



**Welcome to the Allin Congregational Church**

An Open and Affirming Congregation

**Rev. Anne Marie Holloway**

**Minister**

**May 17, 2026**

**Worship**

MEDITATION: *“Being “saved” by God is an ongoing process of growth and transformation, of dying and rising, of being “conformed to the image of his [God’s] Son,” as Paul puts it (Romans 8:29). Following Jesus means experiencing the taste of resurrection and ascension now—whether doing laundry, paying bills, or leading nations.”*

~Peter Enns

PRELUDE      *Sarabande*      G. F. Handel

\*CALL TO WORSHIP      Faith Holloway

*Please rise/stand in body or in spirit*

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy!  
For God has ascended with shouts of triumph,  
and trumpet fanfare!

**Our God is exalted on high,  
Sovereign over all the nations,  
and Lord of our lives.  
Let's worship together.**

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #453 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

\*WORDS OF WELCOME Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

\*LITANY: A PRAYER OF INVOCATION Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

Come, Spirit of Truth, fill our hearts.

**May that which was of stone be now transformed into life.**

Come, Spirit of Life, change our hearts.

**May we who receive your light dwell together in Your love.**

Come, Spirit of Love, soften our hearts.

**Bestow your compassion on those who suffer in mind, spirit,  
and body.**

Come, Spirit of Hope, heal our hearts.

**Make us bold to bring light to the dark places,  
warmth to the cold places, and love to the empty places.**

Come, Spirit of Faith, strengthen our hearts.

**Spirit of the Living God, fill our hearts, minds, and souls to  
overflowing.**

Come, Spirit of God, move in our hearts.

**Our God—we, your people,  
celebrate the mystery of your never-ending love.**

**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.***

A WORD FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

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. We pray all this in the name of the one who taught us to pray by saying, ***“Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin(g)dom 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. Deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kin(g)dom the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Amen #313*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALL TO OFFERING

Joe McNamee



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**

**God of hope, we lift up to you these gifts in thanksgiving . It is with humble hearts that we come before you to ask for your blessing upon this offering. May the gifts given here today serve in ways that continue to build up your Kin(g)dom in the here and the now. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Joe McNamee

**Acts 1:6-14** (p. 118 in the New Testament)

**The Ascension of Jesus**

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas**

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

**John 17: 1-11** (p.111 in the New Testament)

## Jesus Prays for His Disciples

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people,<sup>[a]</sup> to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

### 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            *How Beautiful*            Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson

### 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.**

\*PULPIT HYMN

#33 *How Great Thou Art*

SERMON *You will be my witnesses* Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #86 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #569 *Jesus, Remember Me*

POSTLUDE *Bourree* G. P. Telemann

**LITURGISTS:**

Joe McNamee

**ACOLYTES**

Grace Stiffler

**USHERS**

5/17-Barbara McGowan & Andy Marcoux

5/24- Marion Hornblower & Jean Martens

**COFFEE HOUR**

5/17-Pastoral/Tech

5/24-Christian Ed

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

In honor of the safe return of all our students from schools close & far!

**TOWER LIGHTING:**

In honor of all those graduating from school!

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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!**

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

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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

**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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
FOR OUR SUMMER  
WORSHIP SERIES: 2026

## *The Fruit of the Spirit!*



Each week, beginning July 12th for 8 weeks, join us for a worship full of the sweetness of the spirit! Each week church goers will discover more about the fruit of the Spirit and go home with a spiritual practice to learn throughout the Summer months!

Each week following worship members of our church are invited to sign up and share a fruit filled dessert and beverage (plus a recipe to share!!) Sign ups can be found in the Stage Room!

# FIRST AID CLASS

Learn how to respond to emergencies like allergic reactions, bleeding, heart attack, stroke, orthopedic injuries, and heat stroke.

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

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

Dates: Fri 6/5 6-9pm, or Sat 6/6 9am-12pm.

Contact the Allin Church office at 781-326-5050 to sign up. There is limited availability.

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

