

Welcome to the Allin Congregational Church

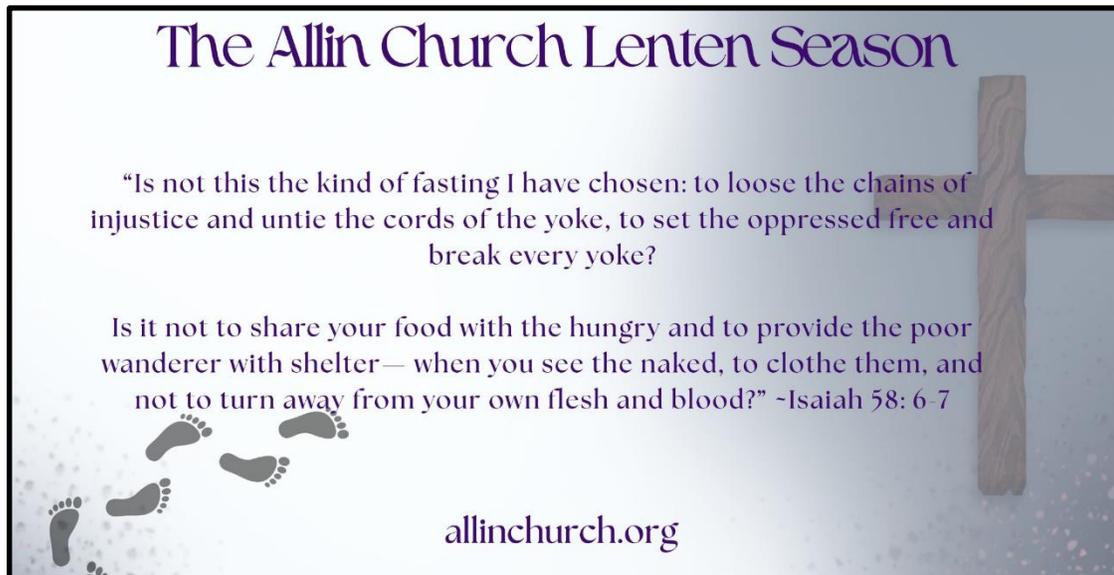
An Open and Affirming Congregation

Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

Minister

March 8, 2026

Worship



MEDITATION: “We turn the tap and water comes out. Clean, refreshing water quenches our thirst. Stop at the market, twist open the cap. Spring water crosses our lips and our craving is satisfied. Step outdoors. Look up. The clouds dampen our faces and nourish the earth. Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” After a time, we all thirst again. “But whoever drinks from the water that I will give will never be thirsty again. The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life.””

*~Tim Graves, and posted on **LiturgyBit***

PRELUDE *Praeludium in F major, BuxWV 144* Buxtehude

*CALL TO WORSHIP Tom Slack

Please rise/stand in body or in spirit

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you. *(Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor!)*

The children are invited to leave for church school.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

Please Lord, stay close to Those suffering from the effects of flooding, fires and war; healing and comfort for Olive Barrett, Marcia Bibeault, Dick Lane, Michael Martens, Jack Stone, Rick Hayes, and the family of Nancy and David LaBier, the family of Judy and Don Massey as well as the family of Rocco DiLorenzo. Let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us saying, **“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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

Come, O Thou Traveller Unknown (verse 1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING



For your convenience, we have included a QR code for donations. Thank you for your generosity.

*DOXOLOGY #24 *The God of Abraham Praise*

***The God of Abraham praise. All praised be the Name,
who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same;
the one eternal God, ere all that now appears,
the First, the Last, beyond all thought through timeless years!***

*UNISON OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, we bring our gifts before you and your church like tiny seeds from a dandelion. Send out these gifts on the mighty wind of your Spirit, bringing growth, bearing fruit, and nourishing both our faith community and our neighbors. May each gift of every size bloom with your holy imagination. Amen.

Psalm 95 (Chanting) (p. 550 in the Old Testament)

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.
For you, O Lord, are a great God,
and a great sovereign above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have moulded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand.
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

SCRIPTURE

Michael Morrissey

John 4: 5-42 (p. 94 in the New Testament)

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be

thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

This ends the reading of God's Holy Word.
For the Word of God in Scripture; for the Word of God among us; for the Word of God within us, **thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM *For All Thy Gifts* Welch

UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God who breathes meaning and inspiration into our sacred scriptures, who crafts stories of redemption, liberation, and love, may these words help us imagine the world You intended. May we receive the challenge to join you in this holy work, bringing heaven to earth as we follow Jesus in love and justice. Amen.

HOMILY *Thirsty...* Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #627 *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

*BENEDICTION Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

Beloved children of God, as you return to the wild wilderness of everyday life, may you treat every person you encounter with compassion and dignity. And may you see the image of God all around you. Go out into the world reflecting God's glory as you serve our neighbors with joy and gladness. Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Amen* Welch

POSTLUDE *Fuga in C* Buxtehude

LITURGISTS:

Tom Slack & Michael Morrissey

ACOLYTES

Adeline Slack

USHERS

March 8th-Nancy LaBier & Pam Allen

3/15-Barbara McGowan & Nancy Clegg

COFFEE HOUR

March 8-Pastoral Relations

3/15-Music 2

ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of our choir members singing and Pastor Anne Marie preaching on “Loving Kindness” at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church today at 3pm.

TOWER LIGHTING:

In honor of our Community Worship Services during Lent!

**Be sure to visit our website to see all that is happening at the
Allin Congregational Church!**

allinchurch.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:

LOOKING AHEAD!

**Thank you to everyone for signing up for ushering! Please sign
up online for April & beyond!**



WEATHER

If inclement weather requires us to cancel worship or postpone events, you will receive a notice from our church office! Sunday worship cancellations will be sent out by 7am!

Stay Safe!

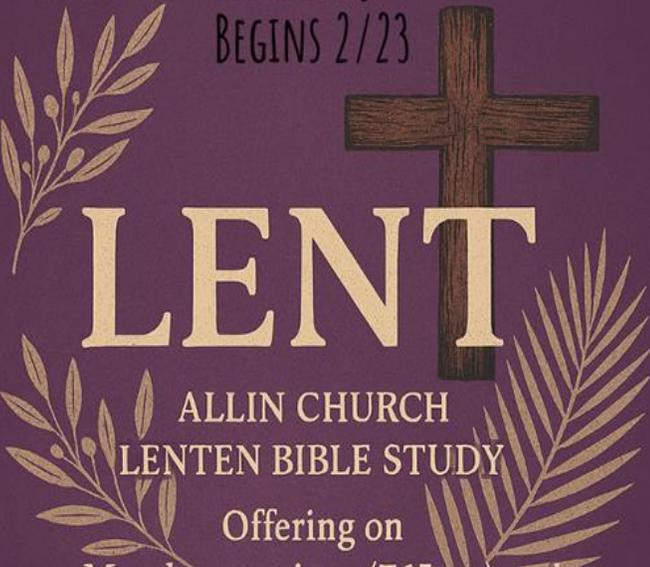
Join our
HIKING GROUP!

**BEGINNING 2/3
TUESDAY TRAILBLAZERS
EVERY TUESDAY AT
1:30PM**



1:30PM-3PM
Cutler Reservation, 84 Kendrick Street
Needham
All are welcome!

Bible Study
BEGINS 2/23



LENT

ALLIN CHURCH
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Offering on
Monday evenings (7:15pm) and
Wednesday mornings (10am) with
Pastor Anne Marie.

Join our care teams and help bring
cheer 6 times a year!

Join Our Team!

Allin Church Care Teams

- * Passionate about sharing the love of God with those in need?
- * Do you enjoy sending cheer through emails and cards?
- * Are willing to learn how to use Google Forms?
- * Happy praying for the well being of others?

Send an email to Deacon Linda!
ladempsey59@comcast.net

*Do Justice, Love Kindness,
Walk Humbly with your God...*

Micah 6:8

Community Worship Services During Lent

Sundays at 3pm

*Please join us for a four-week series of
prayerful services at Allin
Congregational Church (3/1), St. Paul's
Episcopal Church (3/8) and St. Susanna's
Parish (3/15) & First Church & Parish,
Unitarian Universalists (3/22)*

SUNDAY, 3/8 at 3pm
Pastor Anne Marie will
be preaching at St.
Paul's Episcopal
Church at the 2nd of
our Community
Worship Services
during Lent! A
collection to support
the work of the Food
Pantry will be taken.

Ministry Teams & other Meeting Schedules for March 2026

Keeping up to date!

Thursday, 2/26 Pastor Parish Relations	
Sunday, 3/1 Missions	
Tuesday, 3/10 at 7pm -Manse Management Team Info Session (on Zoom)	
Wednesday, 3/11 at 7:30pm-Stewardship (on Zoom)	
Friday, 3/13 at 7pm- Music	
Sunday, 3/15 Prudential (3 rd Sunday of the month)	
Sunday, 3/15 Snowflake Fair Wrap Up Meeting (after Worship in Sanctuary)	
Wednesday, 3/19 Tech Team	
Sunday, 3/22 Deacons (4 th Sunday of the month)	

Christian Ed Meets on ZOOM Monthly
Investments, Financial Wellness, Flowers and other Ministry Teams are asked to share their meeting dates with the church office so that the calendar can be kept up to date!

The Good Shepherd



Messy Friday

March 13, 2026

6-7:30 pm

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allinchurch.org

Minister's Office Hours

Rev. Anne Marie would love to visit with you at the church during the week or meet you for coffee! She holds office hours on most Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays between 9:30 and 12:30pm! Drop in or schedule a time through our website to schedule a time to meet! She is available to meet off site Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Just send her an email at pastorannem@allinchurch.org

Rev. Anne Marie tries to hold Fridays and Saturdays as her Sabbath, as they are often filled with sermon editing/writing and family appointment days.

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