

ORDER OF WORSHIP

July 4, 2021 @ 10am

The Congregational Church of Needham (MA)
United Church of Christ
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PRELUDE

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Maddie Foster

One: We've come to worship God!

Many: God, who loved us before we were yet born.

One: God, who knows our truest selves.

Many: God, whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases.

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

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

Morning Has Broken (see below)

Carolyn MacGregor, *cantor*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139

SERMON

Sacred the Body

The Rev. Maddie Foster

HYMN

For This Land in All its Wonder (see below)

Teresa Blume, *cantor*

SHARING OUR PRAYERS ("Oh 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 kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Sarabande from Cello Suite No. 1

Emily Verschoor-Kirss, *Saxophone*

HOLY COMMUNION (*together, using whatever food & drink you have on hand*)

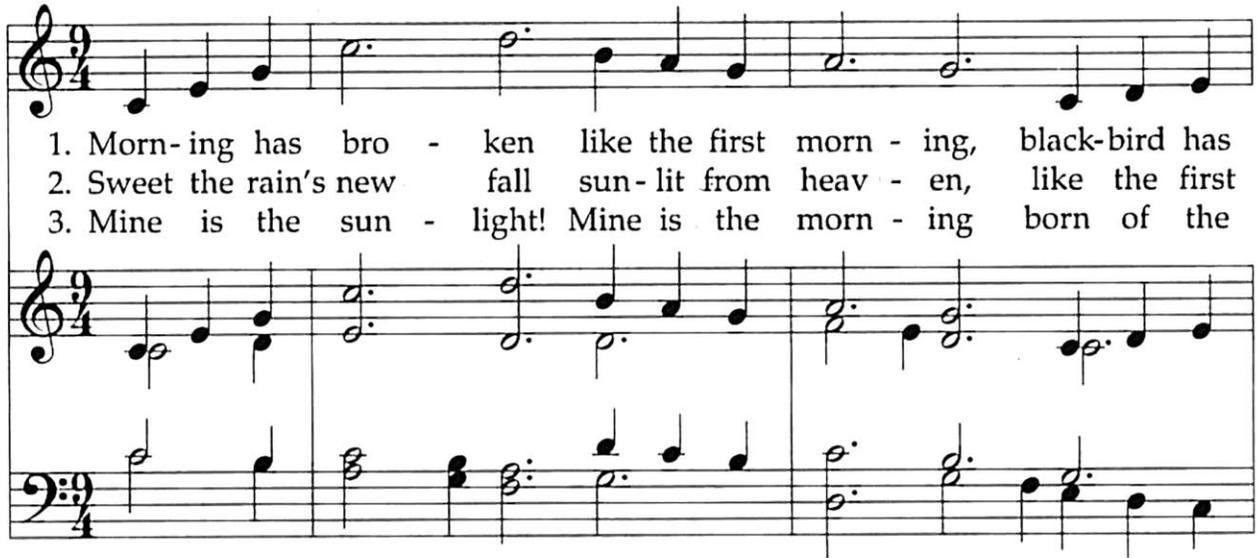
OFFERING OUR THANKS & OUR LIVES

SINGING OUR PRAISE

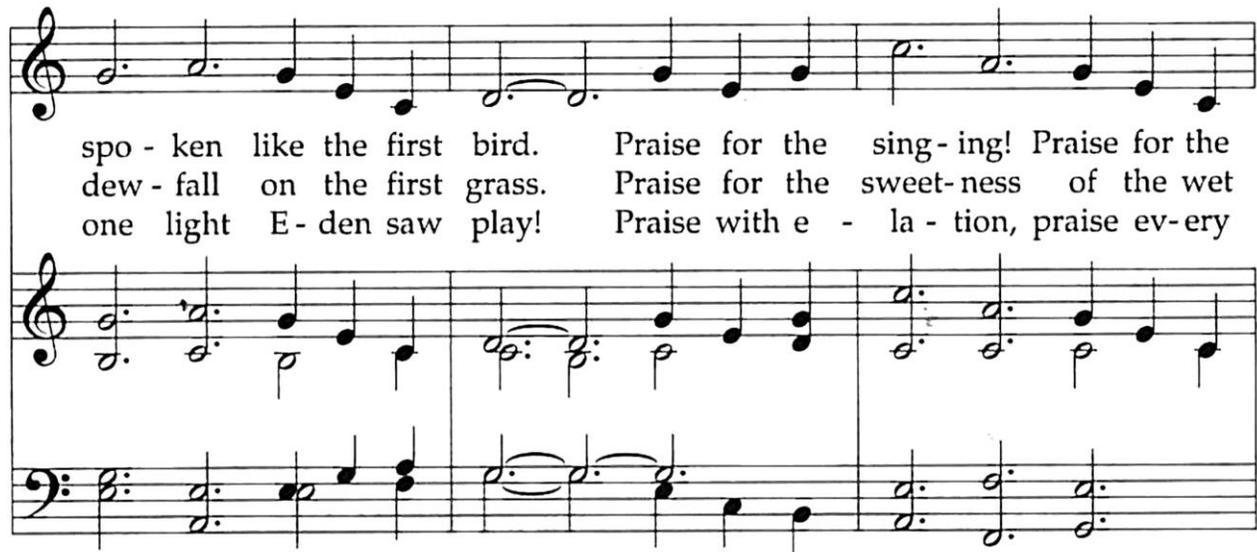
Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise God, all creatures here below!
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts! Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

BLESSING & COMMISSION

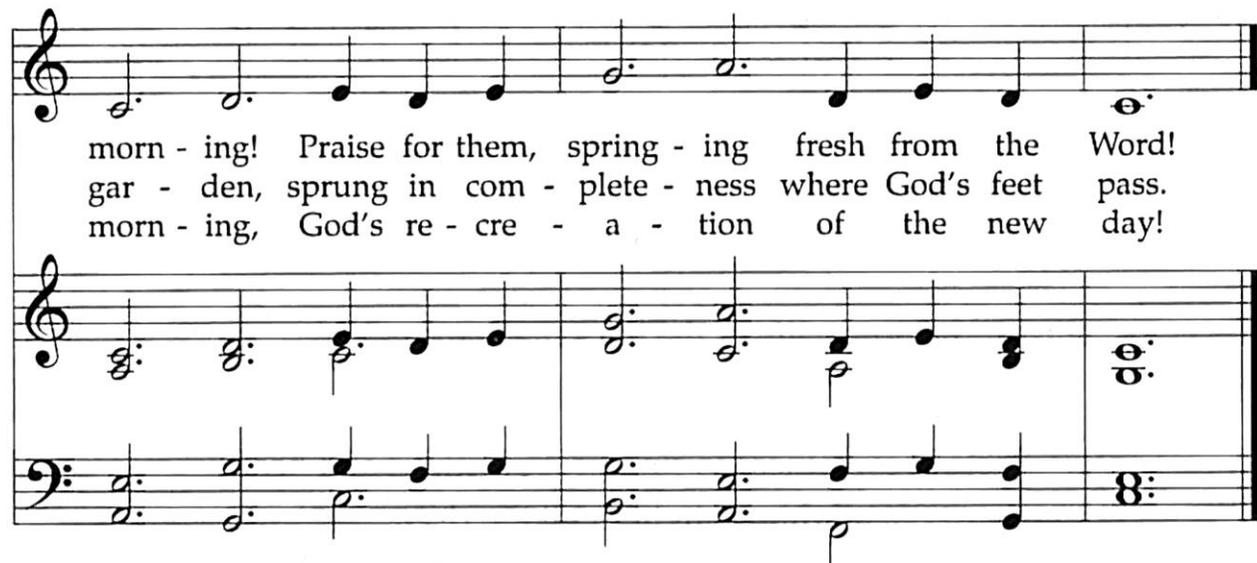
Morning Has Broken



1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black-bird has
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

For This Land in All it's Wonder

For this land in all its won - der, for each ci - ty,
 For your peace and love un - end - ing, break - ing bar - riers
 For your hand to lead and guide us, for your work in
 May we be a na - tion seek - ing way that are both

farm, and town, for each moun - tain filled with splen - dor,
 that di - vide; for the joy of cul - tures blend - ing
 his - tor - y, for your vi - sion born in - side us
 wise and fair, may our liv - ing and our speak - ing

for each place where love is found, for the free - doms we en - joy here,
 as we live here side by side; God, we thank you and we pray now:
 of a just so - ci - e - ty, God, we thank you and we pray now:
 serve your pur - pose ev' - ry - where. May we fol - low where you lead us;

God, may thanks to you a - bound! God, may thanks to you a - bound!
 May we all be u - ni - fied! May we all be u - ni - fied!
 May this vi - sion com to be! May this vi - sion come to be!
 God, this is our hope and prayer! God, this is our hope and prayer!

Events, Fellowship and Mission

Diego Low of the MetroWest Workers Center - Sunday, July 11th @ 11:11am – Next Sunday immediately following Worship, there will be a presentation by Diego Low of the Metrowest Worker Center about the ways in which the Center helps immigrant workers and their families, and how our church can help.



Hybrid Worship – This summer we will be settling into our new normal of Hybrid Worship as we gather simultaneously in-person and remote for the very first time. We hope you will join us, either live in the Sanctuary or live via Zoom, as the Spirit leads you.

If you choose to participate via Zoom, nothing will change. You already know the drill. You can log in through Zoom and download your Order of Worship. If you choose to participate in the sanctuary, here is what you need to know:

- You do not need to sign up ahead of time.
- Print out and bring your Order of Worship if you like. All words you need to participate in worship will be projected.
- Enter from the parking lot through the door by the office. If you or a loved one need to use the ramp, please contact Rev. John at revjohn@needhamucc.org ahead of time and plan to park in front of the church along Great Plain Ave.
- Bring and wear your mask. Everyone over 2 years old will be required to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.
- Dress comfortably. It's summer, and the sanctuary is not air conditioned. The windows will be closed to keep the cool air in, with the shutters closed on the parking lot side (again, to keep things cool) and open on the street side (to let in the light.)
- Give your name to the ushers to help us with contact tracing.
- Maintain social distance. We've taken the guesswork out of seating and taped off pews accordingly. You can choose your own seat anywhere in the green. Families may sit together. We will not have coffee hour and we encourage any socializing to occur outdoors.
- We will not sing, not yet. (If you're participating via Zoom, sing out as loud as you like.) We will re-evaluate this as we move toward the fall. But Valerie will play the organ live.
- Bathroom facilities will be available on a one-at-a-time basis.
- There will be no childcare and no in-person Sunday school, since the youngest among us are still unvaccinated and vulnerable.

Rev. Maddie and I are delighted to welcome back those who choose to attend in person and to welcome again those who choose to remain online. That's what this is all about: creating equitable access to a vibrant shared worship experience so you can make the choices you need to for you and your family.

If you would like to be trained as a tech deacon please contact revjohn@needhamucc.org and let me know. I look forward to seeing you for our hybrid worship, one way or another, in person or remote, and to continuing to discern together where God is leading us and what we're called to become, not just in this pandemic moment, but as we move forward together into the future.

Peace, Rev. John



“A maze is about losing your way. A labyrinth is about finding it.”

A labyrinth is an ancient spiritual tool, a walking meditation for the heart, mind, soul, and body.. We hope walking this labyrinth gives you peace, clarity, and even just some nice time outdoors. **Remember: Unlike a maze, you cannot get lost in a labyrinth. Just keep walkin’...**