## First Congregational Church of Georgetown



October 19, 2025 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Want to get to know some amazing people?

Join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall after worship for snacks, smiles, and chit chat!

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Office Hours: 9am-noon on T, W, Th

## Gathering

**Prelude/ Gathering Music** 

"If I Can Help Somebody"

Androzzo

#### **Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit/Centering Music** 

"Deep Peace"

Posegate

#### \* Call to Worship

One: We gather as God's people, diverse in our experiences, united in community.

Many: We come as we are, with joy and with struggle, with hope and with questions.

One: Here, there is room for every story, every heart, and every journey.

Many: We come to remember that God meets us in our wholeness and in our brokenness.

One: In this sacred space, all are welcome, minds and bodies, hearts and spirits.

Many: Together, we seek healing, hope, and peace.

One: Come, let us worship the One who makes all things new.

#### \* Hymn



Words 1782 - Melody 1828 - Harmony 1845

Response: And also with you!

## Prayers of the People

#### **Joys and Concerns**

#### **Prayer of Invocation**

Loving and gracious God, You know us. You see the parts of us we freely share and the parts we keep hidden in silence or fear. You meet us in our joy and in our struggle, reminding us that every mind and every heart is precious in Your sight. As we gather today, help us to breathe deeply in Your presence, finding peace where there is anxiety, hope where there is despair, and connection where there has been isolation. Make this space a sanctuary for honesty, a refuge for healing, and a community of compassion. Open our hearts to learn, to listen, and to love as You love, genuinely, tenderly, and without judgment.

**Lord's Prayer** Please use words that are most comfortable for you or use the words below.

Our Father/Mother/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy 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 thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Offering

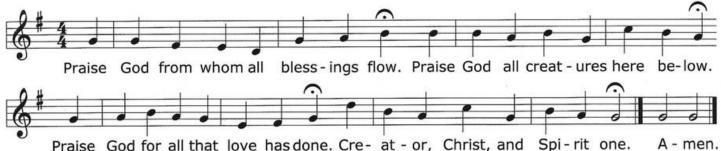
#### **Call to Generosity**

**Offertory** 

"Do You Know My Jesus?"

Lakey/Ellis





#### **Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, we give thanks for these gifts and for the generous hearts that shared them. Bless what has been given, time, treasure, and spirit, and use it to build a community where love overcomes fear, where understanding replaces stigma, and where all Your children find belonging. Remind us that generosity is more than an act, it is a way of living that reflects Your boundless grace. May what we have offered today become seeds of hope, healing, and peace in our church, in our community, and in the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

### The Word

#### **Scriptures**

Psalm 139: 1-14

Response after reading: Thanks be to God.

Romans 12: 9-15

Response after reading: Thanks be to God.

**Message** "The Mission of NAMI-MA"



To learn more about the national NAMI organization: https://www.nami.org

To learn more about NAMI of Massachusetts: https://namimass.org

## Sending

#### \* Hymn



#### \*Benediction

\*Postlude/Departing Music

"Amazing Grace"

Newton

## The steeple will be lit in October in memory of Dorothy Clinton (Joan's mother) and Lillian Grissino Sanford, by Joan Chatterton.

## Today's Worship Team

Guest Speaker Emily Trautwein

Development Director, NAMI-MA

Director of Music Robert Knapp Organist Emily Knapp

Lay Leaders Rachel Angerhofer & Pam Sheehan

Musicians The FCC Bell Choir

## Meetings & Upcoming Events

**Sunday, October 19** 12 noon Apple Pie Baking

Fair Set Up

**Tuesday, October 23** 8:30 AM Pie Baking

**Friday, October 24** 11 AM – 5 PM Fall Fair

11:30 AM - 1 PM

**Saturday, October 25** 9 AM – 2 PM Fall Fair

9 AM Breakfast 10 AM Car Show

5 PM - & PM Turkey Dinner

**Sunday, October 26** 9:30 AM Band Rehearsal

10:30 AM Worship

12 noon Bell Rehearsal

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#### **ENJOY THE FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES!**

Craft Vendors, Clothing Boutique, Tag Sale, Raffles,
Vintage Cars (Saturday), Country Store with Homemade Pies & Treats,
Lobster Roll Lunch (Friday), Turkey Dinner (Saturday at 5:00 PM)

FRIDAY, OCT 24, 11 AM - 5 PM

SATURDAY, OCT 25, 9 AM - 2 PM

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#### THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US!

First Congregational Church is an engaging congregation rooted in Christian tradition, but open to new expressions. With openness of heart and responding to God's compassionate grace, we reach out in service to the community and the world! If you would like to learn more about our congregation and its ministries or would like a call or visit from our pastor, please complete the visitor card found in the pews and place it in the offering basket.

#### **EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME**

First Congregational Church is an "Open and Affirming" congregation of the United Church of Christ, which means that wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. Because we believe that all people are created in God's image and thus are blessed and loved equally by God, we welcome persons of every age, gender, race, national origin and ethnicity, marital status, family structure, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical health and abilities, economic and social status, political affiliation, education, and faith background. We also welcome and encourage all people to participate and share their talents and energy in worship and sacraments, leadership positions, ordained ministry, lay ministry, learning, service, mission, and fellowship.

#### A COMMUNITY THAT AIMS FOR HOSPITALITY

We have large-print programs, hearing assistance devices, wheelchair and elevator accessibility, and all-gender restrooms. We also serve gluten-free bread and grape juice during our communion services. For those wishing to worship with us virtually, we live stream our services at

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84545128875. While we strive to anticipate needs, please share any ideas you have for ways to expand our hospitality for all.

#### **CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**

We encourage children to actively participate in our worship service; this is where they learn the most about the Christian family — by experiencing it! Children are encouraged to sing, clap, wiggle, fidget, offer prayer requests, share a sign of peace, and receive communion.

#### **OFFERINGS**

We are most grateful for your prayers for the ministries, staff, and volunteers of our church and for your offerings. You can make a financial gift on our website fccgeorgetownma.org/giving or use this QR code.



# FCC Georgetown's Coffee House

Join us for a cozy night of live performances featuring musicians, poets, coffee, and yummy desserts.

## November 1st 7-9pm

FREE ADMISSION with
GOODWILL OFFERING to SUPPORT
OUR NEIGHBORS TABLE



More details to come!