

ORDER OF WORSHIP
World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2020

10:00am

Preparation for Worship

Sabbath is not simply the pause that refreshes. It is the pause that transforms.

-Walter Brueggemann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Offer Praise to God

PRELUDE

In the Shadow of Your Wings
(Psalm 57:1-6)

Stephen D. Thomas
Rosalie Bonighton
(1946-2011)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Brenda and Terry Quinn

Leader: We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands.

People: *We come to find Sabbath rest and renewal.*

Leader: Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

People: *What will God accomplish among us in our souls?*

Leader: God seeks to restore our souls.

People: *What will God accomplish among us in our lives?*

Leader: God seeks to make all things new. Let us worship God.

GLORIA PATRI

Becky Thomas, Melissa Jones, and Jen and Jeff Ellsworth

We Hear God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Steve Bengtson

DOXOLOGY

Becky Thomas, Melissa Jones, and Jen and Jeff Ellsworth

SERMON

"A Day to Reset the Soul"

Rev. Crouch

(4th in a sermon series on the Ten Commandments)

Our Response to the Word

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL OFFERING

Whispering Hope

Words: Alice Hawthorne
Music: Septimus Winner (1868)

Soloist – Larry Shaltis

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMISSION

Leader: As we go out to be the body of Christ in the world, let us remember the three great loves to which our faith calls us:

People: *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind; love your neighbor as yourself; and love and care for the earth and all that dwells therein.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Cortege

Stephen D. Thomas
Malcolm Archer
(b. 1952)

Today's Prelude and Postlude are with the kind permission of Kevin Mayhew.

Thank you to Larry Shaltis for editing today's worship video.

Rev. Crouch will be on vacation October 5-12.

October Steeple Light Dedication

The Steeple Light is shining this month in joyful celebration of the birth of Anna Autumn Taylor-Ziko, daughter of Emily Taylor and Alex Ziko and granddaughter of Dijit Taylor. Huzzah!

Fall Sermon Series (Continued)

Formed as God's People: The Ten Commandments for Today

As the people of Israel journeyed through the wilderness in search of the Promised Land, God was forming them into a holy people, preparing them to live in healthy community with God and one another. At the center of that spiritual formation were the Ten Commandments. As we journey through our own wilderness season in these days, the Ten Commandments still speak to us about living in healthy community with God and one another.

October 4 – **"A Day to Reset the Soul"**

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

October 11 – Guest Minister: Rev. Jim Howard

October 18 – **"Honor Your Fathers and Your Mothers"**

Deuteronomy 5:1-11

October 25 – **"The Preciousness of Life"**

Combined Worship with St. Andrew's Church

November 1 – **"Guarding Each One's Dignity"**

Deuteronomy 5:1-19

November 8 – **"Truth-Telling and Community"**

Deuteronomy 5:1-20

November 15 – **"The Antidote for Covetousness"**

Deuteronomy 5:1-21

A Study of Islam

As we begin relationship building between members of First Church and the Islamic Society of Greater Concord, Rev. Crouch is offering a study of Islam for those who would like a better understanding of this faith.

We will meet online once a month on the following second Wednesday evenings at 7 PM: October 14, November 11, January 13, February 10, March 10, and April 14.

Over this time, we will read and discuss the book *Introduction to Islam: Beliefs and Practices in Historical Perspective* by Carole Hillenbrand (2015). We will read two chapters per month, which is approximately 50-60 pages.

Let Rev. Crouch know if you are interested in joining this year-long study (1968revgordon@gmail.com). If so, you are encouraged to purchase the book on your own and begin the reading for Oct. 14.

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 (NRSV)

¹² Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵ Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.