



ONE HUNDRED YEARS
OF SERVING GOD IN SQUANTUM
1914-2014
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2014 5:30 PM



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Words of Welcome/ Passing of the Peace Pastor Doug Gray

Choral Introit Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

**Call to Worship* (from Psalm 145)

One: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your Name in all the earth!.

All: **We would give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart.**

One: We will tell of Your wonderful deeds.

All: **We will be glad and rejoice in You. Let us sing praise to the Name of the Most High God, for His steadfast love endures forever.**

Gathering Hymn

How Firm a Foundation (1837), Tune: ADESTE FIDELES

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."*

Opening and Lord's Prayers

Gracious Father, You are so close to each of us. We pray that You would touch our eyes that we may see You in all the beauty and joy of living. With grateful hearts we come before You, trusting that as we remember the past and embrace the future, we may always rest in Your love and care. As we light the Christ candle, may we always remember that Jesus is the light of the world and our lives. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ, who still teaches His disciples to pray, saying, "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 trespasses, as we forgive

those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen.”

Response #813

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Proclamations from the Community

Era 1: 1910s–1920s (Beginnings)

Scripture John 1:1–5, 10–14 (p. 86)

Reminiscence

Greetings from the Massachusetts Association
of Congregational Christian Churches

Hymn Medley

All Creatures of Our God and King (1919, lyrics are older), #63

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice with us sing

Alleluia Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise Him! O Praise him!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (1923), #139

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;

There is no shadow of turning with Thee;

Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;

As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Lighting of First Candle

Era 2: 1930s–1940s (Binding Together)

Scripture

Psalm 127:1–2 (p. 584)

Reminiscence

Hymn Medley

God of Grace and God of Glory (1930), #435

God of Grace and God of glory,

On Thy people pour Thy pow'r.

Crown Thine ancient Church's story;

Bring her bud to glorious flow'r.

Grant us wisdom; Grant us courage

For the facing of this hour,

For the facing of this hour.

He Lives (1933), #368

I serve a risen Savior,

He's in the world today;

I know that He is living,

Whatever men may say;

I see His hand of mercy,

I hear His voice of cheer,

And just the time I need Him

He's always near.

Chorus

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and He talks with me

Along life's narrow way.

He lives, He live, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives:

He lives within my heart.

Lighting of Second Candle

Era 3: 1950s–1960s (Building with the Nation)

Scripture

Psalm 90:1–6, 12–17 (p. 556)

Reminiscence

Hymn Medley

Chorus: Shout to the Lord
 All the earth let us sing
 Power and majesty Praise to the King
 Mountains bow down
 And the seas will roar
 At the sound of Your name
 I sing for joy
 At the work of Your hands
 Forever I'll love You
 Forever I'll stand
 Nothing compares to the promise
 I have in You

Lighting of Fifth Candle

Anniversary Scripture Hebrews 12:1-3 (p. 216)

Anniversary Meditation Rev. Doug Gray

Anthem *Everywhere I Go (1975)* Choir

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus, we confess today Your greatness and our neediness. How often do we know what is right, and fail to do it? How often do we face a choice, and choose the path away from Your will? When we fail, how often do we blame You for our own flaws? Even today, we are tempted to make this a celebration of what *we* have done, instead of standing in awe at what You have done with so many. Forgive us, we pray. Mend our broken hearts. Speak tenderly of Your love for us, shown on the Cross. Kindle anew in us Your fire to love and serve in a darkened world. May we come to desire only to do Your will. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Litany of Celebration and Rededication

Pastor Being prospered by the good hand of the Lord to accomplish the work we were called to perform...

Congregation ...we do now with gratitude and joy solemnly consecrate this House to the worship and service of Almighty God, and the good of all humankind.

Community Our community is richer because of the presence of this fellowship and its members.

Pastor: To the glory of God, our Father—by whose favor we have built this House—to the honor of His Son, Jesus Christ, and to the praise of the Holy Spirit...

Congregation ...we dedicate this House.

Community We appreciate that this fellowship does not tell us what to believe, but always opens its arms in welcome, as we explore our humanity and seek the Truth.

Pastor For comfort to those who mourn, for strength to those who are tempted, for mercy to the fallen, for help to the wayward and the weary, the discouraged and the feeble, for the widow and the orphan and the stranger in our midst...

Congregation ...we dedicate this House.

Community We will support this church's mission to the last, the lost and the least, recognizing the beauty of compassion and justice.

Pastor For the sanctification of the family, for the guidance of childhood, for the salvation of all...

Congregation ...we dedicate this House.

Community We will support this church's efforts to build healthy relationships, to heal brokenness and to reconcile conflict.

Pastor For the fostering of patriotism, for the training of conscience, for resisting evil with good...

Congregation ...we dedicate this House.

Community We will work alongside the members of this fellowship to help our community become a place where we seek each other's good ahead of our own. We are grateful this fellowship opens the doors of this building to Squantum, accepts us as we are, and provides space to help us become a better community.

Pastor For the help of the needy, for the promotion of human relationship, for the missionary effort at home and

abroad, for the winning of all souls to the glory, the freedom, and the grace of the Christian life...

Congregation ...we dedicate this House.

Community How grateful we are for this fellowship's presence!
We celebrate their one hundred years of serving God among us!

Congregation We, the people of this congregation, now consecrate ourselves anew, and dedicate this entire building in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Era 6: Future (Church Beyond Our Walls)

Scripture Matthew 28:16-20 (p. 31)

Candlelighting

Hopes and Prayers

Closing Hymn

Battle Hymn of the Republic (1866)

Lyrics written by Mrs. Lillie B. Titus

Let the people raise their voices, and on joyful songs arise
Unto God, who crowns endeavor and rewardeth sacrifice,
Who sees our labors triumph and the Church of God arise
His work is marching on.

Chorus: Glory, Glory Hallelujah! Glory, Glory Hallelujah!
Glory, Glory Hallelujah! His work is marching on!

For all the saints and dear ones, who from their labors rest
Who have gone on before us to the mansions of the blest,
May their spirits linger with us, as we strive to do our best
Their souls are marching on.

With the countless hosts behind us, and a troubled world before,
We have builded Him an Altar here on Squantum's sunny shore.

To His Holy Name be praises, and the glory evermore.
God's truth is marching on.

Unison Benediction

Let us go now, and as we go, let us remember:

We haven't just been to church...we ARE the church. And when we are truly the church, then we are the Presence of Christ to each other and to the world. So let us go into the world and be the Church, through the transforming love and power of the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sung Benediction

Amen

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Altar Flowers: The two white arrangements are in honor of all those who have sacrificed much so that we could see this day and rejoice.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY THANKS

Planning and carrying off a big party takes many hands. Thanks to each and every person who has helped or made special contributions in our Anniversary Year. It takes all of us listening to God to make great things happen! A few people merit special thanks:

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TONIGHT IS RICH IN HISTORY AND HOPE

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate a very special milestone in the life of our fellowship!

One hundred years ago *to the day*—September 20, 1914—the community of Squantum gathered to dedicate the building of the First Church of Squantum. One treasure we found in our archives was an original bulletin of that worship of dedication! We will have the chance to experience some of that day for ourselves tonight, as we sing and say some of what they did.

Our opening and closing hymns, for example, were sung that beautiful day in 1914. You may notice that we are singing “How Firm a Foundation” to the tune of “O Come, All Ye Faithful” as they did that day, which may seem strange to some of us who are used to it as a Christmas carol. The lyrics for our closing hymn were written by Mrs. Lillie B. Titus for the occasion of the building’s dedication, to the stirring tune of “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.”

Addresses were given by representatives from other Congregational churches and associations, and congratulations from the City of Quincy. We will have similar presentations tonight.

Also, the core of our “Litany of Celebration and Rededication” comes almost verbatim from the original order of worship. Tonight, though, we recognize that this church and the community are partners in service, so we have added opportunities for the Squantum community to also respond with celebration and rededication. In fact, the lively and dynamic relationship between this fellowship and the community is part of why we can be here tonight, part of what makes Squantum great, and part of why we have so much for which to be grateful.

If you would like to see some of our historic memorabilia (including the bulletin from a hundred years ago!), do come downstairs to Fellowship Hall after worship. Additional displays and pictures will be set up there, and appetizers will be available for all ahead of the dinner. We regret that we can seat for dinner only those who have RSVP’d.