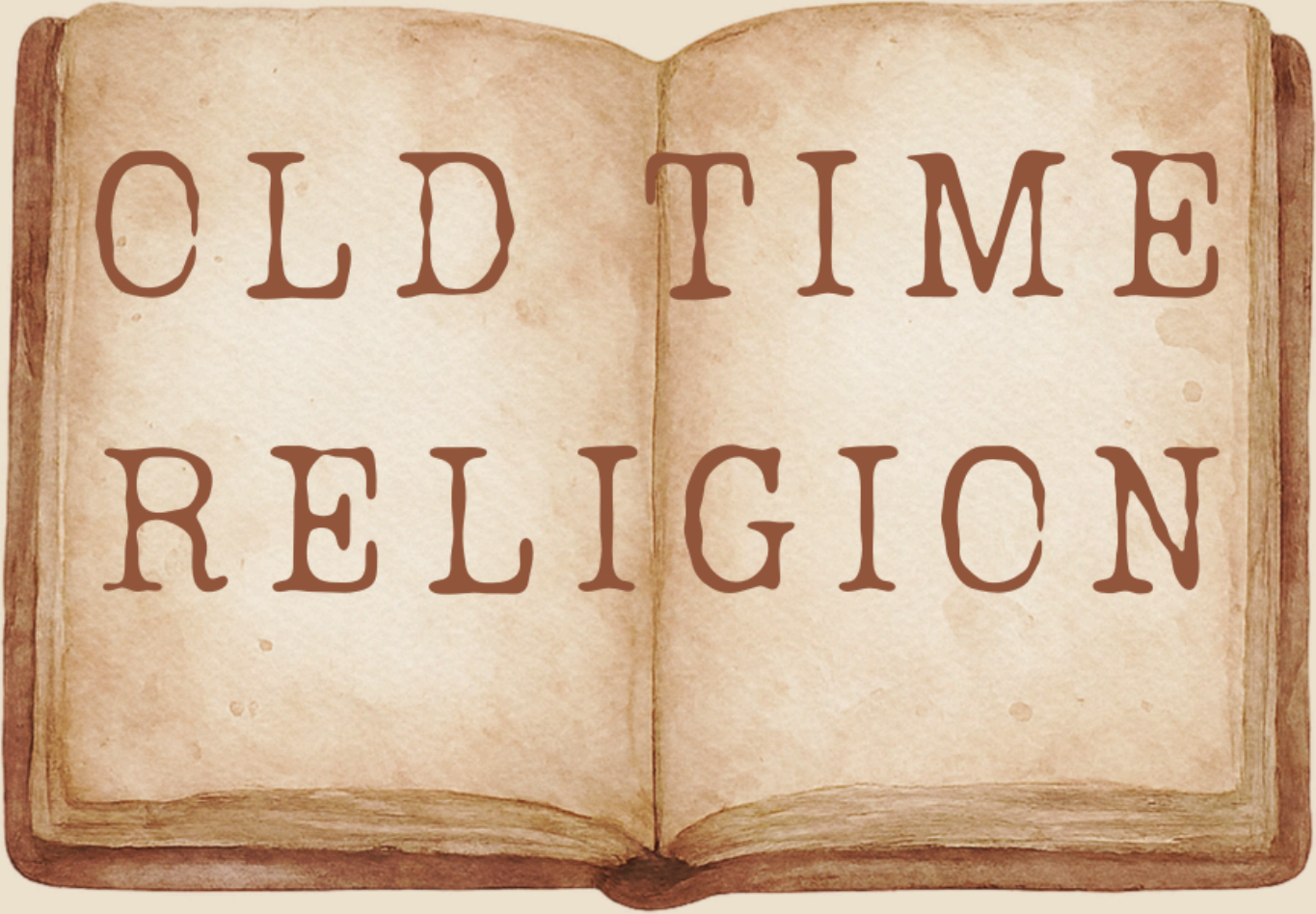




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SUNDAY, OCT. 18, 2026, 10 AM

Aiden McMahon, Minister In Residence

Many Different Beliefs.

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CENTERING TONE

PRELUDE

Celebration
trad. arr. by Nancy Faber

Colin Warwick, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Capax Universi”
by St. Thomas Aquinas

Aiden McMahon

CHALICE LIGHTING

“For the Freedom of Faith”
by Heather Janules

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HYMN #126

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
words: Robert Robinson (v.1), Eugene B. Navias (v.2-3)
music: John Wyeth

Come, thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune our ears to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of life’s perfection fills our hearts with joy and love,
teach us ever to be faithful, may we still thy goodness prove.

Come, thou fount of ev’ry vision, lift our eyes to what may come.
See the lion and the young lamb dwell together in thy home.
Hear the cries of war fall silent, feel our love glow like the sun.
When we all serve one another, then our heaven is begun.

Come, thou fount of inspiration, turn our lives to higher ways.
Lift our gloom and desperation, show the promise of this day.
Help us bind ourselves in union, help our hands tell of our love.
With thine aid, O fount of justice, earth be fair as heav’n above.

MILESTONES

Fran Sharp

PRAYER

Aiden McMahon

INTERLUDE

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

words: Matthias Claudius; trans.: Jane M. Campbell;

music: Johann A.P. Schultz

singers: Terry Lockhart, Kelsey Thompson, Colin Warwick

piano: Helen Kim

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love.

He only is the maker of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, He lights the evening star.
The wind and waves obey Him, by Him the birds are fed;
much more to us, His children, He gives our daily bread.

We thank thee then O Father, for all things bright and good:
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts;
And what thou most desirest: our humble, thankful hearts!

READING *The Plain Guide to Universalism* (1840, excerpted)
by Thomas Whittemore

SHARE THE PLATE Concord Prison Outreach

OFFERTORY *Holy Offerings, Lord, We Bear*

words: John S. B. Monsell; music: Richard Redhead

singers: Terry Lockhart, Kelsey Thompson, Colin Warwick

piano: Helen Kim

Holy offerings, rich and rare, offerings of praise and prayer,
purer life and purpose high, clasped hands, uplifted eye,
lowly acts of adoration to the God of our salvation;
on His altar laid, we leave them: Christ, present them! God, receive them!

Homage of each humble heart, ere we from Thy house depart;
worship fervent, deep and high, adoration, ecstasy;
All that childlike love can render of devotion true and tender;
on thine altar laid, we leave them: Christ, present them! God, receive them!

To the Father, and the Son, and the Spirit, Three in One,
though our mortal weakness raise offerings of imperfect praise,
yet with hearts bowed down most lowly, crying, Holy! Holy! Holy!
On thine altar laid, we leave them: Christ, present them! God, receive them!

HYMN # 205

Amazing Grace

words: John Newton; music: Virginia Harmony, 1831

harmony: Austin Cole Lovelace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
‘tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

All

words: Elizabeth Selle Jones; music: Colin Warwick

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

BENEDICTION

Aiden McMahon

POSTLUDE

Amazing Grace

Helen Kim, piano

arr. and acc. by J. Jefferson Cleveland

*Today's flowers are from Sheila Murphy
in loving memory of Sherene Aram.*

Please join us for coffee and conversation in the Parish Hall.

Many thanks to Colin, Helen, Kelsey and Terry for providing music for our service today while Debra is away. Special thanks to Colin for researching the old-time hymns to complement Aiden’s message!

Welcome!

We are a welcoming congregation and have committed to welcoming the presence and participation of all persons who share our values, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, skin color, immigration status, economic situation, education, political or religious ideology. We hope you'll join our non-creedal beloved community!

If you are new to the area or to First Parish, we invite you to fill out a newcomer card to get our newsletter. If you have questions or would like to speak to our minister, please feel free to contact our office for assistance.

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