

Greetings members and friends of First Congregational Church of Shelburne,

Our second Parking Lot Service will be held this Sunday, September 20 beginning at 10:30 AM. As space is limited, please make your reservations with Diantha at 413-625-6592 or email foxtowne@gmail.com. Once again, we ask that all who attend abide by the instructions to stay within their vehicles before, during and after the service. This worship resource is the order of service for this Sunday and includes the lyrics to our two hymns. Please print this resource out and bring it with you to the service. There will not be a You Tube video for this Sunday. We will be recording this service and releasing it on You Tube during next week.

Your Pastoral Search Committee will be finishing their all church conversations through Zoom on Sunday, September 27 at 10:00 AM. This is the fourth and final conversation. Your participation in these conversations continues to be essential in helping the Pastoral Search Committee complete a church profile that truly speaks for the congregation as they seek the next settled pastor of our church.

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday morning!

Faithfully Yours,

Pastor Rob

Welcome to Sunday Worship September 20, 2020

Good Morning to our members and friends at home,

This week's Worship Resource is also the order of service for our Second Parking Lot Worship Service this Sunday at 10:30 AM in the lot by our hall. If you wish to attend, you will need to make a reservation with Diantha at 413-625-6592 or email foxtowne@gmail.com. There is a limited number of parking places.

**If you will be attending the service,
please print out this order of service and bring it with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Morning has Broken*

Call to Worship Responsive Psalm 100 edited

L Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

P Serve the LORD with gladness

L Come into God's presence with singing.

P For the LORD is good his steadfast love endures forever

L and his faithfulness to all generations.

Opening Hymn: *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Unison Morning Prayer & the Lord's

Lord of all creation, make us faithful stewards in the labor you have called us to share, planting and cultivating, planning and protecting, and offering to you the return that you are due. We offer this prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit, and through our savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying...*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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Today's prayers are all about our human nature and being God's hands on earth.

Let us pray:

My Lord, what a morning. To lift our voices in song, to open our hearts in prayer, to have the time to listen to your word, to contemplate the story of your Gospel, to be with each other, sisters and brothers all are we in the fellowship of your love. My Lord, what a morning. An opportunity to empty ourselves of the clutter that we have accumulated and collected; the disappointments and dissatisfactions that haunt us, the grudges and old scores we cling to, waiting to settle them, the biases and prejudices we are convinced we do not have, the arrogance of believing we are masters of all things and always correct in our assessments of ourselves and others, and you. Empty these distractions, let us put them all aside, leave them on the curb. And then fill us with your gifts, fill us with your love, fill us with your mercy, and fill us with your compassion. My Lord, what a morning, when we can see clearly beyond ourselves and our incessant, relentless needs. When we can ask "how can we be of help, how can we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and cheer the broken of heart?" When we are plunged into a sense of sadness at the pain of our sisters and brothers inflicted by war, prejudice, injustice and indifference, crippling poverty of body, mind, and spirit. My Lord what a morning. Bringing to you those we now touch in prayer; victims of violence, or greed, or addictions; prisoners in poverty, in old age, in youth; people with broken bodies, with broken hearts, with broken lives, all those whom we remember now.....My Lord, what a morning, when we can pray in unity of purpose as a part of the body of Christ. Amen

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: *Owning the Vineyard*

(means inviting everyone to work in it)

Hymn: *Blessed Assurance*

Benediction:

*God bless all who live and move in your garden of creation through which your glory shines
May we see the wonder of your love, the promise of a new creation, your call to be good
stewards and the flourishing of the hope of transformation. God bless all creation with your
love and generosity and may we see in its glory your awesome majesty Amen.*

Our thanks to this morning's participants: Tim Graves, Paul Hadley and Robin Howe
and a special thank you to the Re-Opening Task Force and the Executive Committee for making
this service a reality and for their support this morning in greeting, parking and welcoming.

All Creatures of Our God and King

St. Francis of Assisi
Tr. William H. Draper

All creatures of our God and king,
Lift up your voices and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye light of evening find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That gives to man both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,

And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One.
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed Assurance

Frances Jane Crosby
Phoebe Palmer Knapp

Verse

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

Verse

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Savior am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting, looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain