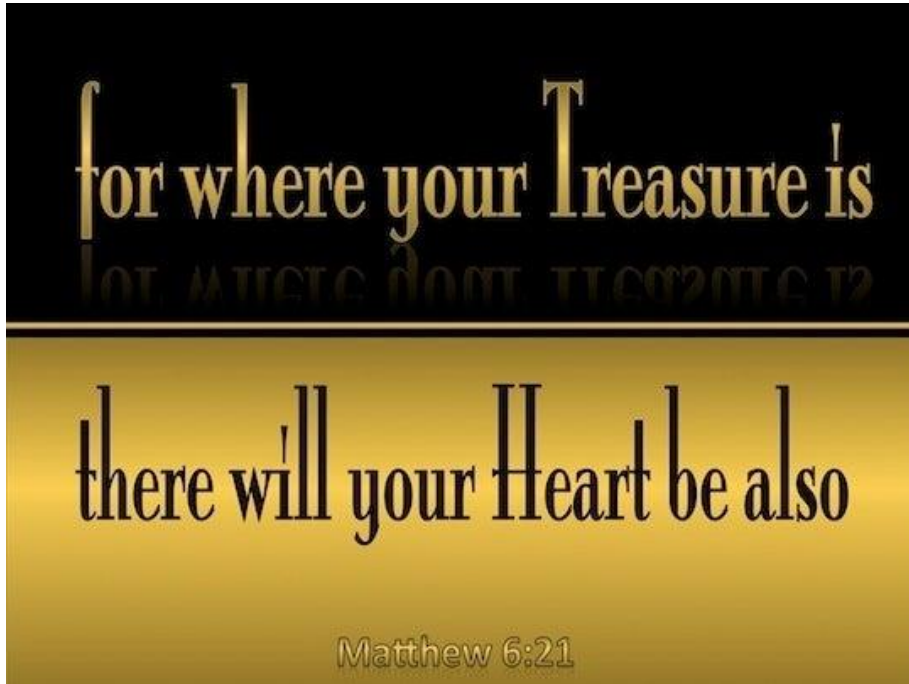


May 15th, 2022
10:00 A.M.



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PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We gather here to praise and worship God.

People: We join with God's angels and heavenly hosts. We praise God with sun and moon and shining stars. We worship God with all creation.

Leader: Praise the name of the Lord!

People: The name of God alone is exalted! Praise the Lord!

**HYMN Worship & Rejoice #9 "Come Let Us Praise the Lord"*

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is with us in our plight. God hears our cries that come from desperation, pain, and anxiety. May God forgive us every shortcoming, even when we fall short on faith. God forgives even the broken impulses of our hearts that come out of our struggles. May he forgive us and change us to more resemble Christ in all things.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, sometimes we are just too busy for our own good. We pledge ourselves to hectic schedules, demands on time, energy, and resources that erode all too quickly. We seem to be rushing through life. The cries of those in need often go unheeded in our blur of activities that sap our energy, our resources, our spirits. Slow us down a bit, Lord. Remind us again that we are responsible for the care of this world, for reaching out and offering your healing love. Help us to hear the words of patient love that you have for us. Remind us again of Jesus' words to his disciples when he told them that they should love one another as he loved them. May we take time to bear witness to that love in all that we do. For we ask this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from Ephesians 2)*

God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead in our sins, made us alive together in Christ. By his surpassing grace we have been saved!

Thanks be to God!

EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ.”

***Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb! Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb!
My heart sings this song again! Hallelujah, Praise the Lamb!***

Children’s Song: “I’ve got the Joy, Joy, Joy”

Insert “What Does the Lord Require of You?”

Insert “Praise Him! Praise Him!”

WE HEAR AND RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 6:19-24

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

SERMON: “BURIED TREASURE”

Pastor Ben

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD AND SPIRIT

HYMN OF RESPONSE *insert* “Simple Living”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY Caty Jones, solo, “Thy Word”

Psalm 119:105, by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

*SONG OF DEDICATION *Worship & Rejoice #684*

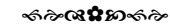
For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known, with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own: here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN *Worship & Rejoice #569*

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

*CHARGE & BLESSING



Ministers: The Congregation

Pastor: Ben Black

Worship Assistant: Julie Lauffenburger

Music Leader: Felicia Brady-Lopez

Zoom Coordinator: Greg Pollock

Christian Formation & Mission Coordinator: Rong (Lorraine) Li



New Members Class

The New Members is following worship for everyone interested. Please consider sticking around and join us downstairs in the kitchen!

PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Orian’s Aunt Illma continuing chemo
- Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.
- Yan & Lorraine’s visa status.
- Pray for the end of civil war in Cameroon.
- Those battling cancer.
- Racism and violence in our country.
- The coronavirus outbreaks worldwide, those grieving and sick.
- Those battling terminal illness.

- provided \$2175 to aid in resettlement of an Afghan family that has now moved to Lowell,
- and gave \$985 to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance’s International Refugee Program.

Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday, June 12 PARTY! - Let's celebrate Felicia and her 30 years as our music director. We will honor her and wish her well Sunday June 12. We invite all of you to lunch after the worship service, and then be sure to stay for the square dance (live music) in the church basement beginning at 1 p.m. Beginners, children, and experienced dancers are welcome!

Income Update for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

	GFM	Target	Surplus/(Deficit)	% of Budget
March	\$13,954	\$22,737	(\$8,783)	61%
FYTD	\$182,145	\$204,632	(\$22,487)	89%

The remaining mortgage balance is \$148,484
Capital campaign fund balance: \$8,958

Deacons are meeting on Tuesday at 7:30.

Parking Suggestion -- City Lot on Springfield St.

With the loss of the street parking in front of the church due to the Inman Square construction work, parking has unfortunately become more difficult to find on Sunday mornings. Beyond the suggested residential spaces on Fayette and Antrim, one additional option to consider is the city-owned Lot 14 on Springfield St, just north of the restaurant Olé. Per city policy (as stated on their website), parking fees are not collected at this lot on Sundays, so it is free parking, and in recent weeks it has had many empty spots at 10am on a Sunday.

Missions Thanks You!

Thank you for your contributions toward assisting refugees around the world!

- You made 57 hygiene kits,