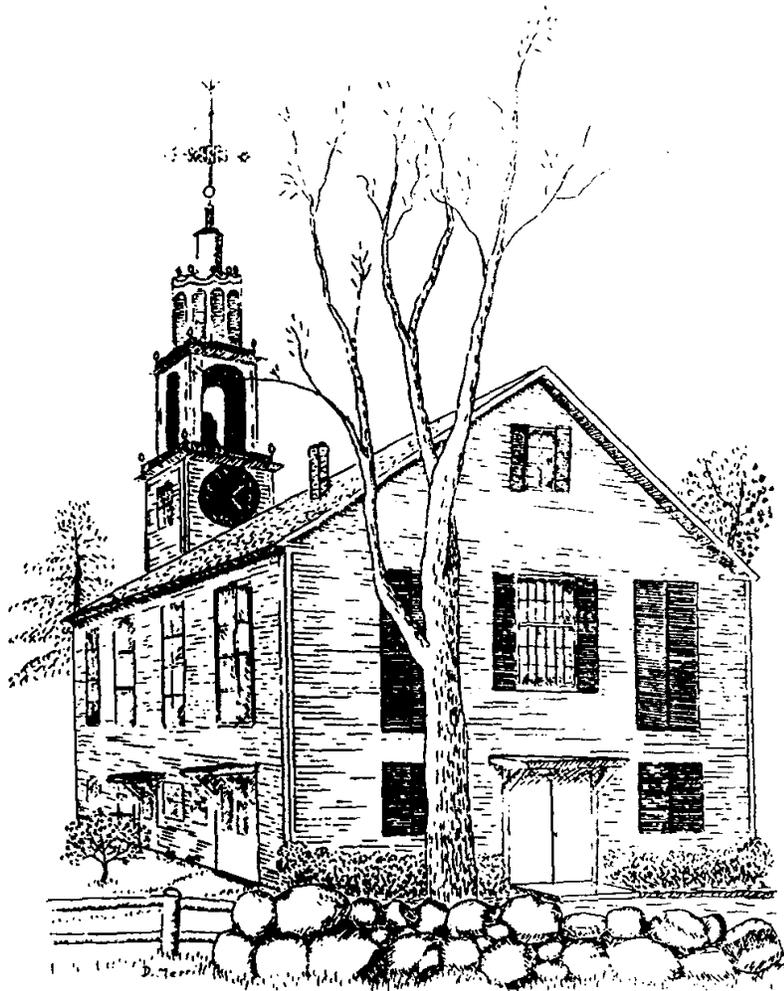


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November 16, 2014
VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE
CONSECRATION SUNDAY



Doris Merrill

ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

November 16, 2014 "PROPER 28"

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS & JOYS AND CONCERNS

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*HYMN NO. 591

"This is My Song"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, we gather together this morning to proclaim
the ways in which God is working within our midst.

All: We have been blessed by God!

One: We gather together to give thanks
for the ways in which God is working within our midst.

All: We are being blessed by God!

One: We gather together to open our eyes
to the ways God is using us to work within our midst.

All: We will continue to be blessed by God!

One: Dear ones, God has given us so much
and is very much alive, at work and still speaking among us.
We are called to give back.

**All: We are called to be good stewards;
good stewards of our time, of our resources and of our money.**

One: Let us give thanks to our God of blessings
and affirm our commitment
to the ministry God is calling us into.

**All: Let us give thanks to God!
Let us proclaim our faith in God!
Let us worship God!**

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

**Fill us, gracious God, with a sense of your abiding presence. Awaken our
spirits to realities unseen. Turn us from the dullness of our fear-filled
grasping for security and help us to live with trust in you. Amen.**

*SONG OF PRAISE NO. NO. 756

**Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia**

(You may be seated.)

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S LITTLE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

Hymn No. 31

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**In our thanks, these gifts we bring, for you give us everything. Teach us
how to follow you, in all we say, and all we do. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sarah Keller

Followed by THE 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER (insert) Debby McGrath
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (insert) Josselyn Andrea LeBlanc and Mia Leyna LeBlanc
HYMN NO. 325 Child of Blessing

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

EPISTLE	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	(N.T.p. 219)
GOSPEL	Matthew 25:14-30	(N.T. p. 29)
SERMON	"More Will Be Given"	The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

WE RESPOND WITH OUR STEWARDSHIP AND OUR PRAYERS

SPECIAL MUSIC *"In Flanders Fields"* Arr. Emerson
VETERANS DAY REMEMBRANCE (Insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: (Based on James 5:13-16)

One: Is anyone among you in trouble? **Many: Let them pray.**

One: Is anyone happy? **Many: Let them sing songs of praise.**

One: Is anyone among you sick? **Many: Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.**

One: And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.

Many: If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

One: Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

Many: The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Pastoral Prayer, followed by community prayer:

Holy One, You offer life to every creature and challenge us to work toward making peace a reality in our day. Help us not just to believe, but to translate belief into faithful living; Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE *"Be Still & Know That I Am God"*

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

THE RECEIVING AND BLESSING OF PLEDGES

Pledges that have been received are on the Communion Table. As the Spirit whispers to you, please bring your pledge forward and lay it among them.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

All that we have and all that we are belongs to God. What are we doing with our time, talent, and treasure? It is not only what we offer to the church today but what we offer to God every day that is seen by God. May we give with grateful hearts.

OFFERTORY MUSIC *"Shout to the Lord"* Zschech, arr. Schrader

*DOXOLOGY #785 We give You but Your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Yours alone, we give it gratefully.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

One: We dedicate our gifts to you, O God.

All: May these gifts become tangible reminders of your blessings.

One: We dedicate our pledges to you, O God.

All: May we use them to be a blessing as a community of faith.

One: We dedicate our lives to you, O God.

All: May we be a blessing to others as we live out your call.

One: We pray that we will be good stewards of all that you have given to us.

**All: We pray this in the name of the Father, Mother, Creator God;
God's Son, our Beloved, our Redeemer, our Savior;
and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter, our Sustainer, our Advocate.**

Amen.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

*HYMN NO. 431

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.**

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

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Scriptures – November 16

1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

⁵Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, ‘There is peace and security’, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Matthew 25.14-30

¹⁴ ‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” ²¹His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” ²³His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” ²⁶But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from

those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”