

Holy Communion and All Saints Remembrance (continued)

The Great Thanksgiving (continued)

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you are preparing a rich banquet for all your saints that we might rejoice forever in your salvation... And so we lift to you now, those whom we remember [say names out loud]... And so in heaven and on earth, the saints and angels unite around your holy throne to proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, we give you thanks that we have been fed and renewed by Christ's life in us and we go now to share that life with others. Send us forth equipped with the power of your Spirit to follow Jesus, and to spread the message of his love to all whom we meet. In his name we pray. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #546 (verses 4-6) *For All the Saints*

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** *God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again* —V. Williams

Postlude *Froh, froh, wie seine Sonnen* —Beethoven/arr. Crane
from Symphony no.9 movt. 4

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Following the *Benediction*, feel free to leave immediately or remain in the Sanctuary to listen to the *Postlude*.

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 downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for serving today: Paul Brown and Charlene Legge (Deacons); The Hnath Family (Greeters); Brenda Semienko, Carl Prestia and Tom Hanson (Ushers); Fellowship Hour: Mary Hanson (S&F) and Chris Sullivan (B&G)

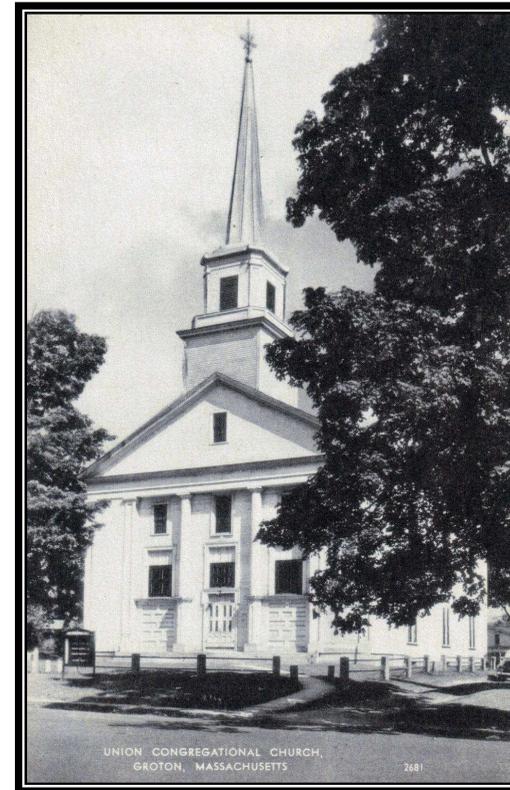
Our Ongoing Prayer List:

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| Megan Bettison | Chris Laursen | Rudi Schmid |
| Joel Eaton | Joe Marchesani | Edie Tompkins |
| Peg Elwood | Jan Miller | Karen and Marc Vandenbulcke |
| Frank Kanour | Bill Moeller | Laurie Wade |
| Julie Kenyon | Myrtle Murphy | Connor Welles |
| Scott Joyce | Debbie Sampson | Liz Waggoner |
| Hillary Lindquist | Karen Sands | |

This list is refreshed in January and June. If there is a name you would like to put back on this list or one you would like to add, please let Gail Miller or Carol Zaiatz (978-448-2091 or unioncc@uccgroton.org) know.

*Please Rise

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**The Union Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Groton, Massachusetts**

The Reverend Gail L. Miller, Pastor
Bernard Crane, Music Director

November 4, 2018 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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 parlor downstairs. Children (pre-school through 8th grade) are released from worship after the *Time with the Children* to Sunday School in the Parish House. 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 bread. The communion trays are passed first to the center of the pews and the elements are taken as the trays are passed back to the serving deacons. It is our custom to hold on to the elements until everyone has been served, then partake together. Please place empty cups in the holders on the backs of the pews.

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Prelude *Intimations on GRAND ISLE* —B. Crane

Introit *Near To The Heart of God* —McFee

***Call to Worship:** (From Hebrews 12) Bob Goudey

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: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,

People: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Leader: Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him, endured the cross,

People: And has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

***Hymn #546** (verses 1-3) *For All the Saints*

***Unison Prayer of Confession**

O Giver of all good and perfect gifts, You have made us rich with life and a multitude of things to enhance it and bring us joy. Yet how easily we place our trust in the gifts we have received and in our own abilities, rather than in You, the Giver. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us to value what is truly important, that we may strive for the certain riches of Your kingdom. Help us to follow Jesus, who taught us where our true treasures lie. It is in His name we pray as we pray together the prayer he 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.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Through the steadfast love and endless mercy of God, we are saved, not according to our works, but according to God's grace revealed through Jesus Christ.

People: In Jesus Christ we are accepted, we are loved, and we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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***The Gloria Patri, #623** (A song of praise Christians have sung together for 1900 years.)

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, Amen.

***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

Time with the Children

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School in the Parish House. They will return to celebrate Holy Communion.)

Ministry of the Word

Scripture Lessons

1 John 3:1-3 (p. 990, pew Bible)

Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 785)

Sermon

Everyday Saints

The Reverend Gail L. Miller

**The Apostles' Creed* (blue insert)

Ministry of Response

Offering of Gifts and Prayer Requests

Offertory Anthem

The Whisper

—C. Courtney

***The Doxology, #625** (A Christian song of praise from the 16th 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**

How great is Your love, O God, that we should be called Your children and numbered with Your saints. We have nothing to offer in adequate response, but we pray that You will accept our gifts as a token of our love and a symbol of our lives. We pray in Jesus' name. 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

Threefold Amen

Danish

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Hymn of Preparation #326 (v. 4 only) *Softly and Tenderly*

O for the wonderful love He has promised, Promised for you and for me!

Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon, Pardon for you and for me.

Come home, come home, Ye who are weary, come home.

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, O sinner, come home!

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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