



First Church of Squantum *Where We Love Kindness*

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Sunday, September 21, 2014 **100th Anniversary** 10:00 am
Rededication Worship

Thought to Guide Meditation

“There is nothing like the local church when it’s working right. Its beauty is indescribable. Its power is breathtaking. Its potential is unlimited.”
— Bill Hybels, *Courageous Leadership*

Prelude

Mr. Bob Ougoorlian, organist

Welcome, Announcements & Celebrations

Rev. Doug Gray

Passing the Peace of Christ to Each Other

All God’s People

***Call to Worship**

One: Give ear to our words, O Lord.

All: Consider the thoughts of our hearts and minds.

One: In the morning, O Lord, You hear our voices.

All: In the morning we lay our prayers before You and wait in expectation...Let all who take refuge in You be glad. Let us always sing for joy!

Gathering Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Opening and Lord’s Prayers

Almighty God, thank You for this day and for our place in it. We have come to seek Your Presence, to encounter the One who loves us always. Help us worship You with our whole hearts and souls and minds. As we offer You ourselves, may we find our lives

refreshed by Your living water. Hear us, then, as we pray the prayer that Jesus still teaches 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.”

***Grateful Response** *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. Amen.*

Owning the Covenant

We are united in striving to know the will of God as taught in the Holy Scriptures and in our purpose to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known or to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church of Christ to proclaim the gospel to all humankind, exalting the worship of the one true God and laboring for all progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of human community. Depending, as did our parents upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the world into the Kingdom of God; and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting.

Choir Anthem

Offering of Our Gifts, Tithes, and Sacrifices

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all here below! Praise Him above, Ye heavenly hosts! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Hymn of Preparation

Days of Elijah

(see insert)

God’s Steadfast Word

Jeremiah 29:11–13

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God’s Living Word

Matthew 5:1–12

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Litany of Rededication

One: Jesus said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Everyone: **Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”**

One: Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”

Men: **Thank You, God, for 100 years of knowing You!**

One: “And I will give you the keys of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven. Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Women: **Thank You, God, for 100 years of serving You!**

Everyone: **For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member, but many. Thank You, God, for 100 years!**

One: We remember those whose sacrifices have made today possible.

Everyone: **Thank You, God, for the chance to do the same for the next generation. We offer our lives and our church to Your purposes, Lord God. We look forward together.**

Prayer for Rededication

Closing Hymn The Church’s One Foundation #401

***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.