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105 Center Street, P.O. Box 576, Pembroke, MA 02359

First Church in Pembroke

Father's Day Sunday Service

June 20, 2021 10:00 AM Order of Worship

Sermon:

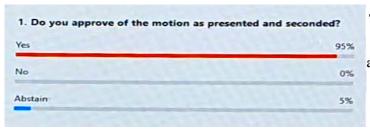
"A Father's Simple Faith"

By Rev Terry Martinson



²⁰ So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15



The NACCC vote that accepted First Church into membership

Faith, Freedom & Fellowship

"When we come together we bring something into the world that God intends, and that God intended for us."

Yesterday (6/19/2021) at their annual (virtual online) meeting, the First Church In Pembroke, as well as three other churches in the New England area, were voted in and installed as new members of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC). The Association is a organization dedicated membership to empowering Congregational Churches through fellowship, resources, and education. They have been helping us find a new minister and they pledge to strengthening our faith community. The NACCC stands ready to continue their support while also allowing us autonomy. As a Congregational organization it believes that each church is a community gathered by God with Christ as its head.

The Spirit of God calls us together in fellowship and now equips us to do God's work. As an NACCC congregation we believe that when we come together we bring something into our world that God intends and that God intends for us.

Thanks to all who worked to make this new day for the church possible. As was mentioned in yesterday's meeting there is no "they" in our church as in "they should do this or that" there is only "we". As in "we should do this or that".



SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15:11-24

The Parable of the Lost Son (Please turn to page 4)

SERMON A Father's Simple Faith

By Rev. Terry Martinson

HYMN

MUSICAL REFLECTION

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Matthew 6:19-21)

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

A TIME OF SILENT PRAYER

PASTOTAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MUSICAL RESPONSE

HYMN

BEENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



PRELUDE

MEDITATION PRAYER***

Rejoice, for God is among us. Give thanks, for in Christ we are a new people. Sing praise, for we come to worship God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONTEMPLATION*

CALL TO WORSHIP**

A gift of a new day,

Unlived, untried, ready to be opened.

A new day with surprising miracles;

With love to be given.

Kindness to be shared,

And peace to be enjoyed.

A gift of a new day,

God's gift to us.

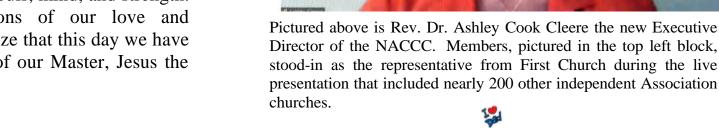
Let us receive it with joy,

And live it in expectation.

HYMN

PRAYER OF INVOCATION **

Eternal and loving God, we come remembering that all our days and years are gifts from you. As we center our thoughts upon your goodness, we are prompted to glorify you with our hearts, souls, mind, and strength. Receive then, all expressions of our love and reverence. May we truly realize that this day we have been with you. In the name of our Master, Jesus the Christ. Amen.







The Parable of the Lost Son

¹¹ Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

¹³ "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴ After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷ "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸ I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' ²⁰ So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹ "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²² "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴ For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.



Father's Day

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Tool Sunday is Father Day Sunday. In honor of all fathers and fatherly figures everywhere, the Missions Committee of First Church In Pembroke has made a donation to Church World Services who will use the funds to supply tools, equipment and support to underserved areas of the world.





