

# THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SOMERVILLE

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

October 10, 2021

Worship 10 AM

**Online:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/986500515>

**Phone-in number: 1 929 436 2866... Meeting ID: 986 500 515**

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Prelude *Variations on "St. Anne"*

*Stephen L. Aber*

Candle Lighting

Greeting

\*Call to Worship

L: Welcome to worship today. Bring your joys and sorrows to the Lord.

**P: We come from busy lives, filled with a host of banes and blessings.**

L: Give your fears to the Lord, for God will heal your souls.

**P: Praise to God who listens to our cries and heals us.**

L: Open your ears and your hearts to the Lord.

**P: We open our lives to do God's will. AMEN.**

\*Hymn *"O God Our Help In Ages Past"*

*UMH #117*

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne,  
still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight,  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night,  
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all who breathe away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

\*Invocation

Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation. As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom, open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully serve you. **AMEN.**

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we become so enamored of the glitz and glitter of the world. It is as though our lives were lived in "catalog shopping" design. We have so much and want so much more. We listen to the pitches in the media about the latest and best of everything, and rather than striving to serve you more faithfully, we strive to gather more and more possessions. Forgive our crass materialism. Break the bonds and chains of our oppression and enslavement to greed. Open our hearts to know that the riches of the kingdom are in service to you. Help us to understand the call you have given us to service, and having heard and understood that call, may we be about the work of the kingdom. For we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

## Words of Assurance

Jesus understands our cries and our weakness. He forgives and heals our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ we are healed and transformed. **AMEN.**

## Time for Young Disciples

### Prayer for Illumination

Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord. Be our Rock and Redeemer. **Amen.**

Scripture Lessons      Hebrews 4:12-16      pew Bible page 1091  
   Mark 10:17-31      pew Bible page 921

\*Hymn      *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*      *UMH #474*

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light

Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall

Refrain

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold  
my hand

Refrain

## Sermon

## Offertory Prayer

O great and holy God, we sing hymns; we offer prayers; we stand in awe of your creation; we are humbled by your love. When we come to you, we are often asking for something from you. You have given to us even when we did not ask. Now, in these moments, we are not asking for anything but offering our appreciation for all your mercies. We offer our money. We offer ourselves. We pray that both these gifts and our lives will honor you in the name of Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**      Worship and Song, 109

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\*Doxology "*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*"      *UMH #95*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,  
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Joys and Concerns

Interlude "*Jesu, meines Lebens Leben*" (*Jesu, Life of My Life*) *Martin Hagner*

## Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

\*Hymn      "*O Jesus, I Have Promised*"      *UMH #396*

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.

I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

**\*Benediction**

You have been made free by the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Go into the world to serve God by helping others. Be at peace and bring God's peace and love with you wherever you go. **AMEN.**

**\*Postlude** *"Toccata Secunda"*

*Johann Ernst Eberlin*



*The flowers on the altar this week are given by  
Rosemarie DeVito in honor of what would have  
been the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of her father, Martin  
Roppolo!*

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