

~ WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE ~

+Please rise in body or spirit.

TOLLING THE HOUR

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT "Jesus, Our Savior, Is Standing At The Door" Clifford McCormick

CALL TO WORSHIP

God has called us here today-

**To sing, to pray, to hear a word.**

God is moving in our hearts today-

**Comforting the broken-hearted, strengthening those who are tired, empowering us for the work of ministry.**

God will send us out into the world-

**May we have the courage and boldness to go where God leads us.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

+HYMN "Surely Goodness and Mercy" #435

INVOCATION

**Lord, you call us out of our complacency and our comfort zones to do the radical work of ministry in the world. We confess that we often dig in our heels and come up with a list of reasons as to why we are not the right person, or this is not the right time, or this is not a good use of our talents. Help us to remember that you know us better than we know ourselves and to trust that you will equip us with the tools we need to serve. Grant us the courage to say yes to the calling you place on our lives. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who calls us to a life of service and ministry. 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**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Raegan Marie Raboin #740

CHORAL BLESSING "Gentle Jesus"

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD TO US ~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION St John Chyrsostom

**O Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart that I may hear your Word, and understand and do your will, for I am a sojourner upon the Earth. Hide not your commandments from me, but open my eyes, that I may perceive the wonders of your Law. Speak unto me the hidden and secret things of your wisdom. AMEN**

SCRIPTURE READING Jonah 1:1-3

CHORAL ANTHEM "Lord, Here Am I" Jay Althouse from Fanny Crosby

*"Lord, when you call me, I gladly will obey. If you direct me, I will find your way. What is my purpose? What have you planned for me? What is my mission and where will it be? Lord, I will follow, if you will only lead. Guide and support me; you are all I need. Lord, when you call me, I gladly will reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I." Pardon me whenever I turn from the right. Help me and bring me again to your light. Show me the pathway that frees me from sin. Help me to be pure within. Lord give me wisdom in all things great and small. Be there beside me if ever I should fall. Lord, when you call me, I gladly will reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."*

REFLECTION "It Takes Guts"

+HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #432

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD WITH OUR PRAYERS AND OFFERINGS ~

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

SUNG CALL TO PRAYER

"Through It All"

Through it all, through it all, I've learned to trust in

Je - sus, I've learned to trust in God; through it all,

through it all, I've learned to de - pend up - on his Word.

SHARING OUR PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG) #412

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

+SUNG RESPONSE "The Doxology" #563

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.***

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Almighty God, we offer these gifts out of our love and commitment to living into the call you have placed on our lives and on our church. Bless these gifts that they may be used to bring you glory and to serve your people. Amen.**

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

+HYMN "God Leads Us Along" #426

+BENEDICTION

+SUNG BENEDICTION "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #47

***"Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!"***

POSTLUDE

# First Congregational Church of Pelham

United Church of Christ

**An Open and Affirming Church**

*"Sharing What God's Love Looks Like"*

May 18, 2025



# WHAT TO DO

When You Don't Know What To Do

When You're Struggling with Where God  
Is Leading You

Ministers: All Members of the Church

Pastor: Rev. Carlos Jauhola-Straight

Director of Music: Tom Seniow

Organist: Carolyn (Sue) Howard

Bell Choir Director: Sharon Hone

Administrator: Stephanie Noel

Sexton: Lupe Nova

Deacons: Margaret Oxner, Dot Hill, Joe Calabro