



**Welcome to the Allin Congregational Church**

An Open and Affirming Congregation

**Rev. Anne Marie Holloway**

**Minister**

**May 3, 2026**

**Worship**

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**

MEDITATION: *The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. ~ 2 Samuel 22:2-3*

PRELUDE

*Arioso*

Johann Sebastian Bach

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Andy Marcoux

*Please rise/stand in body or in spirit*

We gather together to worship God,  
**our Rock and our Redeemer,**  
the One in whom we find refuge.

**You are our rock and our fortress, O God!**

Into Your hands we place our lives.

**Into Your hands we place our lives! AMEN!**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #344 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus - vs. 1, 2, 3*

\*WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

\*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

***Almighty God,  
You have built your Church on the foundation of the  
apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief  
cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their  
teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to  
you: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.***

\*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.***

THE PEACE

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE                      *Amen #311*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALL TO OFFERING                      Pam Allen

OFFERING



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

\*DOXOLOGY #23 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

***Praise, my soul, the God of heaven, glad of heart your carols raise; ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all our days!***

\*UNISON OFFERING PRAYER

***Lord of all, on days we feel loss, lack, and hopelessness, you show up and with compassion, abundance and peace. May these offerings be an expression of our gratitude for all the ways you make your presence known through the generosity of others. Bless and use what we give this day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

**Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16**(from New Revised Stand Version Updated Edition)  
(p. 505-506 in Old Testament) Pam Allen

**Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Enemies**

**To the leader. A Psalm of David.**

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge;  
do not let me ever be put to shame;  
in your righteousness deliver me.  
Incline your ear to me;  
rescue me speedily.  
Be a rock of refuge for me,  
a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress;  
for your name's sake lead me and guide me;  
take me out of the net that is hidden for me,  
for you are my refuge.  
Into your hand I commit my spirit;  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.  
Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

**SCRIPTURE READING 1 Peter 2:2-10** (p. 233 in the New Testament) Pam Allen

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

and

“A stone that makes them stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

#### 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            *Lord, Here Am I*            John Ness Beck

#### UNISON PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**ALL: 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.**

\*PULPIT HYMN #452 *Here I am Lord*

SERMON            *Rocks Remember...*            Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

#### COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The Lord be with you!*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise!**

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is Risen, Christ will come again. Amen**

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP (*in pews*)

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (AFTER COMMUNION) AND  
THE LORDS PRAYER:

***Bountiful God,***

***We give you thanks, that You have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us forth out into Your world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray by 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.***

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #618 *How Firm a Foundation*

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #434 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

POSTLUDE *Marche* Jean-Baptiste Lully

**Communion Servers:**

Andy Marcoux, Janice Girard, Joanne Dickey, Lori Purdy

**LITURGISTS:**

Pam Allen and Andy Marcoux

**ACOLYTES**

Adeline Slack

**USHERS**

5/3-Barbara McGowan and Pam Allen  
5/10-Nancy LaBier and Marion Hornblower

**COFFEE HOUR**

Nominating/Stewardship  
5/10- Deacons

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In honor of Sylvia McNamee & Pastor Anne Marie's birthdays!

**TOWER LIGHTING:**

In memory of Doug MacAulay's older sister Marjorie Florence Jeans, who passed away at age 95, and Sue Priore's beloved nephew Noah-from the Allin Church community

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

[allinchurch.org](http://allinchurch.org)

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

**LOOKING AHEAD!**

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### **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](mailto:pastorannem@allinchurch.org)

## NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

On Sunday May 17, 2026, immediately after church service, the Moderator will conduct a meeting of the church body (all-congregational) for the purpose of conducting a vote on the question of whether to sell the Manse as part of a long-term financial strategy. The question will be decided by a simple majority of the members voting. The question will be informed by recommendations from the Prudential Ministry and Church Council.

We urge you to attend and participate in this important vote.

Keith H. McCown, Moderator

Dated: April 27, 2026

# Loaves & Fishes

Messy Friday

May 8, 2026 6-7:30pm



## SAFE CHURCH UPDATE:

Our Safe Church efforts have included adding a more secure method of welcoming in guests and visitors, known and unknown. If you arrive at the Bullard Street Entrance on Monday through Friday and you find that the door is locked - have no fear - the building remains open Monday through Friday during office hours (9am -1 pm). We invite you to simply ring the doorbell and a member of the staff will come and let you in! In an effort to maintain a welcoming and safe space for our staff, members and visitors, we are inviting all visitors, during the week to also sign into the building! Thank you for supporting our safe

church efforts!

~Pastor Anne Marie



# SOCKS SOCKS SOCKS! WE NEED SOCKS PLEASE!

Generic Ministry is a group in Needham that goes into Boston twice a week & provides sandwiches, snacks, hygiene items & clothing to homeless people.

Currently, there is a need for white athletic socks. For unhoused people, fresh socks are critical for maintaining their health. Without access to regular laundry, socks are needed on a frequent basis.

Please consider donating much needed WHITE ATHLETIC SOCKS for these individuals.

Donations can be placed in the box at the Bullard St. door and/or in the Stage Room. Thank you!!! Any questions, please check with Jo-Ann McDonagh



# Deacons' Scholarship Allin Church 2026

**Scholarship Applications-Due  
Sunday, May 3, 2026**

The Deacons of the Allin Church oversee a scholarship fund to support our students with post-secondary education studies or training.

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, and would like to receive more information on how to apply, please send an email to the church office :  
[allinchurch@gmail.com](mailto:allinchurch@gmail.com)

# FIRST AID CLASS

Learn how to respond to emergencies like allergic reactions, bleeding, heart attack, stroke, orthopedic injuries, and heat stroke. (This is different than the other AED/CPR class.)

Receive an American Heart Association First Aid Certificate (valid 3 years).

Cost: \$50 for Allin members (proceeds support AED purchase for Allin Church).

Possible Dates: Fri 5/15 (evening), Sat 5/16 (morning), Fri 6/5 (evening), or Sat 6/6 (morning).

Contact Carol Feeney at 617-224-3894 (call/text) with your interest and availability.

**A small act of first aid can make a big difference in someone's life**



# ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

Yes, party lovers, it's that time of year! The ice dams and towering snow banks are simply fond memories of winter past; the time to celebrate the arrival of crocuses, tulips, jonquils, daffodils, and violets all abloom is here! And what better way to celebrate than with our little spring gathering in the Allin Church garden where we will spruce up this little piece of God's good earth with rakes, shovels, trowels, trimmers, and every other toy that makes the party so much fun. So save the date:

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH, 9-11 AM

So come one, come all – and bring a friend or two!!  
And yes, nourishing breakfast treats will be there in abundance!!

