rosemary Valentine

Last Sunday, July 25, we collected \$ 810.00  
towards meeting our weekly budget need of \$1,451.00

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