

## Offertory Prayer

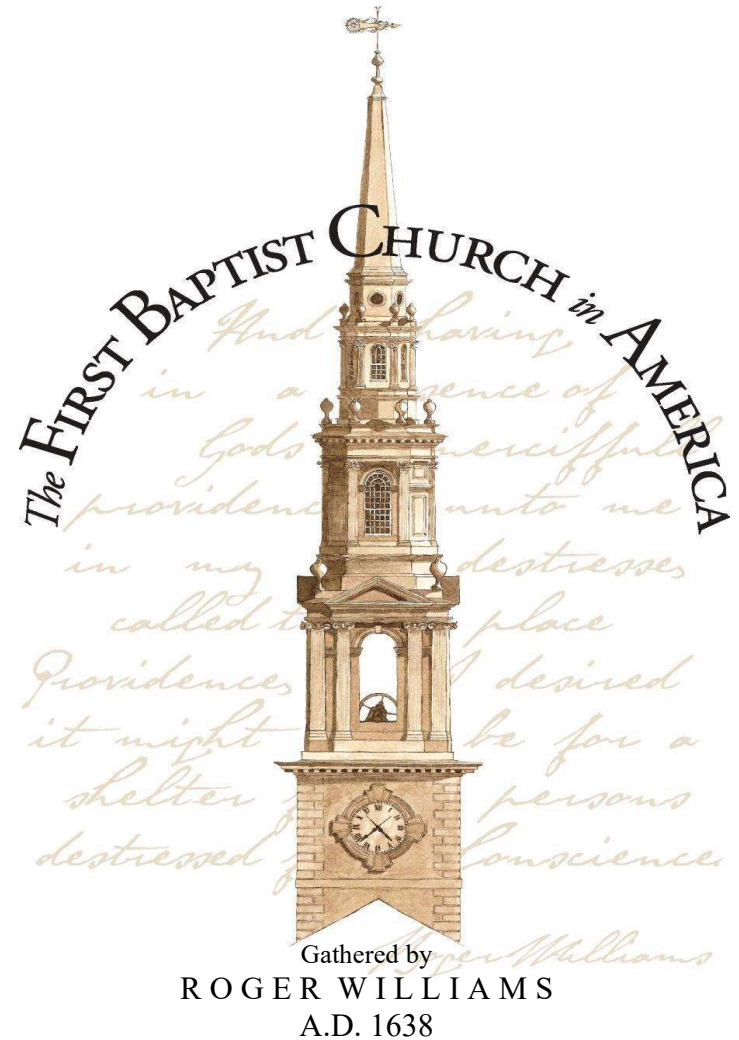
\*Hymn 834      Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing  
*Sicilian Mariners*

## \*Commission and Blessing

Postlude on *Sicilian Mariners*      Improvisation

### Announcement

When there is a parking ban in the city of Providence  
due to inclement weather, church services and other activities  
held at the church will be cancelled until the parking ban is lifted.  
Please tune in to your local television and radio stations.



PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Sunday, January 28, 2024  
Eleven O'clock AM

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

**Prelude** A Suite of Pieces from Book Three of Organ Works  
Jehan Alain

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather,  
a community of faith in God's subversive world.  
We gather to celebrate  
that no darkness can extinguish light,  
to remember  
that love will always be more powerful than death,  
and to trust that  
peace will always be stronger than violence.

**People:** We gather,  
people of faith in the light of God's world.  
Welcome to worship.

~ Cheryl Lawrie

#### Greeting One Another

**\*Hymn 706** How Blest Are the People *Love to Christ*

#### \*Responsive Invocation

Leader: With open arms You welcome all who call on Your  
name—  
who acknowledge You and look to You.

**All: No one stands outside the circle of Your mercy and love.**

Leader: We offer You our worship—  
to declare that You are our God,  
and that we are Your people,  
called and chosen by You from the very beginning.

**All: Through the presence of Your Spirit  
open our eyes to see You here;  
open our minds to receive Your truth,  
and our mouths to speak and sing Your praise.**

Leader: For You are God—  
worthy of all praise and worship,  
now and to the end of time.

**All: Amen.**

**Scripture** Isaiah 56:1-8

**Anthem** "Mighty God" from *Christmas Oratorio*  
Jason Shealy, baritone Johann Sebastian Bach

#### Prayers of the People

Abba God, 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 unto temptation but deliver us  
from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.

Children's Message

**Hymn 695** In Christ There is no East or West *McKee*

**Preaching** Belonging

**Offertory** "Why do the Nations Rage" from *Messiah*  
George Frederick Handel

**Doxology** *Old Hundredth*  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God for all that Love has done:  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen*