

Join us for an

Instant Sermon Sunday

Bring your questions
to add to the pot!

- faith
- ethics
- current events



6/26 @ 10am, LIVE! On-Site & Online
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Today's worship will include a time for an "instant sermon." Instead of sharing a prepared sermon, Rev. John and Rev. Maddie will respond in the moment to your questions about faith, church, ethics, and the challenges and blessings of this moment in our lives. This instant sermon will begin with a time especially for the youngest among us and their questions before we open it up to the wider congregation. If you're worshiping online, please type your question in the chat window; if you're worshiping on-site, simply raise your hand; and together we will seek the inspiration of the Spirit.

PRELUDE *Largo*, by G.F. Handel Valerie Becker, *organ*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. John MacIver Gage & Rev. Maddie Foster

One: As we gather this day, each of us brings something to worship:

Many: We bring the burdens of this week, and the blessings.

One: We bring prayers of hope, and prayers of anguish

Many: We bring our voices and our silence, our offerings, and our questions.

One: We bring our faith, floundering or flourishing, or a bit of both.

Many: We bring all this to each other and to God, whom we gather to worship today.

All: Let us worship God together in spirit and in truth, in word and in deed.

HYMN *What a Fellowship (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)* (see below)

INSTANT SERMON

Rev. John MacIver Gage &
Rev. Maddie Foster

HYMN

We Are the Church (see below)

SHARING OUR PRAYERS (“O God, hear our prayer”)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*using these or whichever words are closest to your own heart*)

Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your reign come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today 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 yours is the kin-dom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OPPORTUNITIES TO BE PART OF THE GOOD NEWS

SINGING OUR THANKS & PRAISE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below!

Praise God above, you heavenly hosts—Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

CHARGE & BLESSING

POSTLUDE



Summer Toilet Paper Drive to Help Afghan & Ukrainian Refugees

Please join the Outreach Committee and the International Institute of New England (IINE) in collecting toilet paper this summer (June, July, and August) for refugees and refugee families resettling in the U.S. without even the most basic of necessities.

Pick up an extra package or two each time you do your shopping this summer and bring it to church. **Or you can order some and have it sent directly from our Amazon Wish List by [clicking here](#).** (Any brand of toilet paper will do, but you might consider the bamboo or 100% recycled paper as eco-friendlier options.) We'll collect it all summer and donate it to IINE in September. And, do we have to say it? No opened packages, please!



Sign Up NOW to Volunteer with Family Promise Metrowest's New Permanent Shelter

Family Promise Metrowest is looking to “support churches” like ours for volunteers to prepare and serve meals and join the guests for dinner in their brand-new permanent shelter, which opens in the coming weeks (the new shelter will hold up to three families at any given time). The Outreach Committee will divide up the work, engaging people in different roles and creating a cadre of experienced helpers. Some will prepare food in Needham and others will deliver food . . . and possibly serve. Those who prepare food do not require training. Those who serve and interact with the guests are asked to complete a short, two-module orientation, which has been completely revamped. If you want to volunteer or would like more information, contact Vance Fernandez, [**vancefernandez@hotmail.com**](mailto:vancefernandez@hotmail.com).

The goal is to have volunteers signed up and trained by August!

What a Fellowship (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, safe and secure from all
alarms;
leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus, leaning on the everlasting arms.

We Are the Church

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people.

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!