

First Congregational Church of Pelham
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Church
Sunday September 1, 2024

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Pastor: Rev. Carlos Jauhola-Straight Director of Music: Tom Seniow
Organist: Carolyn (Sue) Howard Bell Choir Director: Sharon Hone
Deacons: Paula Fowlie and Joe Calabro

~ We Gather in God's Presence ~
+Please rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

Welcome

Light of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."

Jesus said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
And I will give you rest."

We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,
Let us worship God this day!

+Hymn Awake, Awake To Love And Work"" #441

Labor Day Prayer of Invocation by Rick Morley

Lord Jesus, we give thanks for work, and for the many works you have given us to do. Hear our prayers on this day of rest, and strengthen us for the week ahead. We pray that you would be present with those who work by day, and those who work by night; those who work near, and those whose work carries them far away; and we pray for those who in this uncertain time have no job. We pray all of this knowing that your labors on our behalf never cease, and that your yoke is easy, and your burden is light. Amen.

Singing Praises to God "Gloria Patri" #558

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

Prayer for Illumination

As we listen to your word, help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nourish us with sacred story 'til we claim it as our own; teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known. Amen

Scripture Reading Lamentations 3:19-24

Musical Reflection

Readers Theater "These Hands"

by Jennifer Jolly (& Carlos Jauhola-Straight)

+Hymn "The Steadfast Love of The Lord" insert

~ We Respond to God with our Prayers and Offerings ~

Prayers of God's People

Sung Call to Prayer "He Is Lord" #79

Silence

Sharing our Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*) #412

Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

+Doxology #563

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, comforter; One God triune, whom we adore. Amen.



+Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, creator, redeemer, sustainer, at your table we present our gifts, symbols of the work you have given us to do; use them, use us, in the service of your world to the glory of your name. Amen.

~ We Go Forth to Share What God's Love Looks Like ~

+Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #47

Benediction

Sung Benediction "I Saw The Light" #320

"Praise the Lord, I saw the light."

WEEKLY

Morning Prayer - Monday and Wednesday 7:30 am Zoom ID: contact church office

Bell Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm

Knitters - Tuesday 1pm

Lazarus House Food Pantry 8:30 am - 12 noon

Coffeebreak - Wednesday 1pm

Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday 7:30 pm

Sunday, September 1 Labor Day Weekend	Laity Sunday
Sunday, September 8	Celebration of Communion Rev David Wilkerson preaching
Saturday, September 14	OLD HOME DAY
Sunday, September 15	Psalm 98:1-5 Old Home Day Stories and Songs
September 16-18	Rev Carlos at Clergy Convocation
Sunday, September 22	On Purpose 6 week worship series starts Week 1: Why Am I Here? John 3:1-9 Rally Sunday - Church School Starts ALL MINISTRY MEETING
Sunday, September 29	Week 2: What is a "Purpose"? Matthew 5:13-16 Church School

