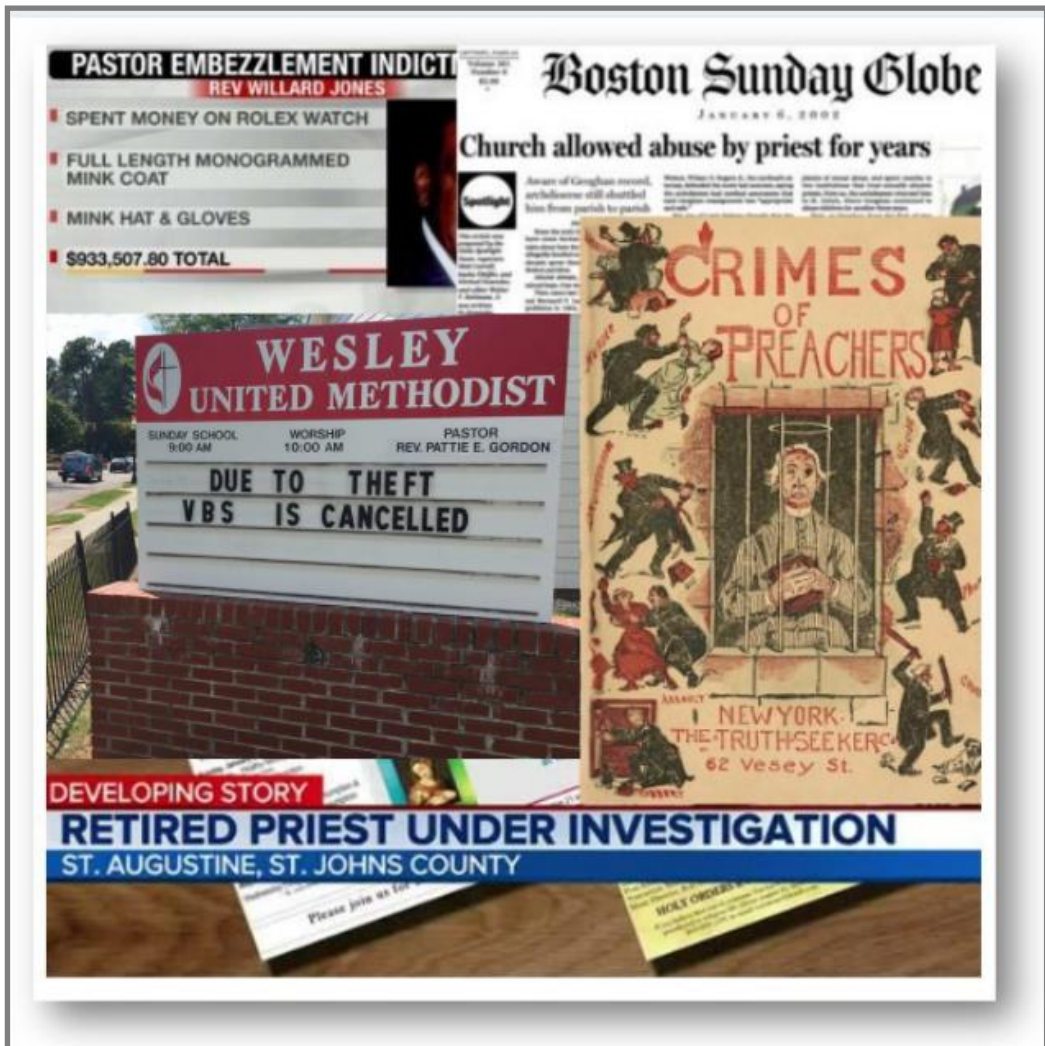


First Congregational United Church of Christ Sunday March 07, 2021



“Job suffers one tragedy after another, and his sufferings defy the formulaic promises of Leviticus and Proverbs about things going well for good people. Job refuses to keep his questions and doubts to himself, and predictably, his friends pile on with typical Stage One and Stage Two judgment and advice. In the end, God gets a word in edgewise, and to everyone’s surprise, God rejects the pious platitudes of Job’s friends and celebrates Job’s honest, defiant perplexity.”

- Brian McLaren, Faith After Doubt, p. 90

Welcome to our church family!

Tolling of the Bell

**Prelude “Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child” arr. John Carter
-Offered by Shelley Fisher**

Welcome

Opening Hymn #32 – “Creating God, Your Fingers Trace”

(1) Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space; let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might. (2) Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth’s mysteries known or yet untold; let water’s fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care. (3) Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race; let peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love. (4) In dwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names, let every life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.

1st Reading - Job 21:1-34

Music for Reflection

2nd Reading – Ecclesiastes 1:1-18

**Special Music – “Hurt” – by Trent Reznor (Johnny Cash version)
- Offered by Toby Jones**

3rd Reading – Matthew 23:23-36

**Morning Message – “Questions Without Answers: Stage 3 perplexity”
-Toby Jones, Pastor**

**Special Music –“I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For”
-By U2, Offered by Toby Jones**

Offering

Offertory Music

The Doxology

Morning Prayers

Closing Hymn #254 – “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

(1) Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself; O, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself. (2) Jesus prayed for his disciples; he prayed alone for you and me. O, nobody else could bear such sorrow; he prayed alone for you and me. (3) Jesus died on Calvary’s mountain; he died alone for you and me. O, nobody

else could die for sinners; he had to die for you and me. (4) Jesus rose from death's dark prison; he lives again for you and me. O, nobody else could bring us victory; he is alive to set us free.

Charge & Benediction

Postlude "Take The High Road" by David Lanz
-Offered by Shelley Fisher

Weekly Schedule

Sunday 03/07	Mon 03/08	Tues 03/09	Wed 03/10	Thurs 03/11	Fri 03/12	Sat 03/13	Sunday 03/14
10:30 am In-Person & live-streamed Worship	6:00 pm Pantry	10:00 am Bible Study Zoom & In-Person	7:00pm Lent Book Study Zoom		3:00pm Outreach Mtg		10:30 am In-Person & live- streamed Worship Daylight Savings Time Starts

Prayer Requests

Prayers	Covid-19 patients and their families	Essential Workers Teachers & Students
Grieving	Family & loved ones of Doris Hayes Bob Dominic on the loss of his brother, Mike Dominic	Mary Ann Chew on the loss of her brother, Don Berg.

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