

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Rally Day Sunday!

WORSHIP

September 8, 2024

9:45 AM

MEDITATION: *“Think and imagine a world where love is the way. Imagine our homes and families when love is the way. Imagine neighborhoods and communities where love is the way. Imagine governments and nations where love is the way. Imagine business and commerce when love is the way. Imagine this tired old world when love is the way...”*

~ Bishop Michael Curry

PRELUDE *Air from Water Music* Handel

WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Let us sing praises to God!

Happy are those whose help is in God, creator of heaven and earth,

who is forever faithful;

seeking justice for the oppressed and for the hungry;

setting prisoners free and opening the eyes of the blind;

lifting up those who are lost and lonely!

The Lord protects strangers and upholds the orphan and widow.

The Lord our God will reign forever, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #452 *Here I Am, Lord*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*SILENT CONFESSION

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

Please be seated as the children are invited forward.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please Lord, we also pray for: Those suffering from the effects of flooding, fires and war; healing and comfort for Olive Barrett, Marcia Bibeault, Dick Lane, Michael Martens, Jack Stone. 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 *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALL TO OFFERING



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

*DOXOLOGY #50 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*UNISON OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious One, help us in spreading the word of your grace, as we share these gifts and our very lives with those in need. May these offerings be instruments of your healing, your justice, and your good news, in this community and around the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Psalm 146 (Chanting)

Praise for God's Help

Mark Kelley Williams (b. 1960)

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Praise the Lord, O my soul;
while I live I will praise the Lord.
Indeed, as long as I have my being,

I will sing praises unto my God.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of man,
for there is no help in them.
For when one breathes their last, they shall return again to the earth,
and in that day all their thoughts perish.

Blessed are the ones who have the God of Jacob for their help
and whose hope is in the Lord their God,
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is there in;
who keeps their promise for ever;

Who does right to those who suffer wrong;
and who feeds the hungry.
The Lord sets prisoners free;
the Lord gives sight to the blind.

The Lord helps those who have fallen;
the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord cares for the strangers in the land; God defends the orphan and
widow;
but the way of the ungodly he makes crooked.

The Lord will reign for ever more,
even your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Praise the Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING:

Andrew Marcoux

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf shall be opened;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness
 and streams in the desert;
 the burning sand shall become a pool
 and the thirsty ground springs of water;
 the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp;
 the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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	<i>The Beatitudes</i>	Biery
SERMON	Imagine a World...	Rev. Anne Marie Holloway
*RECESSIONAL HYMN #461 <i>Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service</i>		
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Anne Marie Holloway
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	<i>Amen</i>	
POSTLUDE	<i>Alla hornpipe from Water Music</i>	Handel

USHERS

Joanne Dickey and Jane Hayes

COFFEE HOUR

Missions

9/15/24-Music 1

ALTAR FLOWERS

Dedicated in celebration of Amanda(David) and Brad's
 July Wedding! (With love from your Allin Church Family!)

**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:

**TODAY: Sunday, September 8th Rally Day Worship, Blessing of
the Backpacks/Briefcases & an Ice Cream & Coffee Social –
Church School begins!**

LOOKING AHEAD!

**Friday, September 13th, 4:30-5:30pm: Children's Program
Volunteer Training**

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September 14th: SNEUCC Justice Summit

Sunday, September 15th: Church Council Meeting

**Saturday, September 28th 9am-1pm: September One Day Allin
Church Retreat Part 2**

**September 28th 7:30pm: Tentative Music Concert to support
Allin Church Music and Refugee Support efforts**

**September 29th: Dedham Day (Allin needs volunteers to host a
tent. Pastor Anne Marie will accompany volunteers after
worship. All materials will be provided.)**

Sunday, October 6th 1-2pm Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 27th 3pm Pastor Anne Marie's Installation Service

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, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9:30 and 12:30pm! Drop in or 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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