

Hymn #202  
\*Benediction  
Postlude  
*Amazing Grace*  
*Loure\* sur Wesley* —L. Mason/arr. Crane  
*\*The Loure is a dance form used by Bach in his Suites, it is in 3 much like the Minuet or the Waltz*  
*WESLEY is the hymn tune written by Mason for a Thomas Hastings text, "Hail To The Brightness of*  
*Zion's Glad Morning"*  
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Following the *Benediction Response*, feel free to leave immediately or remain in the Sanctuary to listen to the *Postlude*.  
**Pastor Miller** is away on vacation and will return to the office on August 7 and worship on August 12.

**Our Preacher Today** is **The Reverend Kazimierz (Kaz) Bem**, Pastor of the First Congregational Church, UCC, in Marlboro. He is a native of Poland and after working as a lawyer in Amsterdam, came to the U.S. to study at Yale, where he received his M. Div. He has been serving in Marlboro since 2011.

**Ministry of Fellowship**  
A special welcome to all who are visiting this morning. We're glad to have you sharing in our celebration of worship. Please join us for refreshments on the front lawn after worship (inside if it's raining).

**Thank you for serving today:** Tom Hanson and Holly Haase (Deacons); Janice and Steve Flynn (Ushers); The Kubick Family/The Prestia Family (Fellowship Hour)

**Our Ongoing Prayer List:**

The Arini Family	Jan Miller	Edie Tompkins
Megan Bettison	Bill Moeller	Karen and Marc Vandenbulcke
Joel Eaton	Myrtle Murphy	Laurie Wade
Frank Kanour	Debbie Sampson	Connor Welles
Scott Joyce	Sherry Sampas	Liz Waggoner
Chris Laursen	Rudi Schmid	
Joe Marchesani		

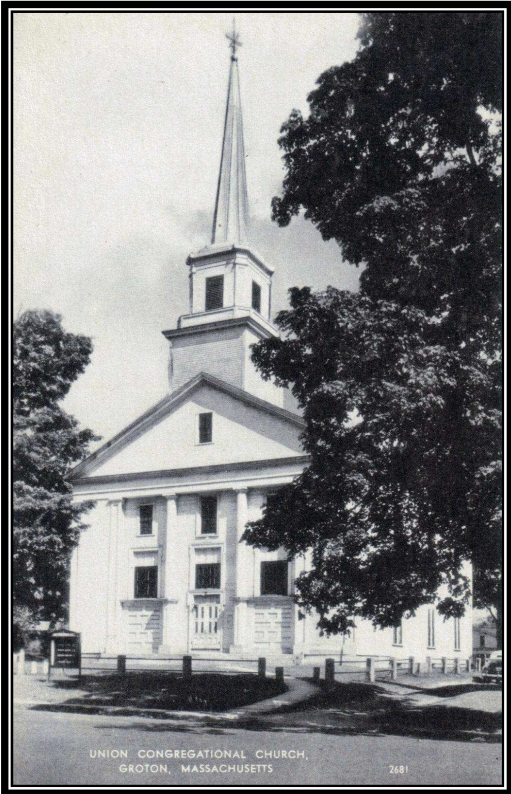
**This list is refreshed twice a year (June 1 and January 1).** If you wish to remove or add a name, please let Gail Miller or Carol Zaiatz (978-448-2091 or [unioncc@uccgroton.org](mailto:unioncc@uccgroton.org)) know.

**Confidential Prayer Chain**  
**Need prayer and need it now?** Simply email [prayer@uccgroton.org](mailto:prayer@uccgroton.org) and your request will go to the confidential pray-ers; or call Carol or Gail in the Church Office (978-448-2091) and they will put your prayer request in motion for you. Prayer requests are held in confidence among those who are praying for you, and you may request that your name be withheld.

**Welcome Guests and Newer Folk**

Please fill out the beige cards found in the pew racks before you. This is a good way to let us know a little bit about you, and (if desired) to begin to receive information from us (weekly email, monthly newsletter). You may place the card in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or the Pastor, Gail Miller. We are glad you are here!

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**The Union Congregational Church**  
**United Church of Christ**  
Groton, Massachusetts  
The Reverend Gail L. Miller, Pastor  
Bernard Crane, Music Director

**August 5, 2018 10:00 a.m.**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*The altar flowers are given by Bonnie Martin and Mark Rzeznikiewicz to the Glory of God and in celebration of their anniversary.*

**Welcome!** We are glad you are worshipping with us today. Large print bulletins are available at the back of the Sanctuary or from an Usher. There is a comfortable rocker by the right-side exit door for those who need a more comfortable seat. If your baby or children become restless during worship, feel free to walk with them in the back of the Sanctuary or use the rocker. If you desire childcare, our nursery for infants and toddlers is in the fellowship hall downstairs. Children (pre-school through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) are usually released from worship after the *Time with the Children* for a short activity downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to approach an usher or the pastor with any questions.

**Holy Communion** will be celebrated today. The table is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, no matter what their church background or denominational affiliation. Children are welcome to partake at the discretion of their parents. We celebrate the Lord’s Supper with grape juice and gluten-free crackers. This morning we will invite you to come forward to receive Communion up front. When you approach the plate and the cup, please partake at that time. We will be receiving communion through *intinction*; take a piece of cracker, dip it into the cup, and then eat. After those who have come forward have received, we will take the elements to those who need to remain in their seats. Appropriate responses upon receiving the elements in this manner are, “Thanks be to God,” or “Amen.”

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**Prelude** *As The Deer Runs To The River* —R. Rowland Raybold

**\*Call to Worship** Bob Hargraves

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**People: "He is our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust."**

Leader: Let us confess, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead,

**People: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."**

Leader: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts, confessing him with our voices, worshipping him in spirit and in truth.

**\*Hymn #527** *Glory to His Name*

**\*Unison Opening Prayer**

In you, Almighty Father, and through your Son, Jesus Christ, we find the beginning and end of all things. In him we find hope, forgiveness, and courage for new beginnings. Let then, O God, the fresh winds of your Spirit sweep into our lives this day, so that this act of worship and the week to follow may become a time of renewal and rededication to your service. We pray this as one voice as we pray together the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

**\*Our Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us, this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

\*Please Rise

**\*The Passing of the Peace** (As a sign of reconciliation with God and each other, you are invited to share the peace.)

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**Announcements** Andrea McDonough

**Time with the Children** Carl Prestia  
(Children are dismissed to the Fellowship Hall for an activity.)

**Ministry of the Word**

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 16:2-15 (p. 55, pew Bible)

Sermon *Gospel According to John 6:24-35* The Reverend Kazimierz (Kaz) Bem

*\*The Apostles' Creed* (blue insert)

**Ministry of Response**

Offering of Gifts and Prayer Requests

Offertory Anthem *Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs* —M. Hayes  
(Holly Haase, soloist)

**\*The Doxology, #625** (A Christian song of praise from the 16<sup>th</sup> century.)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, giver of life and all good and perfect gifts, accept the gifts we bring to You with grateful hearts. Show us, we pray, new ways to give ourselves to You, and to give of ourselves to others. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastor: We shall not offer God...

All: ...that which costs us nothing. Amen.

**Offering of Prayers**

Song of Preparation (inside Hymnal front cover) *In The Stillness* —E. Tompkins  
*In the stillness, Savior, draw me near. In the stillness, teach my heart to hear.  
Like a little child I come to Thee, and pray that in the stillness I may rest in  
Thee; and know that in the stillness You will speak to me.*

Pastoral Prayer, Lifting Names into God's Light, Silent Prayer

Prayer Response

**Ministry of Holy Communion**

Hymn of Preparation #447 *Freely, Freely (sing twice)*

Invitation

Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Receiving the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O Amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us, filling our plates with the bread of life and our cup with salvation. Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness to touch an ordinary everyday world with the promise of your holiness. Amen.

\*Please Rise