

*Welcome to this service of worship on the
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.*

As Jesus Christ welcomes each one of us, we hope you sense the friendly welcome of this congregation of God's people.

[*]If you are comfortable doing so, it is appropriate to stand.
Bold type signifies congregational response.

WE GATHER IN JESUS' NAME
Lighting of the Peace Candle¹

PRELUDE *Air from "Water Music Suite"* Handel

(Those who have announcements are asked to please move to the front pews at this time.)

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT
Come into His presence singing Alleluia... (repeat)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
But their delight is in the law of the Lord.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
Which yield their fruit in its season.
Let us rejoice in song and prayer.

* HYMN #220 *All People that on Earth Do Dwell*

* PRAYER OF PRAISE

We draw near to you, O Lord, source of all understanding, and ask you to draw near to us. Teach us your wisdom, that our lives may bear

good fruit. Root us in your mercy, that our acts of kindness may flourish in the lives of others. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI Avery and Marsh Hymnal p. 577

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM *Who Shall Abide* Pelz
Ruth Bergman, violin

*Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle?
Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?
He that walketh uprightly, and worketh
righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.
Lord who shall abide...*

SCRIPTURE Mark 9:30-37 Pew Bible NT p. 45

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Plan or Direction?" Rev. Russell Feroe

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* HYMN # 335 *Though I May Speak*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
The Lord's Prayer is found on the top of page 16 of the Hymnal, traditional version using "debts" and "debtors"

OFFERING

HYMN OFFERTORY #366 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

*INCLUSIVE-LANGUAGE DOXOLOGY (see insert)

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Glorious God, your word fills our hearts with fresh courage. May we offer and use these gifts to transform the lives and communities around us, so others may know your love, and live your will. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN # 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

*BENEDICTION

May the words of our mouths be acceptable and true. May the thoughts of our hearts be loving and pure. May the actions of our lives be strong and courageous. May we go where God leads us with confidence and joy. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Go With Us, Lord*
for music see hymn 535

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.

POSTLUDE *Prelude and Fugue in a minor* Buxtehude

¹ The lighting of the Peace Candle is done prior to worship and stands in our midst as a beacon of hope, calling all the world and us from darkness to light, from violence to peace. Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

SERVICE

Acolyte: Marissa Cort
Greeters: Corinna Tamburini, Ian Tamburini
Liturgist: Jean Hager
Ushers: Michael Adzenyah, Joan Grant, R. Sherwood Marchant, Rusty Spears.



Members, friends, and visitors are invited to join us as our guests for coffee and fellowship in Hodge Hall immediately following worship. **Lois Maxwell** is hosting today.

This is a welcoming Church, embracing sisters and brothers without regard to age, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation, family status, economic situation or theological viewpoint. We want our visitors to feel a part of the family. "Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people of faith in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA)."

There is a variety of materials near the entrance to acquaint you with the Church. We encourage you to sign the guest book in the entry and to use the yellow card in the pews to register your attendance and enable us to add you to our newsletter mailing list. Please place yellow cards in the offering plates.

Membership: All of our services and activities are open to non-members. We invite people to commit themselves to membership as a witness to their faith in Christ, and the mission of Christ as lived out in the life of this congregation. We receive members by affirmation of faith, or by reaffirmation or transfer of membership. You may speak with the pastor or one of the elders about membership.

Offering Envelopes are available in the pews for the convenience of those who may have forgotten their assigned envelope or for those who wish to use an envelope for a cash

gift. If you wish your contribution to be used for a specific cause, please indicate that on the envelope.

ASSISTED LISTENING SYSTEM AVAILABLE

Anyone who has difficulty in hearing and understanding the service is encouraged to use the assisted listening system. This is a wireless system so users can sit anywhere in the sanctuary. Receivers are available near the entrance to the sanctuary. Many of you have used a similar system at the Bushnell or Hartford Stage.



During the service we provide **Nursery Care** in the Buchanan Room for children **up to age 4**. An usher will direct you to the location. **Shannon Hopkins** is the nursery director and **Augusta Jara** is the assistant.

The Abiding Memorials Book is open to the abiding gift given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Raymond T. Woodend**, born January 14, 1913, died June 13, 1983, by those listed, perpetuated in the Presbyterian Foundation, June 1983.

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We are a member church of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Synod of the Northeast, Presbytery of Southern New England.



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