

First Congregational Church of Pelham
United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming Church
"Sharing What God's Love Looks Like"

October 27, 2024
Week 6

Will Purpose Make Me Happy?

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT "Oh Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

H. P. Smith/ arr. F. Callahan

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

God gives us each a purpose.

God gives us all a purpose.

Sometimes living with purpose looks bright and cheerful.

Sometimes living with purpose challenges and pushes us.

We worship Jesus whose purpose led to the cross – and beyond!

**And today, we follow the Spirit who leads us through obstacles to a life of love
and service. Amen!**

+HYMN

"For Those Tears I Died"

#315

PRAYER

God, we sometimes think that the goal of life is happiness. You show us that true flourishing is so much bigger than that. Help us, today, to trust that in living out your purposes for us, we will experience true joy and fulfillment. Help us to know, deep in our souls, that we have a part to play in your vision for all of humanity and creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WHAT'S IN THE BAG?

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

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:24-26, Matthew 25:31-45

BELL ANTHEM

"Jubilation"

W. Melton

SACRED CONVERSATION

Ron Schneider & Carlos Jauhola-Straight

HYMN

"Standing on the Promises"

#249

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

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Sung Call To Prayer "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

#366 Vs 3

Silence

Sharing Our Prayer Requests

Prayers Of The People

The Lord's Prayer *(Sung)*

#412

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Invitation To The Offering

Bell Offertory "For the Beauty of the Earth"

C. Kocher/J. Fisher

+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

Lord of life, you lead us with purpose into places and moments that we may have never chosen on our own. You surprise us with the abundance of life that we find there and with our own role in creating it. Receive, bless, and direct our use of these gifts today so we can continue to be a part of your life-giving mission in this world. It is in your name we pray. Amen.

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

+HYMN

"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"

#377

BENEDICTION

SUNG BENEDICTION "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #536 refrain

***"Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around:
Loaves abound."***

POSTLUDE

FLOWERS this week are given by Susan Collins "Mom, happy heavenly birthday"

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, October 27	Week 6: Will Purpose Make Me Happy? Sacred Conversation with Ron Schneider Church School CHILI POTLUCK LUNCH
Monday, October 28	Book Group 7pm
Sunday, November 3	All In Stewardship Campaign begins Luke 5:1-11 Church School & Youth Group 5-6:30pm Christmas Choir Rehearsals start
Monday, November 4	Stewardship Ministry Meeting 6:30pm
Tuesday, November 5	Bible Study 10am Faith Formation Ministry Meeting 7pm
Thursday, November 7	Bible Study 7pm
Sunday, November 10	Veteran's Day Psalm 146 & Mark 12:38-44 1 Corinthians 12:4-13
Monday, November 11	Holy Habits Meeting 7pm
Tuesday, November 12	Diaconate Ministry Meeting 7pm
Thursday, November 13	Trustee Ministry Meeting 7pm Women's Fellowship 7pm
Sunday, November 17	1 Samuel 2:1-10 & Acts 2:43-47 Church School