

Gather

PRELUDE The New England Gospel Ensemble

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Alex Shea Will

EXCHANGE OF PEACE
The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

MUSICAL OFFERING New England Gospel Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Dana Allen Walsh
O Lord, when fear conspires against us, help us remember:
Christ is Risen!
When we cling to our life, afraid to lose it, help us remember:
Christ is Risen!
When the world needs our reckless love, help us live in the truth that:
Christ is Risen!
Christ is Risen, Indeed.

***OPENING HYMN** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* (#315 Red)

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION Jennifer Murray
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Good and Loving God, you call us to be like the grain of wheat which dies, letting go of one form in order to be transformed into a fuller, more abundant life. Yet, we often fear the risk and change which new growth involves. Forgive us for the ways we resist your call. Forgive us when we hold tight and cling to our securities. God, in your mercy, hear us as we bring our own confessions to you in silence....

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION Dana Allen Walsh & Alex Shea Will

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP
Eat the bread when served, hold the cup until all are served.

COMMUNION ANTHEM New England Gospel Ensemble

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Children are invited to attend Church School.

* All who are able, please stand.

Center

SCRIPTURE John 12:20-25 (from The Message) Dave Floreen
There were some Greeks in town who had come up to worship at the Feast. They approached Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee: “Sir, we want to see Jesus. Can you help us?" Philip went and told Andrew. Andrew and Philip together told Jesus. Jesus answered, “Time’s up. The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. “Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over. In the same way, anyone who holds on to life just as it is destroys that life. But if you let it go, reckless in your love, you’ll have it forever, real and eternal.

SERMON Reckless Love Alex Shea Will

MEDITATION

Share

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Jennifer Murray

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS
You are invited to write a prayer to God: it can be as simple as a word or phrase, or a full expression of the joy or concern that is on your heart. You’re invited to leave your prayers in the offering plate and the South Church staff will lift your prayer up to God this week.

A SONG OF PRAYER *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*
**Hear our prayer, O Lord,
hear our prayer, O Lord.
Incline your ear to us,
and grant us your peace.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS IN THANKSGIVING

INVITATION Dana Allen Walsh

OFFERTORY New England Gospel Ensemble

***DOXOLOGY** [#515 Blue]
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Dave Floreen

***CLOSING HYMN** *He’s Done So Much for Me*
**He’s done so much for me, I cannot tell it all,
I cannot tell it all, I cannot tell it all.
He’s done so much for me, I cannot tell it all.**
Verse 2: **He washed my sins away.**
Verse 3: **He walks and talks with me.**
Verse 4: **He gave me victory.**

Bless

***BENEDICTION** Alex Shea Will

***POSTLUDE** New England Gospel Ensemble

Music Selection	Soloist
<i>Lord, Here We Are Again</i> [Southeast Inspirational Choir]	Edward Mallory
<i>Give Him Glory</i> [Deandre Patterson]	
<i>I Wont Go Back</i> [William McDowell]	
<i>Broken But I’m Healed</i> [Byron Cage]	Edward Mallory
<i>Oh Happy Day</i> [Edwin Hawkins]	Norris Welch
<i>Grateful</i> [J.J. Hairston & Youthful Praise]	Khandice Kenebrew

OUR CHURCH FAMILY Our sympathy to Rachel and Nathan Combs and family on the death of Rachel’s mother Sarah Elizabeth Spratt (94), on March 27 in England. Our sympathy to Alice Rodemire and friends on the recent death of Francis Murphy . We celebrate the birth of Avery Maeve Craig born on March 17 to Christina and Kevin Craig. Avery joins her big sister Olivia.
FLOWERS The flowers today are given in memory of Barbara Moody’s love for this congregation.
PARTICIPATING IN TODAY’S SERVICES Deacons: Dave Floreen, Donna Kelley, Greg Galat / Fellowship: Head Usher: Kerianne Harris / Fellowship: Eric Cotton, Laurie Sorota / Greeters: Tom & Laura Jordan / Flower Arranger: Garnett Jacavanco / Flower Deliverers: Donna Kelley, Beth Kiker / Sound: Tom Appleton / Trustee: Betsy Davis / New England Gospel Choir Ensemble: Heather Williams, Khandice Kenebrew, Soprano; Val Harris -Alleyne, Karen Tobin, Alto; Will Pruitt, Edward Mallory, Norris Welch, Tenor; Renese King, Interim Director
PASTORAL AND PROGRAM STAFF All Members are Ministers / Dana Allen Walsh, Senior Pastor / Alex Shea Will, Associate Pastor / Sherry Tupper, Minister of Visitation / Terry Ebner, Minister of Spiritual Formation / Jennifer Murray, Youth Minister & Seminarian / Linda Francalancia Hacker, Administrator / Bob Lague, Interim Minister of Music / Joanne Smith, Financial Administrator / Nora Pelt, Communications Administrator / Wally Brousseau, Facilities Manager