

First Congregational Church of Pelham

United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Church

"Sharing What God's Love Looks Like"

September 29, 2024

ON PURPOSE Week 2

What is a "Purpose"?

Ministers: All the Members of the Church

Pastor: Rev. Carlos Jauhola-Straight

Director of Music: Tom Seniow

Organist: Carolyn (Sue) Howard

Bell Choir Director: Sharon Hone

Church Administrator: Stephanie Noel

Sexton: Lupe Nova

Deacons: Paula Fowlie and Joe Calabro

~ We Gather in God's Presence ~

+Please rise in body or spirit.

Prelude

Welcome

Introit

"I Was Glad"

Lloyd Larson

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Holy one, we are happy to worship you today!

We come ready to receive good news.

What if the good news is that we are already enough? And that God wants to shine light through us?

Let our worship be a time of receiving, renewal, and rejoicing!

God has made us to be a light to the world. May we shine.

+Hymn

"I Am The Light Of The World"

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Prayer

Holy One, you have blessed each of us with value, worth and skills. We give thanks for you and how you work in our lives but often we feel unworthy or unvaluable. Thank you for seeing our value in every wrinkle we have and in every choice we make. May we rest in the value you give us and know our purpose is to honor that value in how we interact with others. Amen.

What's in the Bag?

Singing Praises to God

"Gloria Patri"

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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

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

Choral Anthem "You Are The Light Of The World" Stephen Schwartz

"You are the light of the world, but if that light's beneath a bushel it's lost something kind of crucial. You've got to stay bright to be the light of the world. You are the salt of the earth, but if that salt has lost its flavor it ain't got much in its favor. You can't have that fault and be the salt of the earth. So let your light so shine before men oh that they might know some kindness again. We all need help to feel fine. But the tallest candlestick ain't much good without a wick. You've got to live right to be the light of the world."

Reflection

What is a "Purpose"?

Hymn

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

#154

~ We Respond to God's Word with our Prayers and Offerings ~

Prayers of God's People

Sung Call to Prayer

"Seek Ye First"

#370 vs 2

Silence

Sharing our Prayer Requests

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

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Offering Our Gifts to God

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

+Doxology

Tune: Old Hundredth

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

God, we thank you that you are not a God who stands still but that you are always moving in our lives and in our church. Receive our offerings today as a sign of our openness to wherever you are leading us next. Help us to continually grow in faith, purpose, and service. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

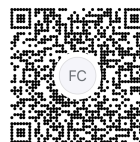
+Hymn

"A Little Bit of Salt"

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Benediction

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Sung Benediction

"Lord Of The Dance"

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***"And I'll lead you all wherever you may be.
And I'll lead you all in the Dance said He."***

Postlude

This morning's flowers are given by Joyce McDevitt in memory of Greg McDevitt

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 29	Week 2: What is a "Purpose"? Matthew 5:13-16 Church School
Tuesday, October 1	Bible Study 10am Faith Formation Ministry Meeting 7pm
Thursday, October 3	Bible Study 7pm
Sunday, October 6	Week 3: Who Am I? Acts 9:1-19, John 21:15-19 Celebration of Communion Faith Formation - Evening 5-6:30pm - Church School & Youth Group
Monday, October 7	Stewardship Ministry Meeting 6pm
Tuesday, October 8	Diaconate Ministry Meeting 7pm
Thursday, October 10	Trustee Ministry Meeting 7pm Women's Fellowship 7pm
Friday, October 11	FREE Community Dinner 5:30pm
Sunday, October 13 Columbus Day Weekend	Week 4: Purpose is Present Matthew 14:13-21