



THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WORCESTER

*A Welcoming and Affirming Church
A Safe Space for All*

First gathered in 1812



Order of Worship
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 13, 2017
10:00 AM

Thoughts on Worship

Our service this week is led by the Reverend Jana Yeaton. A native of Massachusetts, Jana received her Masters of Divinity from Boston University and has most recently served as an American Baptist Minister in Lowell. We extend to her our sincerest thanks for assisting in worship.

* Indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

Prelude

Collect

From the *Book of Common Prayer*

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Invocation

Reverend Jana Yeaton

*** Opening Hymn**

416 When Human Bonds Are Broken

Merton

Welcome

*** Greeting One Another**

*** Gathering Song**

240 Gloria, Gloria

Children's Moment

Reverend Jana Yeaton

Offering

Offertory

“How Great Thou Art,” Brielle Stovall

* **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The First Reading

Joseph Giovan

Acts 9:32-35 (pg. 893)

One: May the Spirit of Wisdom lead us to understanding.

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading

Stephanie Gaudette

Acts 9:36-43 (pg. 894)

One: May the Spirit of Wisdom lead us to understanding.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Reverend Jana Yeaton

Prayers of the People

* **Congregational Hymn**

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Children Praying

Collect for Knowledge of God's Creation

From the *Book of Common Prayer*

Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the

mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

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Partnering in Church Life

*** Closing Hymn**

502 Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Benediction

Reverend Jana Yeaton

Postlude

Who We're Praying for This Week

- Inge K.
- Rod F.
- Wen Yang W.
- Joyce J.
- Vong
- Rose's Mom, Mary Lou
- Lynne S.
- Patti
- Roberta F.
- Paul F.
- Gordon B.
- Nate and his fellow troops, as well as their families, on their deployment overseas.
- Those with unspoken needs that are close to the chest but weigh heavily on their hearts.
- Our friends who are unable to join us, whether it's due to traveling, illness, injury, or difficulty of transportation.
- Our loved ones with various prayer needs.
- Our church, that we will continue to be a beacon of hope and peace amidst the rancor, and a voice of reconciliation and justice amidst violence and hatred.
- Unity for our nation, and unity and resolve for our church to continue to pursue the Way of Jesus regardless of whom we voted for, by seeking justice, loving mercy, and following God.
- For all those worldwide who have suffered loss, tragedy and pain from recent hazards and attacks.
- Our refugee and immigrant neighbors who are fearful for their safety and dignity as human beings and children of God.

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Wesley Hall, Minister of Music and Arts

Thanks for being here!

We are so glad you worshipped together with us this morning! Thank you for being here. Each of you matters to us, and we hope to get to know you better. We are a Welcoming & Affirming Church, and a Safe Space for all people.

What that means: Who you are, and how you're created is a gift to this world and this faith community, and we celebrate the ways your life gives witness to the way of Christ in both. Maybe it's your race or nationality, your age or vocation, your sexual orientation, your gender identity, your faith background, your political affiliation or personal aspirations, you are celebrated here. You are safe here, to fully be who God has created you to be. And if you would like to partner in ministry with us, we have no doubt that your participation will make us a better faith community.

We have weekly opportunities for learning and friendship. Check out our Announcement Flyer or subscribe from our website's home page (www.fbc-worc.org) to our weekly e-newsletter on the happenings of our church.

Following our services each week, we invite you to join us in Gordon Hall for coffee and refreshments, our treat! If you're new, we'd love a chance to get to know you, and if you're a regular, well, you know what to do--make a new friend! Gordon Hall is located through the exit to your right (the pulpit side).

All-Gender Restrooms are available in the rear of the sanctuary or to the exit to your right, near Gordon Hall. If you still aren't sure of their location, ask a new friend--they'll be happy to show you the way!

Last but not least! We have connection card inserts. Fill one out and drop it in the offering plate, and our Pastor will be happy to reach out during the week to answer any questions or give you any more information about our great church!