

Dear Church Family, for the week of **July 15<sup>th</sup>**

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**Sunday morning worship** is at 10:00 a.m. Of this week's scripture, Pastor Jeff says: Our scripture lesson for Sunday is Mark 6:14-29. The sermon will focus on John the Baptist and how he challenged the ethical behavior of Herod and Herod's house, how treachery and deception are woven into the fabric of this story and our own. The cure is to remain confident in the power of God to see us through.

Of the hymns, our organist John Atwood says: The first hymn naturally follows "Who is the King of Glory? The Lord Strong and Mighty in Battle." The second hymn is prayerful. The third emphasizes light. It is an Epiphany hymn, but I see no reference to the young Jesus that would restrict it to use after Christmas. Sorry I'm late--as always, too many things to do!

**Lectionary readings for this coming week:**

**2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19** (David learns the power of the Ark)

**Ephesians 1:3-14** (give us discernment regarding our calling)

**Mark 6:14-29** (John is imprisoned)

**Psalm 24**

theme hymn: *[Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather](#)*

July 22<sup>nd</sup> ... we welcome Rev. David Pruitt to our pulpit  
August 12<sup>th</sup> ... we will be joy-fully worshipping at West Newbury Congregational Church along with the toe-tapping duo Bruce and Caleb Freeburg  
September 2<sup>nd</sup> ... we welcome Rev. Pam Lucas to our pulpit

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