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He comes to us as one unknown, A breath unseen, unheard; As
though within a heart of stone, Or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
A pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie And thoughts of day depart;
Half seen upon the inward eye, A falling star across the sky
Of night within the heart.

He comes to us in sound of seas, The ocean's fume and foam; Yet
small and still upon the breeze, A wind that stirs the tops of trees, A
voice to call us home.

He comes in love as once he came By flesh and blood and birth;
To bear within our mortal frame A life, a death, a saving Name,
For ev'ry child of earth.

He comes in truth when faith is grown; Believed, obeyed, adored:
The Christ in all the scriptures shown, As yet unseen, but not
unknown, Our Savior and our Lord.

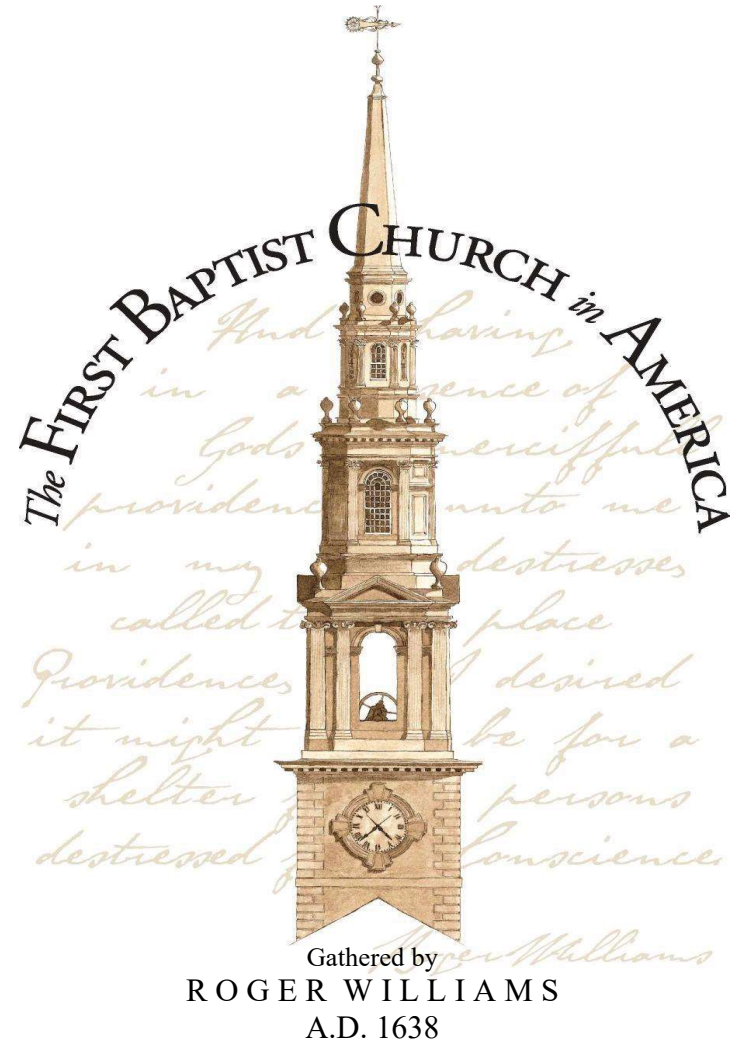
⁺⁺We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight, 1844 Henry Alford
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We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod;
but in His promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound
to call on You when You are near and seek where You are found.

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light,
may we behold You as You are with full and endless sight.



PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Sunday, March 17, 2024
Eleven O'clock AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Prelude Adagio Samuel Barber, arr. William Strickland

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: This day, we bid you welcome.

Merciful God, grant all who suffer your healing peace.

**People: Compassionate God, grant all who are able
the courage and the resources to work for peace.**

Leader: Faithful God, grant us the grace
to bring your warmth and justice to light this day.

**People: In the name of Love we meet you here and pray.
Amen.**

Greeting One Another

***Hymn 622** What a Friend We Have in Jesus *Converse*

*Responsive Invocation

Leader: Eternal Spirit, Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,
Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe!

**People: The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of
the world! Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!**

Leader: Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our
hope and come on earth.

People: With the bread we need for today, feed us.

**In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times
of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to
endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and
forever. Amen.**

~ The Jesus Prayer, New Zealand Book of Common Prayer

Scripture John 11:1-3

Anthem He Comes to Us as One Unknown⁺ Todd Wilson

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 into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power

and the glory forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Hymn 295 Breathe on Me, Breath of God *Trentham*

Preaching Jesus Wept

Offertory We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight⁺⁺ Richard Webster

***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

Offertory Prayer

***Hymn 632** The Lord's Prayer *Malotte*

Great Day for Kiana Moore and Gene Folgo

*Commission and Blessing

Postlude Fantasia in C Minor BWV 1121 Johann Sebastian Bach