

*First Baptist Church  
of Wollaston  
October 24, 2021*



(Please meditate quietly before the service.)

**Prelude**  
**Ring the Bell**

“Ricerca”

Casini

**Welcome**

**This is the day the Lord has made. Let us be glad in it!**

1. Please pray continuously for our Pastoral Search Committee.
2. Please press \*6 when you wish to speak during our sharing time.

- **Join Sunday Worship on Zoom** (Sunday 10:30 - 11:30 am)

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| By Phone          | Dial: <b>1 646-876-9923</b> ; Meeting ID: <b>82979829552</b> ; Passcode: <b>678825</b><br><b>One tap mobile</b> (Save this on your mobile-phone to avoid manually entering numbers)<br><b>+16468769923,,82979829552#,,,,*678825#</b> |

**\*Call to Worship in unison:**

**I will give thanks to thee, O Lord, among the peoples, I will sing praises to thee among the nations.  
For Thy steadfast love is great above the heavens, Thy faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Psalm 108**

**Hymn of Praise: RED Book #7 For the Beauty of the Earth vs. 1,2,4 & 5**

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| <p><b>1.</b> For the beauty of the earth,<br/>for the glory of the skies,<br/>for the love which from our birth<br/>over and around us lies.</p> <p><b>Refrain:</b><br/>Lord of all, to thee we raise<br/>This, our hymn of grateful praise.</p> <p><b>2.</b> For the beauty of each hour<br/>of the day and of the night,<br/>Hill and vale and tree and flower,<br/>sun and moon and stars of light,<br/><b>[Refrain ]</b></p> | <p><b>4.</b> For the joy of human love,<br/>brother, sister, parent, child,<br/>friends on earth, and friends above,<br/>for all gentle thoughts and mild,<br/><b>[Refrain]</b></p> <p><b>5.</b> For the Church that evermore,<br/>Lifted holy hands above,<br/>Offering up on every shore,<br/>Her pure sacrifice of love,<br/><b>[Refrain]</b></p> |
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**Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)**

**Gloria Patri**

## ***Sharing the Peace of Christ***

### **Scripture Lesson Psalm 126 - Steve Monstur**

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dreamed.

<sup>2</sup> Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are filled with joy.

<sup>4</sup> Restore our fortunes, LORD,  
like streams in the Negev.

<sup>5</sup> Those who sow with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping,  
carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy,  
carrying sheaves with them.

**Offertory** (Please mail your offerings with your pledge envelope to the church)

**Music Offertory**

**Meditation**

**Ralph Fisher**

### **Doxology**

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### **Joys & Concerns**

***Our LORD loves those who love the Lord and worship Him sincerely.***

Please share any joys and concerns and prayer requests

Please pray for the health of Muriel & Ed Hazel, Michael Parisien, Bryant Carter and our shut-ins.

### **Pastor's Prayer**

### **Hymn of Preparation: **RED Book 160** *Before the Cross of Jesus***

**1.** Before the cross of Jesus,  
our lives are judged today;  
the meaning of our eager strife  
is tested by His way.  
Across our restless living  
the light streams from His cross,  
and by its clear, revealing beams  
we measure gain and loss.

**2.** The hopes that lead us onward,  
the fears that hold us back,  
our will to dare great things for God,  
the courage that we lack,  
The faith we keep in goodness,  
our love, as low or pure,  
on all, the judgment of the cross  
falls steady, clear, and sure.

**3.** Yet humbly, in our striving,  
O God, we face its test.  
We crave the power to do thy will  
with Him who did it best.  
On us, let now the healing  
of His great Spirit fall,  
and make us brave and full of joy  
to answer to His call. Amen

**Sermon – Living with Mystery**

**Rev. William Swilling**

**Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-12**

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

**Parting Hymn: RED Book 251 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

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| <p><b>1.</b> Guide me, O my great Jehovah,<br/>Pilgrim through this barren land;<br/>I am weak, but thou are mighty;<br/>Hold me with your powerful<br/>hand.<br/>Bread of heaven, bread of<br/>heaven,<br/>feed me till I want no more,<br/>feed me till I want no more.</p> | <p><b>2.</b> Open now the crystal fountain,<br/>whence the healing stream doth<br/>flow.<br/>Let the fire and cloudy pillar<br/>lead me all my journey through.<br/>Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,<br/>be thou still my strength and<br/>shield,<br/>be thou still my strength and<br/>shield.</p> | <p><b>3.</b> When I tread the verge of<br/>Jordan,<br/>bid my anxious fears subside.<br/>Death of death, and hell's<br/>destruction,<br/>land me safe on Canaan's side.<br/>Songs of praises, songs of<br/>praises<br/>I will ever give to thee,<br/>I will ever give to thee.</p> |
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**Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Invocation”

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***Happenings on the Hill!***

**Regarding “God Sightings:”** Dee thought it would be much better if people who could recall times when God was working at WFBC, would email her rather than calling on the phone. One or two sentences would be adequate: Weddings, funerals, special services, etc. are examples. This way she will have a record of their info. when she is putting together her message. Her email is [Pastor.Dee@comcast.net](mailto:Pastor.Dee@comcast.net)

November 7, 2021-150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon immediately following our *All Saints/All Souls Day* service. **Please RSVP 617-472-0824 or email [fibapchow@verizon.net](mailto:fibapchow@verizon.net)** to reserve a seat for the Luncheon.

Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm – “Cookies, etc. for Our Soldiers” -- After eating appetizers and dessert, we will fill boxes with items for our soldiers and veterans. Please bring in a few items, such as: hard candy, lip balm, suntan lotion, white tube socks, etc. The last few years have been a great success. We can make cards as well. If you know any veterans please bring mailing information to the meeting.

**Please R.S.V.P. to Sandy @ 617-773-5981**

**Saturday, November 20, 2021- Lucy Berrini Memorial Service @ 11:00 am.**

**Christmas Fair- December 3 & 4 details to follow:**



**Sermon Schedule**

| September Schedule |                              |  | Pastor             | Scripture Lesson |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------|------------------|
| 10/3               | Luke 8:1-15                  | <i>The Parable of the Sower</i>                | Rev. Bill Swilling | Beverly Moulton  |
| 10/10              | 1 Cor. 9:19-23, Mt. 16:21-27 | <i>Growth, Harvest, Sacrifice, Mission 201</i> | Rev. Bill Swilling | Nancy Rogers     |
| 10/17              | 2 Timothy 1:1-7              | <i>Keep On Keeping On (part II)</i>            | Rev. Dee Swilling  | George Gardiner  |
| 10/24              | Ephesians 3:1-12             | <i>Living with Mystery</i>                     | Rev. Bill Swilling | Steve Monstur    |
| 10/31              |                              |  | Rev. Bill Swilling | Ralph Fisher     |

• **Weekly Online Schedule:**

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| <b>Worship</b>             | <b>Sunday Worship (10:30 am)</b>  |
| <b>Bible Classes</b>       | <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83300111021?pwd=dG1kTndDenQ1djl0Z0N1Z1FSVzhvUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83300111021?pwd=dG1kTndDenQ1djl0Z0N1Z1FSVzhvUT09</a><br>Passcode: 622081 |
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| <b>Thursdays (6:30 pm)</b> | <b>One tap mobile</b> (Save this on your mobile-phone to avoid manually entering numbers)   |
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**Church Staff**  
Interim Pastor: Rev. Bill Swilling  
Interim Organist: Ralph Fisher  
Church Administrator-Lewann Mina

Office hours: Tuesday & Thursday noon to 6pm

**Note: Please call or email the office if you have any church business, concerns, comments or corrections between 12 noon & 6 pm on Tuesday & Thursday only. Thank you, Lewann**